Report on the work of the WHO Regional Office for Europe

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New thinking about health.

Health is a global public good, a human right, a matter of social justice.
The determinants of health
Political, social, environmental, commercial, cultural, health systems
Health is a global public good.
Health is an investment in development.
Health is a vital issue for other sectors

Economy

Security

Trade
PROMOTE HEALTH
KEEP THE WORLD SAFE
SERVE THE VULNERABLE
National health policies aligned with Health 2020.

86% of countries reported having implementation plans.

in 2016
Countries have policies or strategies to reduce health inequities.

An increase of 10% since 2010.
Countries have defined targets or indicators for Health 2020.

An increase of 15% since 2010.
UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

One billion
more people benefiting from

One billion
more people enjoying

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HEALTH EMERGENCIES

BETTER HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

PROMOTE HEALTH
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THIRTEENTH GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK 2019-2023
One billion more people benefiting from Universal Health Coverage.

One billion more people better protected from Health Emergencies.

One billion more people enjoying Better Health and Well-Being.
My original vision:
Better health for Europe
Challenges

Demography
Noncommunicable diseases
Globalization
Urbanization
Migration
Gender inequity
Infectious disease outbreaks
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7 strategic priorities
European Action Plan for Strengthening Public Health Capacities and Services
Health response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.
The evidence and knowledge base for Health 2020.

New thinking about public health in the 21st century.
The social determinants and health divide.
**Economic Growth**

Less reliance on external aid

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**Health a driver**

of economic growth. The health sector has grown faster than the world economy for the past 15 years

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Participants from the sixth meeting of the European Advisory Committee on Health Research (EACHR), held in Copenhagen, Denmark, 2015.
Better health for Europe
Our progress towards Health 2020

WHO Representative in Romania, Dr Miljana Grbic, with a newly vaccinated family.
Our progress towards Health 2020

Maternal mortality
Decrease from 13 deaths per 100 000 live births (2010) to 11 deaths per 100 000 (2015)

Infant mortality
Decrease from 7.3 deaths per 1000 live births (2010) to 6.8 deaths per 1000 (2015)

NCDs
Decrease from 786 deaths per 100 000 (2010) to 715 deaths per 100 000 (2015)

Injuries and poisoning
Decrease from 57 deaths per 100 000 (2010) to 50 deaths per 100 000 (2015)

Communicable diseases
The Region continues to be declared polio-free and was designated malaria-free in 2016.
global targets for reductions in premature mortality.

The WHO European Region is set to meet these targets.
Life expectancy at birth across the WHO European Region between 1970 and 2015
Overall premature mortality rates (from 30 to under 70 years old) for four major NCDs, deaths per 100,000 population.
Social determinants of health.
Primary-age children not enrolled in school fell from 2.6% (2010) to 2.3% (2015) in the WHO European Region.
Unemployment fell from 8.9% (2010) to 8.7% (2015) in the WHO European Region.
Equity, social determinants, gender and human rights values in the design of health policies.
Equity is our biggest challenge
HEALTH EQUITY
STATUS REPORT
INITIATIVE

A SUITE OF TOOLS TO
PROMOTE AND SUPPORT
POLICY ACTION
FOR HEALTH EQUITY AND
WELL-BEING IN EUROPE

Healthier Prosperous Lives for All
HEALTH EQUITY STATUS REPORT INITIATIVE

A SUITE OF TOOLS TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT POLICY ACTION FOR HEALTH EQUITY AND WELL-BEING IN EUROPE

Healthier Prosperous Lives for All

TOOLS AND PRODUCTS THE HEALTH EQUITY STATUS INITIATIVE WILL DELIVER

AN INTERACTIVE HEALTH EQUITY ATLAS

The Atlas will be uploaded on the WHO European Health Information Gateway and will provide every Member State with an analysis of the trends and the current health equity status for their country by providing:

- indicators of mortality, morbidity, well-being and self-reported health
- indicators measuring the conditions needed to be able to live a healthy life
- progress to implement policies important to increase equity in health

POLICY GUIDANCE ON REDUCING INEQUITIES IN HEALTH IN EARLY YEARS, YOUTH, WORKING YEARS AND LATER LIFE

The Policy Guidance will signpost decision-makers to the evidence, the range of policies, interventions and approaches to increase equity in health at different stages across the life course.

The guidance will be linked to the Health Equity Atlas, and enable Member States to personalize the tools to address their specific priorities.

