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Good Morning!

I'd like to thank my hosts for welcoming me to their country. I'd also like to thank Procter & Gamble and Dr. Greg Allgood, Director of P&G Children's Safe Drinking Water program, for joining me here and for his work on this critical CGI commitment.

Having access to clean drinking water is a matter of life and death often in the form of dehydration due to diarrhea, which, every year, claims the lives of close to one million children around the world.

Many people don't want to talk about diarrhea because it makes them feel squeamish. But what we should really feel squeamish about is that in the twenty-first century, 2,000 children perish from dehydration due to diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water every single day. And 40,000 children die of diarrhea each year in this country alone.

It's unconscionable not only for scores of people to die from a disease that is completely preventable, but also to stand on the sidelines when we have the knowledge and the means to really do something about it. Any of us with the opportunity and tools to make a difference in the lives of others have an imperative to do so.

That's why I'm so excited to be here and see firsthand the remarkable progress that Procter & Gamble has made on its Clinton Global Initiative commitment. In 2010, P&G made a commitment through CGI that's dramatically ramped up their efforts to provide clean drinking water to developing nations around the world. This has significant implications for countries like this one where clean drinking water is a major concern due to its vulnerability to calamities such as 2008's Cyclone Nargis, and other natural disasters.

P&G's CGI commitment is one of my favorites because it so compellingly illustrates that while it's always a thrill to create something new, people and organizations can maximize their impact by building on solutions that have already proven effective. This year at CGI, our members have been exploring ways to

address pressing global challenges by replicating and scaling up existing models that work rather than always trying to reinvent the wheel.

After all, P&G had already invented the wheel, so to speak. Over the last decade, it had developed the P&G Purifier of Water technology, which is a simple and effective way for families to take deadly water and make it clean and drinkable very quickly. This intervention alone can reduce incidences of diarrheal diseases in developing countries by up to 90%. At CGI, we believe that when you know what works, you should be doing more of it. P&G really embraced that philosophy, committing to rapidly increase the capacity and the scope of their Children's Safe Drinking Water program, so that they can save a life every hour, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by 2020.

This event marks incredible progress on P&G's CGI commitment, and builds on the November 2012 opening of their new manufacturing plant in Singapore, which has enough capacity to provide 200 million P&G water purification packets every year by 2020. Best of all, coming to this country has allowed me to see what the delivery of the 6 billionth liter of clean drinking water means in tangible, human terms.

I was thrilled to visit Gway Tauk Chaung, meet Village leaders, speak with families, particularly mothers, and to see how this commitment is impacting real life people on the ground. Disinfecting the water with the water purification powder took less than an hour and my experience here filled me with even more optimism – that with the right partners and the right amount of impatience and dedication, we can win the global fight against diarrhea - and soon.

Now, I'd like to invite you to please turn your attention to this video about my trip to Gway Tauk Chaung and the work P&G is doing there.