

A new vaccine typhoid is being described as a "game-changer" which could prevent thousands of deaths.

In Pakistan, nine million children are immunised after a major outbreak of typhoid, which is resistant to every antibiotic.

Our correspondent, Fergus Walsh, reports.

Safe and , this new typhoid vaccine is needed in Pakistan. Schoolchildren in Karachi are among millions of there being immunised.

They need protecting because, infected with typhoid here, there's only one antibiotic left that works, and if that fails, rates would

Typhoid is a highly contagious bacterial disease which infects up to 20 million people worldwide each year.

It's a disease of poverty, through poor sanitation and drinking water.

Symptoms include prolonged fever, abdominal pain and diarrhoea.

It up to 160,000 deaths every year.

A major trial of the new vaccine in Nepal cut by more than 80%.

The same success is for in Pakistan.

Crucially, it's the first typhoid vaccine which can be given to from nine months of age.

The new typhoid vaccine was developed by scientists in Oxford over the course of than a decade.

We the first trials there six years ago.

After being immunised, these volunteers had to drink a solution of typhoid bacteria, a test of the vaccine's effectiveness.

That selflessness is now lives.

Typhoid only infects humans, so the in the very long-term would be to try to the disease, which has been causing death and for thousands of years.

Fergus Walsh, BBC News.