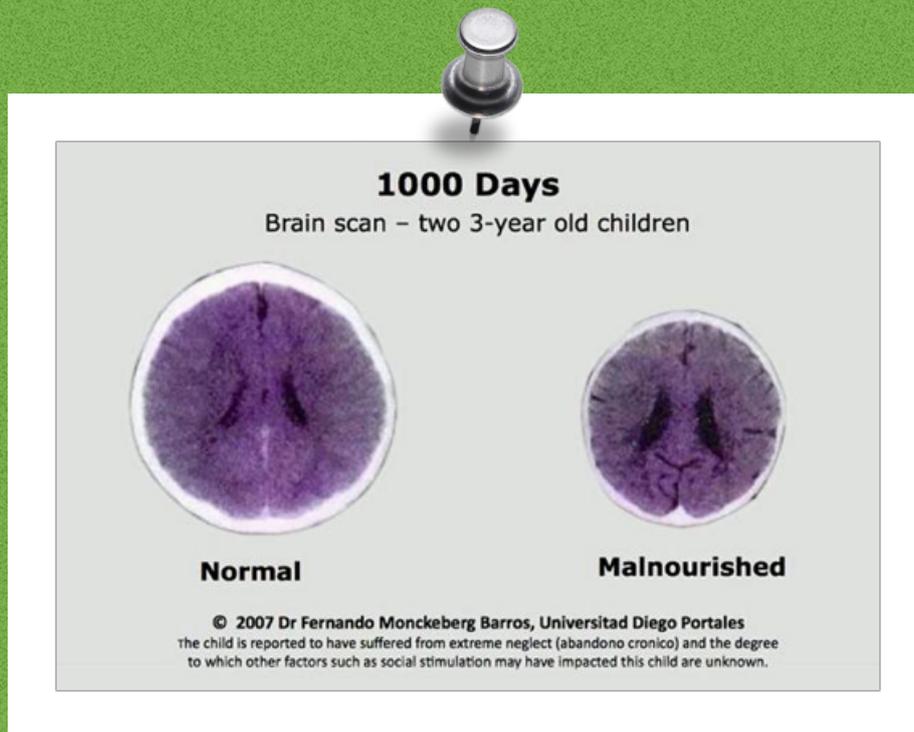


## BUILDING GREY MATTER INFRASTRUCTURE:

“The greatest contributor to economic growth is not physical infrastructure, but brainpower: what I refer to as “grey matter infrastructure”. Stunted children today leads to stunted economies tomorrow. Let us, together, end the scourge of malnutrition. It is well within our reach to do so, and the evidence is overwhelming that we must act – and act now.” Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank.



- “About 58 million children in Africa under the age of 5 years are too short for their age (stunted); about 14 million weigh too little for their height (wasted) and 10 million are overweight.”
- “Africa accounts for 20 of the 24 countries with stunting rates of over 40%. 22 of the 34 countries that collectively account for 90% of the world’s stunting are in Africa.”
- “Malnourished kids perform worse in school due to reduction in cognitive capacity. This has serious economic consequences in terms of low labor productivity and low economic earning potential: posing huge losses to the economies.”
- “Africa and Asia lose 11% of their GDP every year due to poor nutrition. The evidence is clear: boosting nutrition boosts the economy.”
- “Although the fight against poverty is multi-dimensional, malnutrition should be given priority due to its importance as a determinant of human capital, namely health and education; the key elements to a fulfilling life.”