

# WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

## AT A GLANCE

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## WHO WE ARE

### MANDATE

The World Health Organization (WHO) is a specialized UN agency that is concerned with international public health. It was established on 7 April 1948 (a date we now celebrate every year as World Health Day) by Member States of the UN, with its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and the Regional Office for Africa is located in Brazzaville, Congo. WHO is a member of the United Nations Development Group.

WHO is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends.



The mission of WHO is the attainment of the highest possible level of health by all people. Health, as defined in the WHO Constitution, is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

## HISTORY OF WHO IN ETHIOPIA

The WHO has been working in Ethiopia since 1956 with the mission to promote the attainment of the highest sustainable level of health by all people living in Ethiopia through collaboration with the government and other partners in health development, and the provision of technical and logistics support to country programmes.

WHO support is provided within the framework of the Government's development priorities. The Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) is the strategic framework for WHO cooperation with the Government of Ethiopia.

The CCS is aligned with the country's health sector development plan that spans over a five-year cycle, and is harmonized with the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF).

## WHAT WE DO

Type of intervention	Partners	Main geographic focus (Regions)	Beneficiaries
Health Programmes Maternal health; Family planning and reproductive health; PMTCT, Gender Equity and Human Rights; Child and Adolescent Health; Nutrition and Food Safety; Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Polio; HIV/AIDS and TB/Leprosy Prevention and Control; Malaria Prevention and Control; Non-Communicable Diseases; Neglected Tropical Diseases; Outbreak and Crisis Response; Emergency Risk and crisis Management; Epidemic and Pandemic prone diseases; Preparedness, Integrated Surveillance and Response; Health Systems and Services; Essential Drugs and Medicines; Blood Safety; Protection of the Human Environment;	Federal Ministry of Health and its Specialized agencies and Regional Health Bureaus, line ministries, Universities and Academia Health , Population and Nutrition (HPN) Donors group partners Harmonization for Health in Africa (HHA) partners UNCT (delivering as One in Ethiopia), Professional and Scientific Associations Research Centers Civil Society Local, National and International NGOs and Foundations	Federal, Regions, Zones, Woredas	Children aged 0-15 years, Adolescents, Women of child bearing age, Federal Ministry of Health, Regional, Zonal & Woreda health offices; Program coordinators/officers in FMOH/RHBs/DHOs, Media personnel Partners, Health Extension workers, their supervisors and the health development army, Community leaders Communities and individuals, General public, IDPs and Refugees

## PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY

Location		Contract Type	Number of staff		
			Male	Female	Total
Addis Ababa	National staff	Fixed Term	122	30	152
		Consultant	40	7	47
	International staff (including Sub-Regional Office)	Fixed Term	7	6	13
		Consultants	1	3	4
Total			170	46	216

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