



World Health Organization

We champion health and a better future for all:

Dedicated to the well-being of all people and guided by science, the World Health Organization leads and champions global efforts to give everyone, everywhere an equal chance to live a healthy life.

Who we are?

Founded in 1948, WHO is the United Nations agency that connects nations, partners, and people to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable – so everyone, everywhere can attain the highest level of health.

What we do?

WHO leads global efforts to expand universal health coverage. We direct and coordinate the world's response to health emergencies. And we promote healthier lives – from pregnancy care through old age. Our Triple Billion targets outline an ambitious plan for the world to achieve good health for all using science-based policies and programmes.

We are champions for healthier, safer lives:

Our team of 8000+ professionals includes the world's leading public health experts, including doctors, epidemiologists, scientists, and managers. Together, we coordinate the world's response to health emergencies, promote well-being, prevent disease, and expand access to health care. By connecting nations, people, and partners to scientific evidence they can rely on, we strive to give everyone an equal chance at a safe and healthy life.

Our values

We are professionals committed to integrity and excellence in health. With a spirit of collaboration and a steadfast commitment to science, we are trusted to care for the world's health.

Our structure

WHO is an organization of 194 Member States. The Member States elect the Director-General, who leads the organization in achieving its global health goals.

Secretariat

WHO's Secretariat includes experts, staff, and field workers at our Geneva-based headquarters, 6 Regional Offices and other stations located in 150+ countries around the world

Member States

WHO works with all Member States to support them to achieve the highest standard of health for all people. Our staff working in countries advise ministries of health and other sectors on public health issues and provide support to plan, implement and monitor health programmes.

World Health Assembly

The World Health Assembly is WHO's highest level decision-making forum. Every year, delegates from all Member States convene at the World Health Assembly to set priorities and chart a course for global health progress

Our leadership team

With strong connections between offices, WHO works on the front lines in 150+ locations across 6 regions. WHO's Director-General outlines the vision and oversees all our international health work whilst our Regional Directors lead the work of the 6 Regional Offices and their country offices. The Regional Directors work closely with the Director-General to implement strategies and programmes across all levels of the Organization.

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