



**World Health
Organization**

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

WHO 2016 year in review



SEIGE IN SYRIA



WHO/Christopher Black

JANUARY 2016

SIEGE IN SYRIA

WHO delivered humanitarian assistance across the country throughout the year while urging all parties to protect and respect the neutrality of healthcare workers and facilities.

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WHO/PAHO/David Spitz

FEBRUARY 2016

ZIKA DECLARED A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN (PHEIC)

Concern over Zika virus and its complications continued to mount in 2016. International experts were mobilized by PAHO/WHO to support Member States. On 1 February WHO declared Zika and associated microcephaly and other neurological disorders a PHEIC.

[Americas prepare for Zika spread](#)

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WHO/Olivier Asselin



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PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY OF
INTERNATIONAL
CONCERN (PHEIC)

FEBRUARY 2016

MINISTERS COMMIT TO IMPROVED ACCESS TO VACCINES IN AFRICA

With one in five African children lacking access to basic life-saving vaccines, countries committed themselves to keep immunization at the forefront of efforts to reduce child mortality, morbidity and disability.

[The first-ever Ministerial Conference on Immunization in Africa](#)

[World Immunization Week](#)



WORLD CANCER
DAY

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WHO/PAHO



MINISTERS COMMIT
TO IMPROVED
ACCESS TO
VACCINES IN AFRICA

FEBRUARY 2016

WORLD CANCER DAY

World Cancer Day is marked every year on 4 February. For 2016, the slogan was "We Can, I can".

[World Cancer day at PAHO](#)

[Reducing preventable cancer deaths in EMRO](#)

[Event information](#)



SPREADING SEEDS

[World Cancer Day at PAHO](#)
[Reducing preventable cancer deaths in EMRO](#)
[Event information](#)

Smoke-free movies #NoTobacco



WORLD CANCER DAY

WORLD HEALTH HURT BY INEQUALITIES

FEBRUARY 2016

SMOKING SCENES


WHO calls on governments to rate movies that portray tobacco use in a bid to prevent children and adolescents from starting to smoke cigarettes and use other forms of tobacco.

[Rating films showing smoking scenes](#)

[Tobacco fact sheet](#)

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WORLD CANCER DAY

SMOKING SCENES

WORLD HEALTH HURT BY INEQUALITIES

UNHEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS

MARCH 2016

YOUTH HEALTH HURT BY INEQUALITIES

Differences between genders and socioeconomic status are adversely affecting many young people's health, well-being and lifestyle choices at a critical stage in their development.

[Press release on the WHO study](#)

WHO/Sergey Volkov

[Press release on the WHO study](#)



WHO/TDR /Andy Craggs

MARCH 2016

UNHEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS

Environmental risk factors such as air, water and soil pollution, chemical exposures, climate change and ultraviolet radiation contribute to more than 100 diseases and injuries.

“A healthy environment underpins a healthy population,” says Dr Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General.

[Deaths attributable to unhealthy environments](#)

[Infographics](#)



YOUTH
HEALTH HURT BY
INEQUALITIES



CHILDHOOD
HEARING LOSS

[Deaths attributable to unhealthy environments](#)
[Infographics](#)



Rajiv Dhawan

MARCH 2016

CHILDHOOD HEARING LOSS

Nearly 32 million children across the world live with disabling hearing loss. A new WHO report, *Childhood hearing loss: act now, here's how*, suggests that 60% of this can be prevented.

[Childhood hearing loss](#)



UNHEALTHY
ENVIRONMENTS



YELLOW FEVER
OUTBREAK

[Childhood hearing loss](#)



WHO/Eduardo Soteras Jalil

MARCH 2016

YELLOW FEVER OUTBREAK

In early 2016, Angola suffered its first yellow fever outbreak in 30 years.

By early March, a campaign to vaccinate 6.7 million people was underway.

Vaccination campaigns continued in Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo through the summer.

