



The following statement from the *Against the Odds: Making a Difference in Global Health* exhibition summarizes the International Conference on Primary Health Care, which resulted in the Declaration of Alma Ata in 1978.

“At a meeting organized by the World Health Organization and the United Nation’s Children’s Fund in 1978, government ministers from 134 countries met with global health organizations and agencies to discuss the relationship between inequality and illness in Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan. More than half of the earth’s people did not have access to affordable, local health services and many were without the basic needs for survival. Without medical care, clean water, safe shelter, and nutritious food, preventable illnesses threatened the lives of many.

In response, delegates at the International Conference on Primary Health Care laid out their vision to improve daily life and bring health care to all people. Although the transformation called for at this historic meeting remains incomplete, stories of success from around the world offer an example we can follow.”

Source: [https://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/againsttheodds/exhibit/health\\_for\\_all.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/againsttheodds/exhibit/health_for_all.html)

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**List three things you know of that “improve and bring health care to all people” as mentioned above. Describe how each item listed achieves the goal of improving health for all.**

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- 2.
- 3.

**List one thing that blocks improving health and bringing health care to all people.**

- 1.

