



*Overview
of*

***WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION***

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Brief View - Outline

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**World Health
Organization**

INTRODUCTION

- United Nations specialized agency for health
- First global health organization - latter half of 19th century
- Series of international sanitary conferences were held in Europe to co-ordinate policy & practice around quarantine & disease management.
- The League of Nations established a health organization in 1920 having also regional bodies

United Nations in 1945 marked a period of aggressive internationalism & international organization building

- Group of health experts, working on emergency relief in World War II were charged with the task of drafting a constitution to define structure & mandate of “WHO”
- WHO’s constitution came into force on 7 th April 1948
- Headquarter at Geneva, Switzerland
- Governed by 194 Member States through the World Health Assembly with 8500 Employees



- World Health Day - 7 April every year to mark the anniversary of the founding of WHO in 1948.
- Each year a theme is selected that highlights a priority area of public health.
- The Day provides an opportunity for individuals in every community to get involved in activities that can lead to better health.

OBJECTIVES & FUNCTIONS

- Health - Fundamental rights of every human being
- Highest level of health for all
- Lead a socially & economically productive life.
- To give worldwide guidance in the field of health.
- To set global standards for health.
- To cooperate with governments' in strengthening national health programs.
- To develop and transfer appropriate health technology information.

WHO Expert Committee?

- Official Advisory Body to Director-General of WHO
- Governed through specific rules , procedures & participation
- Members ("Expert") selected from WHO Panel of Experts
- Technical advisers / Observers : Organizations , NGOs , Professional associations

WHO Affiliation's

- National and regional authorities
- International organizations ; UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF, World Bank.
- International professional and other associations
- WHO Collaborating Centers; Commissions Secretariats & national institutions
- Regional and inter- regional groups

WHO consultation process working

- Step 1. Preliminary consultation and drafting
- Step 2. Draft guidelines
- Step 3. Circulation for comments
- Step 4. Revision process

The data is published in the:

- (a) Weekly Epidemiological Record
- (b) World Health Statistics Quarterly
- (c) World Health Statistics Annual

Structure


➤ **The Executive Board:**

To give effect to the decisions & policies

To take action itself in an emergency

➤ **The Secretariat –**

Provides technical and managerial support to
member countries for their national health
programs



WHO Member States are grouped into six regions
Each region has a regional office .

- Regional offices - Africa, America, South-east Asia, Europe, Eastern Mediterranean & Western Pacific.
- The World Health Assembly is the supreme decision-making body for WHO.
- Meets each year in May at Geneva - attended by delegations from all 194 Member States .

REGION

HEADQUARTER

1. South East Asia

New Delhi (India)

2. Africa

Harare (Zimbabwe)

3. The Americas

Washington D.C (U.S.A)

4. Europe

Copenhagen (Denmark)

5. Eastern Mediterranean

Alexandria (Egypt)

6. Western Pacific

Manila (Philippines)

Year of joining	Member country SEARO	Population 2002 (million)
1972	Bangladesh	143.8
1948	India	1049.5
1950	Indonesia	217.4
1973	Korea (Dem. People's Rep.)	22.5
1965	Maldives Islands	0.3
1948	Myanmar	48.9
1953	Nepal	24.6
1948	Sri Lanka	18.8
1947	Thailand	62.2

World Health Day Themes

- 2016: Halt the rise: beat diabetes
- 2015: Food safety
- 2014: Vector-borne diseases: small bite, big threat
- 2013: Healthy heart beat, Healthy blood pressure
- 2012: Good health adds life to years
- 2011: Anti-microbial resistance: no action today, no cure tomorrow
- 2010: Urbanization and health: make cities healthier

World Health Day Themes

- 2009: Save lives, Make hospitals safe in emergencies
- 2008: Protecting health from climate change
- 2007: Invest in health, build a safer future
- 2006: Working together for health
- 2005: Make every mother and child count
- 2004: Road safety
- 2003: Healthy environment for children
- 2002: Move for health
- 2001: Mental health: stop exclusion, dare to care

Family

Career

*Life
Balance*

Health

Friends



“NO HEALTH WITHOUT MENTAL HEALTH”

WORTH-IT



WHO Theme - 2017

- **The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared Depression as the theme for the Year 2017**
- **The campaign slogan is ‘Depression: Let’s Talk’, and was released on the World Mental Health Day last year 10 October 2016**



How are you?

Take Time to Talk ...

time to change

let's end mental health discrimination

Depression Let's talk



Take Home message

I think the root cause is stigma. And the day we as a society can together get over that stigma and bring awareness about mental health issues, we will win this battle.

- Deepika Padukone