[Yellow fever outbreak in Angola](#)

[Angola immunizes 6.7 million people](#)

[Winning the war: 30 million people vaccinated](#)



CHILDHOOD
HEARING LOSS

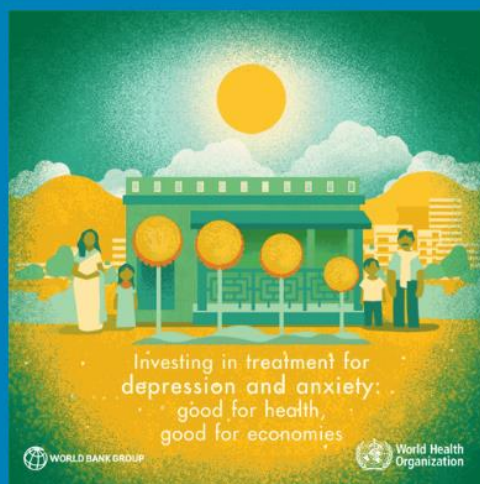


INVESTING IN
MENTAL HEALTH
PAYS DIVIDENDS

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APRIL 2016

INVESTING IN MENTAL HEALTH PAYS DIVIDENDS

Every US\$ 1 invested in scaling up treatment for depression and anxiety leads to a return of US\$ 4 in better health and ability to work, according to a groundbreaking study looking at the economic benefits of treating the most common forms of mental illness.

[Depression and anxiety](#)

[Let's Talk Campaign](#)

[Depression fact sheet](#)



YELLOW FEVER
OUTBREAK



ENDING LEPROSY
BY 2020

[Depression and anxiety](#)

[Let's Talk Campaign](#)

[Depression fact sheet](#)



WHO / SEARO / John Hasyn

APRIL 2016

ENDING LEPROSY BY 2020

WHO launched a new global strategy for leprosy elimination, calling for stronger commitments and accelerated efforts to stop disease transmission and end associated discrimination and stigma.

[New global strategy to end leprosy](#)

[Global leprosy strategy](#)

[Leprosy fact sheet](#)



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EARTHQUAKE IN
ECUADOR

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[Global leprosy strategy](#)

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WHO/PAHO

APRIL 2016

EARTHQUAKE IN ECUADOR

PAHO/WHO has mobilized emergency response experts to help the government of Ecuador respond to the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that struck the country on 16 April. The earthquake left at least 200 dead and more than 1 550 injured.

[WHO responds to the earthquake](#)

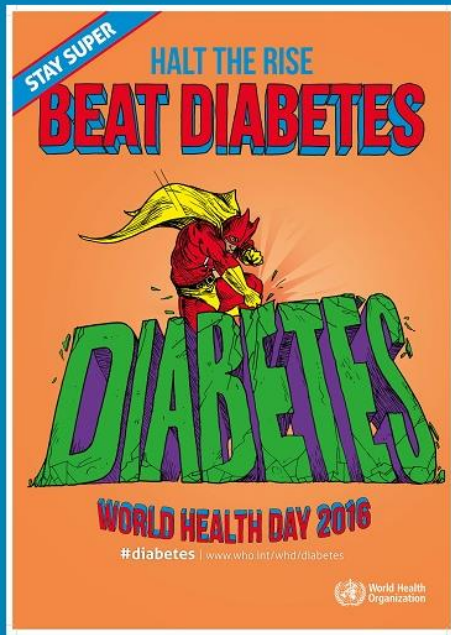


ENDING LEPROSY
BY 2020



WORLD HEALTH
DAY 2016: BEAT
DIABETES

[WHO responds to the earthquake](#)



APRIL 2016

WORLD HEALTH DAY 2016: BEAT DIABETES

Sugar intake, one of the key risk factors in the development of diabetes, has been a focus of WHO work in 2016.

[WHO's call for global action](#)

[WHO fights obesity in the Eastern Mediterranean](#)

[Mexico's soda tax as a model measure to fight diabetes](#)

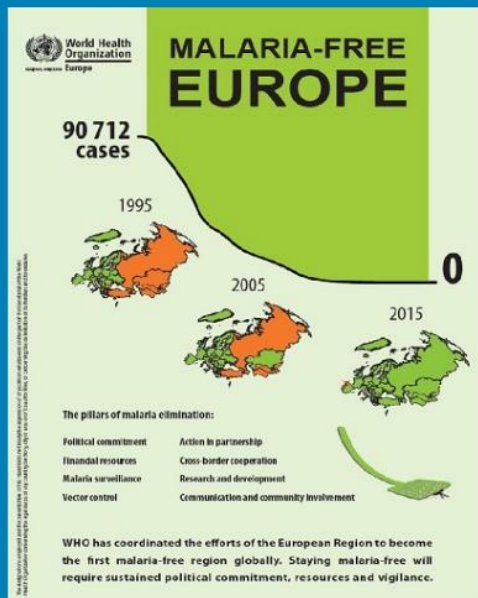
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[Infographic](#)

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APRIL 2016

EUROPE DECLARED MALARIA-FREE

WHO's European Region became the first in the world to achieve interruption of indigenous malaria transmission.

