The access and quality agenda in the slums of India

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When I heard that 6,000 children die every day in India, my responses were WHAT! WHY? Isn’t India an emerging economy? Growing up in sub-Saharan Africa (Zambia) I had seen poverty, but I had never appreciated that India had 20 times the population of the UK and 100 times the population of Zambia: one billion in Africa—47 governments, 2.1 billion in India—one government, not easy.

I have seen poverty, but I had never appreciated that India had 1.2 billion in India—one government, not easy.

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The experience changed my life. I sat in a comfortable space back home in London—I under-