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Health concerns of most poor and vulnerable should be World Health Day priority: Obhrai

(April 7, 2016, Calgary) Conservative Party International Development Critic Hon. Deepak Obhrai today called on Canada and the international NGO community to pay special attention towards the health and well-being of the world's poorest and most vulnerable populations.

"On World Health Day, I commend the men and women who continue to dedicate themselves to championing the right to health by all. But we still face many challenges; from displaced refugees in war-torn regions and victims of natural disasters, to women and girls in the developing world, access to timely and appropriate healthcare is still beyond the reach of millions around the world.

At the G-8 in 2010, our previous Conservative Government spearheaded the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) initiative that was highly successful in providing health services to and saving lives of vulnerable populations. Over five million children have been treated by vitamin A; thousands of women have received antenatal care; and maternal and newborn death rates continue to decline sharply in over 125 countries.

Canada must continue to lead on the international stage to ensure the poorest and most vulnerable populations around the world have access to healthcare in a timely and efficient manner," Mr. Obhrai said.

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