TOOLS TO SUPPORT IMPROVED GOVERNANCE, INVESTMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HEALTH EQUITY

- The Economics of Investing to increase equity in health
- Improved Governance for Health Equity - guidance and measurement options
- WHO European Tool to track Policy Progress for Health equity
- Communication and Advocacy Tools - flexible for tailoring to country context and priorities
Healthy, Prosperous Lives for all in the WHO European Region – High-level Conference on Health Equity
Healthy, prosperous lives for all:
The European Health Equity Status Report
The multisectoral approach.

- income and social protection;
- employment and working conditions;
- good-quality early child-development programmes;
- whole-school approaches that prioritize emotional well-being as well as equitable educational attainment;
- minimum income, especially for families to achieve food security;
- housing interventions to reduce crowding and improve conditions;
- environment and green spaces;
- providing equitable access to water and sanitation facilities;
- active travel.
Protecting human rights for all
The Graduate Institute of Geneva.
1. Investing in health through a life-course approach and empowering people.

2. Tackling the Region’s major health challenges of noncommunicable and communicable diseases.


Public health

Putting emphasis on advancing public health in the Region.
Facing the future: opportunities and challenges for 21st-century public health in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and the Health 2020 policy framework
Coalition of Partners Expert Meeting on Strengthening Public Health Capacities and Services in the European Region, 2017, Denmark
The life-course approach.
Zsuzsanna Jakab and Vasily Zharko, Minister of Health, Belarus, signing the Minsk Declaration.
Panel discussion at the high-level conference on promoting intersectoral and interagency action for health and well-being in the WHO European Region, Paris, France, 7-8 December 2016.
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Adverse Childhood Experiences: England

How many adults in England have suffered each ACE?

**CHILD MALTREATMENT**
- Verbal abuse: 18%
- Physical abuse: 15%
- Sexual abuse: 6%

**CHILDHOOD HOUSEHOLD INCLUDED**
- Parental separation: 24%
- Domestic violence: 13%
- Mental illness: 12%
- Alcohol abuse: 10%
- Drug use: 4%
- Incarceration: 4%

For every 100 adults in England, 48 have suffered at least one ACE during their childhood, and 9 have suffered 4 or more.

Bellis et al., 2014
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

World Health Organization
Health-promoting schools
Noncommunicable diseases and risk factors
The third High-Level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases adopted the ambitious political declaration, entitled “Time to Deliver: accelerating our response to address NCDs for the health and well-being of present and future generations”.
Alcohol and tobacco consumption declining too slowly.
Targets unlikely to be achieved.
A health care worker hugs a young girl who is smiling after receiving a polio vaccination during a polio vaccination campaign in 2015.
Malaria-free

The European Region became the first WHO region to interrupt transmission of indigenous malaria.
Tuberculosis

Fastest decline in TB incidence and mortality rates among all WHO regions.
New cases of TB have decreased from 36 (2013) to 30 (2017) per 100 000 along with a decrease from 4.1 deaths (per 100 000) to 2.6 deaths (per 100 000).
HIV/AIDS

Progress has been made in increasing the number of people receiving treatment, yet one fifth of all people living with HIV in the WHO European Region do not know their HIV status.
HIV/AIDS

Ambition to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030.
AMR
A antimicrobial resistance (AMR) regional action plan adopted in 2011. A global AMR action plan was endorsed in 2015.
Vaccination

Polio-free status of the Region has been maintained.
Vaccination

Polio-free status of the Region has been maintained but a serious outbreak of measles has affected the Region since 2017.
Vaccination

A more effective policy response to vaccine hesitancy is needed.
Our Patron
Her Royal Highness The Crown Princess of Denmark
Health systems
Dr Halfdan Mahler, WHO Director-General at the time, sits at the podium of the Lenin Convention Centre with US Senator Edward Kennedy at his side during the 1978 International Conference on Primary Health Care in Alma-Ata (now called Almaty).
40th anniversary

Alma-Ata Declaration on Primary Health Care
10th anniversary
Signing of the Tallinn Charter
Health Systems Respond to NCDs

High-level regional meeting – 16–18 April 2018, Sitges, Spain
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5. Therefore we, the Member States and partners, believe\(^2\) that:

