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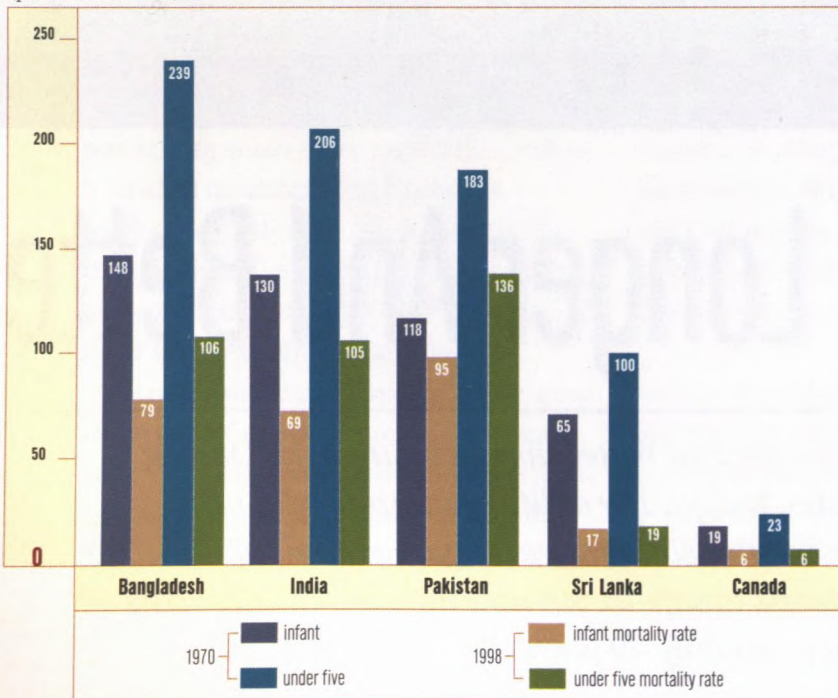
Taking Care of Children

- Children who have received full immunization: 50% (up from 5% in 1970s)
- Average cost per child of full immunization: US\$15.00
- Number of people sharing one doctor: 2,300

The greatest change has been in the mortality rates for infants and toddlers: since 1980, the number of deaths per thousand births for children under the age of five in South Asia has dropped. This decrease in childhood mortality rates is in part attributable to immunization, which the World Bank Group declares "...is one of the outstanding public health successes of developing countries. Millions of children who would have died of vaccine-preventable diseases, like measles, are now able to lead healthy lives thanks to international efforts in the past two decades."²

How Many Babies? In Canada, 39 babies are born every hour; in India, every hour brings 1,800 babies.

Tremendous Decline in Mortality Rates (per 1000 live births)



Volunteers from the Canadian High Commission have been donating their time on National Immunization Sundays since 1998, contributing to the vaccination of thousands of children under the age of five in India's Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization Campaign. Eradicated in the developed world, polio in India accounts for 75% of the world's cases.

Source: UNDP Human Development Report 2000