



## Global issue: health

**Themes:** healthcare, health education, poverty, gender

**Video link:** <https://player.vimeo.com/video/275317810>

These discussion questions are designed to deepen your students' learning experience. Once you have watched the video, use these questions to test your students' knowledge, cement their understanding and introduce more complex themes and ideas. Students should be encouraged to share and discuss their opinions with their peers, developing their communication, argument formation, information literacy and critical thinking skills. Whilst we have differentiated the questions for primary and secondary age groups, feel free to mix and match the questions as appropriate for your group.

### **Primary**

- 1) What does "being healthy" mean to you?
- 2) Why does every person need access to health services?
- 3) Many children and adults in developing countries do not have access to health services, medicine or even a local doctor. How does this make you feel?
- 4) What impact can good healthcare have on a child's education?
- 5) How does WE Villages support communities with poor health services?
- 6) How can you take positive steps to raise awareness of the need for health services in the developing world?

**P.T.O. for secondary age group discussion questions...**



## Secondary

**Suggested responses have been included for some of the secondary questions, enabling you to facilitate a more meaningful discussion and enhance your students' learning.**

- 1) How did watching this video make you feel?
- 2) What are the key things you learned from this video? What facts did you learn?
- 3) Why is health education so important?

**Suggested responses include:**

- With limited access to education, many people living in developing communities have never learned basic hygiene practices, such as hand washing and dental hygiene. According to the World Health Organization, each year, more than 6 million children under the age of five die from preventable illnesses like malaria and diarrhoea.
  - In some cases, families are unaware of the health services available to them. Education helps to connect them to appropriate healthcare.
  - In some cultures, communities mistrust modern medical practices. Through health education, communities are taught the benefits of receiving formal medical care.
  - Training programmes focused on nutrition help communities to make informed decisions about their diet, which is especially important for pregnant women.
- 4) Why is improved healthcare particularly important for women?

**Suggested responses include:**

    - Pre- and post-natal healthcare services support mothers to give birth to healthy babies, who grow into healthy children.
    - Poor healthcare can cause higher birth rates to compensate for infant mortality.
  - 5) What actions could you take to help developing communities gain access to healthcare?

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