



What we do



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WHO works worldwide to promote health, keep the world safe, and serve the vulnerable.

Our goal is to ensure that a billion more people have universal health coverage, to protect a billion more people from health emergencies, and provide a further billion people with better health and well-being.

For universal health coverage, we:

- **focus on primary health care to improve access to quality essential services**
- **work towards sustainable financing and financial protection**
- **improve access to essential medicines and health products**
- **train the health workforce and advise on labour policies**
- **support people's participation in national health policies**

- **improve monitoring, data and information.**

For health emergencies, we:

- **prepare for emergencies by identifying, mitigating and managing risks**
- **prevent emergencies and support development of tools necessary during outbreaks**
- **detect and respond to acute health emergencies**
- **support delivery of essential health services in fragile settings.**

For health and well-being we:

- **address social determinants**
- **promote intersectoral approaches for health**
- **prioritize health in all policies and healthy settings.**

Through our work, we address:

- **human capital across the life-course**
- **noncommunicable diseases prevention**
- **mental health promotion**
- **climate change in small island developing states**
- **antimicrobial resistance**
- **elimination and eradication of high-impact communicable diseases.**