WHO also certified Sri Lanka as having eliminated malaria.

In November, WHO announced that the world's first malaria vaccine will be rolled out in pilot projects in 2018, contributing to the global goal to "End malaria for good".

[The European Region is malaria-free](#)

[WHO certifies Sri Lanka malaria-free](#)

[WHO welcomes global health funding for malaria vaccine](#)

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GET READY FOR PLAIN PACKAGING



31MAY:WORLDNOTOBACCO DAY
www.who.int/world-no-tobacco-day #NoTobacco

MAY 2016

PLAIN PACKAGING SAVES LIVES

France and the United Kingdom each began implementation of plain packaging for tobacco products. Ireland is also preparing to introduce the measure, while other countries are exploring the option.

[Plain packaging](#)

[FAOs](#)

[World No Tobacco Day](#)

[Tobacco fact sheet](#)

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WHO/Anna Kari

MAY 2016

WORLD HEALTH STATISTICS 2016

WHO's *World Health Statistics* is the definitive source of information on the health of the world's people. It contains data from 194 countries on a range of mortality, disease and health system indicators.

[The report's conclusions](#)

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LSTM 2016

MAY 2016

REDUCING THE BURDEN OF NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

WHO's Regional Office for Africa launched a major new partnership to help African countries reduce the burden of neglected tropical diseases.

Eliminating neglected tropical diseases

Neglected tropical diseases: unprecedented 979 million people treated in 2015 alone



WORLD HEALTH STATISTICS 2016



SOUTH-EAST ASIA BEATS MATERNAL AND NEONATAL TETANUS

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WHO/Christopher Black

MAY 2016

SOUTH-EAST ASIA BEATS MATERNAL AND NEONATAL TETANUS

In a major public health feat, WHO's South-East Asia Region eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus, with all districts across the Region's 11 countries having reduced cases to less than one per 1 000 live births.

Elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus in SEARO



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ELIMINATING MATERNAL AND NEONATAL TETANUS

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SOUTH-EAST ASIA
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TEAMS

JUNE 2016

ELIMINATING MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV & SYPHILIS

Thailand became the first country in the Asia and Pacific region, and also the first with a large HIV epidemic, to ensure an AIDS-free generation.

[End of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis in Thailand](#)



END OF THE
LARGEST-EVER
EBOLA OUTBREAK

WHO /Patrick Brown

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ELIMINATING
MOTHER-TO-CHILD
TRANSMISSION OF
HIV & SYPHILIS

JUNE 2016

END OF THE LARGEST-EVER EBOLA OUTBREAK

2016 saw the end of the largest-ever Ebola outbreak, which claimed at least 11,310 lives in the three most affected countries.

[End of transmission of Ebola virus in Liberia](#)

[End of transmission of Ebola virus in Guinea](#)

[End of transmission of Ebola virus in Sierra Leone](#)

[Beyond Ebola, keeping patients and health workers safe](#)



PROGRESS ON
SYMPTOMATIC
FILARIASIS

WHO/Christopher Black

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JUNE 2016

PROGRESS ON LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS

In 2015, more than 556 million people worldwide were treated for lymphatic filariasis, commonly known as elephantiasis, and several countries achieved elimination.

[556 million people received treatment in 2015](#)

[Maldives and Sri Lanka eliminate lymphatic filariasis](#)

[Cambodia, Cook Islands, Niue and Vanuatu eliminate lymphatic filariasis as a public health problem](#)

[Lymphatic filariasis fact sheet](#)



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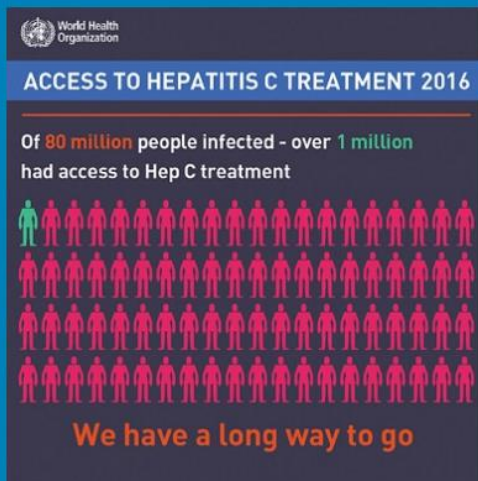
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JULY 2016

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

Around the world 400 million people are infected with hepatitis B and C, more than 10 times the number of people living with HIV. An estimated 1.45 million people died of the disease in 2013 – up from less than a million in 1990.