- investing in health is investing in human development, social well-being and wealth;
- today, it is unacceptable that people become poor as a result of ill-health;
- health systems are more than health care and include disease prevention, health promotion and efforts to influence other sectors to address health concerns in their policies;
- well-functioning health systems are essential to improving health: strengthened health systems save lives; therefore,
“No one should get sick and die just because they are poor, or because they cannot access the health services they need.”
Regional high-level consultation on noncommunicable diseases, Oslo, Norway, 2013
On World Health Day, 7 April 2018, the WHO Country Office in Serbia organized a breakfast meeting for journalists to highlight the importance of continuing to work towards UHC in the country.
The WHO Symposium on the Future of Digital Health Systems, Denmark, 2019
Damu Med, Kazakhstan's official digital health application, helps people make an appointment to see a specialist, archive prescriptions, follow a treatment plan, receive laboratory tests and find medication.
Emergencies and preparedness
First responders from north-west Syrian Arab Republic during a trauma care training course in Gaziantep, Turkey.
Responding to protracted emergencies

A representative of WHO talks to a displaced family in Krasnohorivka, a conflict-affected area of Ukraine.
Resilient communities

Community meeting held in the Roma community of Merisani by a local health worker about the importance of vaccination against measles.
Air quality

Globally, air pollution is the second leading cause of NCD deaths.
A child collecting water in rural Tajikistan.
Ostrava Declaration

6th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health
13–15 June 2017, Ostrava, Czech Republic
Working with Member States.
Strengthening governance
Ministerial breakfast meeting where people-centred care for tuberculosis was discussed, 67th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, Hungary, 2017
Collaborative agreements
There for countries

The Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS), 2018
The Regional Office: A vehicle for 21st century public health action
Session on WHO's work in countries at the 68th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, Italy, September 2018.
Concept Note
Assessment tool for governance for health and well-being

Governing for Health and Well-being Programme,
Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being,
WHO Regional Office for Europe
The WHO Country Office in Kyrgyzstan, together with the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic, organized a press conference to announce the celebration of World Health Day and publicize the planned activities taking place across the country.
Dr Srdan Matic, WHO Representative and Head of WHO Office, Czechia, and Mr Adam Votjeh, Minister of Health, at a press conference at held in honour of World Health Day 2019.
Ensuring that our technical and field programmes have financial support.
Breakfast briefing at the 68th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, Italy, 2018.
Building strategic partnerships and networks

Health improvement based on whole of government, whole of society, and health in all policies.
Building strategic partnerships and networks

Working with the United Nations; supporting networks; enhancing collaboration with the European Union; working with non-State actors through the WHO Framework for Engagement with Non-State Actors; playing a full role within existing partnerships and networks; promoting active partnerships with NGOs and universities; etc.
Information and communication.

Achieving a better understanding, increasing health literacy.
WHO Regional Office for Europe

4 Sep - In Europe, people continue to consume more alcohol than in any other place in the world. According to new WHO/Europe report more than 290,000 people lose their life from alcohol-related causes every year. bit.ly/2kzChEN

1 in 19 deaths could have been avoided if alcohol was not consumed

World Health Organization (WHO), WHO at the EU, Regions for Health and 4 others

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Videos

Stop HPV – Laura and On International Day of WHO Regional Office for Europe 11 October 2018 - 61,834 views
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A new beginning through a Syrian nurse Muharram… WHO Regional Office for Europe 20 June 2017 - 834 views

Improving access to health services for patients with… WHO Regional Office for Europe 30 July 2017 - 671 views
Antons Mozalevskis likes this

Check food labels! If the food item includes "partially hydrogenated fats", this means it contains trans fats - try to avoid these products or limit intake
Investing in people.

Working with our talented staff.
On 14 April 2019, WHO country staff took part in a public run, completing a combined distance of 150 km. This was to celebrate World Health Day 2019 and to promote UHC in Kyrgyzstan.
Internship programme
Health research and knowledge translation.

The importance of evidence; the core of WHO’s work.
HEALTH EVIDENCE NETWORK SYNTHESIS REPORT 58

What national and subnational interventions and policies based on Mediterranean and Nordic diets are recommended or implemented in the WHO European Region, and is there evidence of effectiveness in reducing noncommunicable diseases?

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EVIPNet Europe

Towards a world in which the best available research evidence informs policy-making

Evidence-informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) Europe
The future.
The future.
Health is a political choice.
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МОСКВА 2020
Investments for the future.
MOVING TOGETHER
TO BUILD A HEALTHIER WORLD

UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage, 23 September 2019, New York
Health systems.
UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE: EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE
Promote and invest in health.
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Better health for Europe. Better health for all.