

Vision

Better health and well-being for people of all ages around the Region, now and in future, through reduction of the noncommunicable disease burden and promotion of mental health.

Mission

To guide and help countries around the Region take action to reduce deaths from noncommunicable diseases, promote mental health and achieve zero hunger by 2030, to improve health and wellbeing for all, at all ages.

Our values

WHO, as the directing and coordinating authority on international health within the United Nations system, adheres to the UN core values of integrity, professionalism and respect for diversity. The values of the WHO workforce furthermore reflect the principles of human rights, universality and equity established in WHO's Constitution as well as the ethical standards of the Organization. These values are inspired by the WHO vision of a world in which all peoples attain the highest possible level of health, and our mission to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable, with measurable impact for people at country level. We are individually and collectively committed to put these values into practice.

Trusted to serve public health at all times

- We put people's health interests first
- Our actions and recommendations are independent
- Our decisions are fair, transparent and timely

Professionals committed to excellence in health

- We uphold the highest standards of professionalism across all roles and specializations
- We are guided by the best available science, evidence and technical expertise
- We continuously develop ourselves and innovate to respond to a changing world

Persons of integrity

- We practice the advice we give to the world
- We engage with everyone honestly and in good faith
- We hold ourselves and others accountable for words and actions

Collaborative colleagues and partners

- We engage with colleagues and partners to strengthen impact at country level
- We recognize and use the power of diversity to achieve more together
- We communicate openly with everyone and learn from one another

People caring about people

- We courageously and selflessly defend everyone's right to health
- We show compassion for all human beings and promote sustainable approaches to health
- We strive to make people feel safe, respected, empowered, fairly treated and duly recognized

Our work

The Department of Universal Health Coverage/Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health at the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean in Cairo, Egypt consists of six technical programmes, which include:

Noncommunicable Disease Prevention

Nutrition

Tobacco Free Initiative

Noncommunicable Disease Management

Mental Health and Substance Use

Noncommunicable Disease Surveillance

Noncommunicable diseases, mental health and substance use disorders are on the rise. They not only result in premature death and disability but also hinder development, compromise security and impose an enormous economic, social and emotional burden on health and social systems.

The rise in these conditions is being driven by certain factors, including tobacco use, physical inactivity, unhealthy diets, obesity, harmful use of alcohol, narcotic drug use, air pollution, humanitarian emergencies and political and socioeconomic transitions. We are therefore working with WHO headquarters, regional offices, and 22 country offices, ministries of health, and national and international partners, as well as individuals and communities to:

- prevent these conditions, by addressing related risk factors;

- manage these conditions, through lifestyle measures and treatment; and
- monitor these conditions, through surveillance of risk factors and assessment of health systems.

We provide advice, as well as technical and programmatic support, to help countries take action to improve health and well-being for all, at all ages, and to meet regional and global commitments within the UN Political Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases, the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases, the Mental Health Action Plan, the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



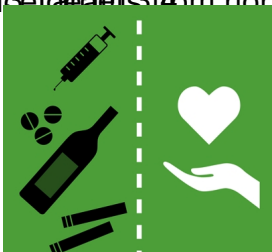
Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2
Zero hunger



SDG 3
Good health and well-being



SDG 3 Target 3.6: Reduce road traffic deaths and injuries by 50% by 2020



SDG 3 Target 3.5: Eliminate substance use



SDG 3 Target 3.8: Achieve universal health coverage



SDG 3 Target 3.4: Reduce road traffic deaths and injuries by 50% by 2020



One billion more people

- benefitting from universal health coverage
- better protected from health emergencies
- enjoying better health and well-being

Measurable impact is at the heart of all our work and WHO's mission to transform the future of public health.

Related links

[United Nations Political Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases](#)

[United Nations Agenda for Humanity](#)

[United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)

[United Nations reform](#)

[WHO's Thirteenth General Programme of Work 2019-2023](#)

[Eastern Mediterranean Region: Vision 2023](#)

[Eastern Mediterranean Region: Department of Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health \(brochure\)](#)

[WHO values charter](#)

[WHO values charter \(posters\)](#)

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