[WHO encourages countries to act now to reduce deaths from viral hepatitis](#)

[Speaking out on hepatitis, the “silent killer”](#)

[WHO calls to put hepatitis C medicines within the reach of patients](#)

[Campaign information](#)



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WHO/J Ebrahim

JULY 2016

CRITICAL HEALTH NEEDS IN JUBA

Beginning in July, the situation in South Sudan deteriorated rapidly. The country, just 5 years old, faced fresh violence and news reports indicated that it could be back at war.

[WHO steps up response in Juba](#)

[Cholera response to minimize future risk](#)

[All news on South Sudan](#)



WORLD HEPATITIS DAY



URUGUAY WINS LANDMARK TOBACCO CONTROL CASE

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WHO/Laurent Cipriani

JULY 2016

URUGUAY WINS LANDMARK TOBACCO CONTROL CASE

The Government of Uruguay won an international legal case brought by the Philip Morris tobacco company, which challenged tobacco control regulations implemented by Uruguay in compliance with the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

[Uruguay's victory over the tobacco industry](#)



CRITICAL HEALTH NEEDS IN JUBA



WHO MARKS WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK

[Uruguay's victory over the tobacco industry](#)

World Health Organization unicef

SUPPORT MUMS TO BREASTFEED ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

WE CAN ALL HELP MAKE SOCIETY BREASTFEEDING-FRIENDLY

← HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN NIGERIA

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AUGUST 2016

WHO MARKS WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK

The theme "supporting mums to breastfeed anytime, anywhere" calls for a shift in attitudes to build breastfeeding-friendly societies in order to optimize the development, health and well-being of future generations.

[World Breastfeeding Week in WPRO](#)

[Laws to protect breastfeeding inadequate in most countries](#)

[The Lancet series](#)

[Infographics](#)

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[Laws to protect breastfeeding inadequate in most countries](#)

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AUGUST 2016

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN NIGERIA

A WHO emergency health team arrived on 19 August 2016 in Maiduguri city to respond to the health needs of 800 000 people in north eastern Nigeria, formerly held by militant insurgency groups.

[WHO response to the humanitarian crisis in Nigeria](#)

[More on the WHO response in Nigeria](#)

[Infographic](#)

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WHO/A Zouiten

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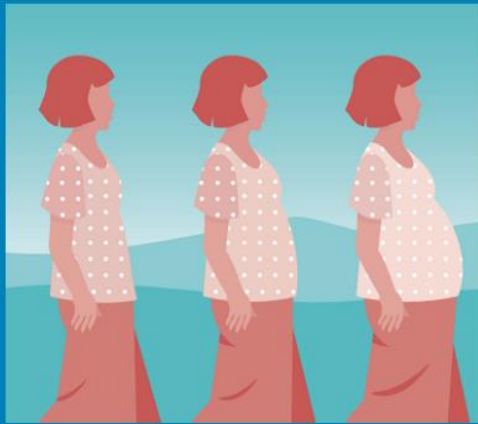
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HUMANITARIAN
CRISIS IN NIGERIA



AUGUST 2016

IMPROVING MATERNAL HEALTH

It is estimated that every year, worldwide, 303 000 women die during pregnancy and childbirth, 2.7 million babies die during the first 28 days of life and 2.6 million babies are stillborn. With quality health care, many of these deaths could be prevented.

[New WHO tools to reduce maternal mortality](#)

[Infographics](#)

[Maternal mortality fact sheet](#)



REGION OF THE
AMERICAS IS FREE
OF MEASLES

[New WHO tools to reduce maternal mortality](#)
[Infographics](#)
[Maternal mortality sheet](#)



IMPROVING
MATERNAL HEALTH



WHO/PAHO

SEPTEMBER 2016

REGION OF THE AMERICAS IS FREE OF MEASLES

The Region of the Americas is the first in the world to have eliminated measles. This achievement culminates a 22-year effort involving mass vaccination against measles, mumps and rubella throughout the Americas.

[Measles press release](#)

[Measles fact sheet](#)



DISSEMINATING A BOLD
MESSAGE IS BAD FOR
YOUR HEALTH

[Measles press release](#)
[Measles fact sheet](#)



Michael Stevenson

SEPTEMBER 2016

DISCRIMINATION ABOUT AGEING IS BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH

New analysis by WHO shows that negative or ageist attitudes towards older people are widespread. They also negatively affect older people's physical and mental health.

[Press release on ageism](#)



REGION OF THE AMERICAS IS FREE OF MEASLES



AIR POLLUTION EXPOSURE AND HEALTH IMPACT

[Press release on ageism](#)



Photo credit EPA

SEPTEMBER 2016

AIR POLLUTION EXPOSURE AND HEALTH IMPACT

A new WHO air quality model confirms that 92% of the world's population lives in places where air quality levels exceed WHO limits. It represents the most detailed outdoor (or ambient) air pollution-related health data, by country, ever reported by WHO.

[Air pollution](#)

[BreatheLife Campaign](#)

[Ministerial Declaration on "Health, Environment and Climate Change"](#)



DISCRIMINATION ABOUT AGEING IS BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH




ACTING ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

[Air pollution](#)

[BreatheLife Campaign](#)

[Ministerial Declaration on "Health, Environment and Climate Change"](#)



**ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE
WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Antibiotic resistance happens when bacteria change and become resistant to the antibiotics used to treat the infections they cause.

- 1 Only use antibiotics when prescribed by a certified health professional
- 2 Always take the full prescription, even if you feel better
- 3 Never use left over antibiotics
- 4 Never share antibiotics with others
- 5 Prevent infections by regularly washing your hands, avoiding contact with sick people and keeping your vaccinations up to date

www.who.int/drugresistance
#AntibioticResistance

World Health Organization

SEPTEMBER 2016

ACTING ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

For the first time, Heads of State committed to taking a broad, coordinated approach to address the root causes of AMR across multiple sectors, especially human health, animal health and agriculture.

[The commitments](#)

[Asia Pacific countries vow to tackle antimicrobial resistance together](#)

[Growing AMR forces updates to recommended treatment for sexually transmitted infections](#)

[Infographics](#)

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WHO/Sergey Volkov

SEPTEMBER 2016

INVEST IN THE GLOBAL HEALTH WORKFORCE

The presidents of France and South Africa called for urgent investments globally to create new jobs in the health sector in order to prevent a projected shortfall of 18 million health workers.

[The UN Commission on health workforce](#)

[The UN Commission on health workforce](#)



WHO/Sergey Volkov

SEPTEMBER 2016

ALCOHOL-ATTRIBUTABLE DEATHS INCREASE IN EUROPE

The European Region ranks highest globally in terms of adult per capita alcohol consumption, and the level and patterns of drinking have contributed substantially to mortality from cardiovascular diseases (CVD), cancer, liver cirrhosis, and unintentional and intentional injury.

[Alcohol-attributable deaths](#)

[Data and statistics](#)



INVEST IN THE
GLOBAL HEALTH
WORKFORCE



GLOBAL
TUBERCULOSIS
REPORT

[Alcohol-attributable deaths](#)
[Data and statistics](#)



WHO/PAHO

OCTOBER 2016

GLOBAL TUBERCULOSIS REPORT

New data published by WHO in its 2016 *Global Tuberculosis Report* show that countries need to move much faster to prevent, detect and treat the disease if they are to meet global targets.

[The Global Tuberculosis Report](#)

[Global Tuberculosis Report 2016](#)

[Tuberculosis fact sheet](#)



ALCOHOL-
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HURRICANE
MATTHEW

[The Global Tuberculosis Report](#)
[Global Tuberculosis Report 2016](#)
[Tuberculosis fact sheet](#)



WHO/PAHO

OCTOBER 2016

HURRICANE MATTHEW

With damage assessments from Hurricane Matthew still underway, PAHO/WHO deployed field teams even before the storm affected areas in Haiti, the Bahamas, Cuba and Jamaica, and was preparing for a possible cholera upsurge in Haiti.

[WHO's humanitarian response](#)

[Hurricane Matthew News](#)

[Health services in Haiti](#)

[Cholera vaccination in Haiti](#)

[WHO programme on Hurricane Matthew](#)



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TUBERCULOSIS
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WHO/Rada Akbar

OCTOBER 2016

BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS FOR MIDWIVES

WHO and partners are calling for an end to the discrimination, harassment and lack of respect that hinder midwives' ability to provide quality care to women and newborns.

[The working conditions of midwives](#)



HURRICANE
MATTHEW



GLOBAL HEALTH
PROFESSION
AGREEMENT

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NOVEMBER 2016

9TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH PROMOTION

Leaders from governments and United Nations organizations, city chiefs, and health experts from around the world today made 2 landmark commitments to promote public health and eradicate poverty.

[Press release on the 9th Shanghai conference](#)



BETTER WORKING
CONDITIONS FOR
INDIANS



MOROCCO
ELIMINATES
TRACHOMA

[9th Global conference on health promotion](#)

[More on the 9th Global conference on health promotion](#)



NOVEMBER 2016

MOROCCO ELIMINATES TRACHOMA

WHO acknowledged the elimination of trachoma as a public health problem in Morocco. Trachoma is the leading infectious cause of blindness worldwide.

[Morocco's elimination of trachoma](#)

[Trachoma fact sheet](#)



GLOBAL HEALTH
PROMOTION
AGREEMENT



CHOLERA
RESPONSE IN
YEMEN

WHO

[Morocco's elimination of trachoma](#)

[Trachoma fact sheet](#)



WHO/EMRO/Yemen

NOVEMBER 2016

CHOLERA RESPONSE IN YEMEN

To date, 7000 suspected cases of cholera have been reported and 72 associated deaths. WHO and partners are working to tackle the outbreak.

[WHO's cholera response in Yemen](#)

[Cholera fact sheet](#)



PROTECTED
ELIMINATES
TRANSMISSION



HEALTH IN MOSUL

[WHO's cholera response in Yemen](#)
[Cholera fact sheet](#)



WHO/EMRO

NOVEMBER 2016

HEALTH IN MOSUL

As military operations into Mosul continue, WHO is working with national health authorities to ensure that people with war-related trauma injuries have access to life-saving medical care. WHO anticipates that approximately 40 000 civilians will require care.

[Trauma care services in Mosul](#)

[Iraq crisis](#)



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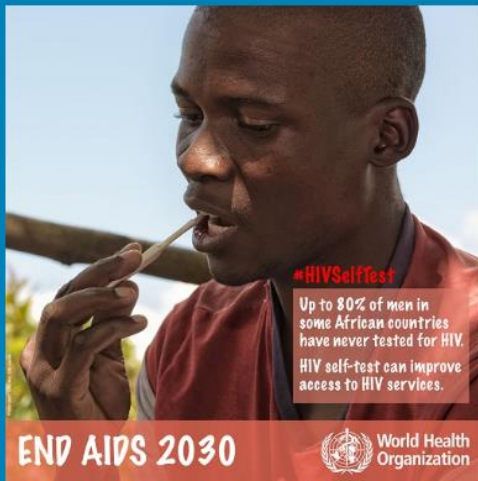
Zika virus and associated consequences remain a significant public health challenge requiring intense action, but they no longer represent a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, the WHO Emergency Committee concluded.

[Zika will stay](#)

[Infographics](#)

WHO/PAHO

[Zika will stay](#)
[Infographics](#)



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ZIKA IS HERE TO STAY

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WORLD MALARIA REPORT

DECEMBER 2016

NEW GUIDANCE ON HIV SELF-TESTING

For World AIDS Day, WHO released new guidelines on HIV self-testing to improve access to and uptake of HIV diagnosis. Lack of an HIV diagnosis is a major obstacle to being able to offer antiretroviral therapy to everyone with HIV.

[WHO releases new guidance on HIV self-testing](#)

[Infographics](#)

[HIV/AIDS fact sheet](#)

UNITAID/Eric Guass

[WHO releases new guidance on HIV self-testing](#)
[Infographics](#)
[HIV/AIDS fact sheet](#)



WHO/Sven Torfinn

DECEMBER 2016

WORLD MALARIA REPORT

Children and pregnant women in sub-Saharan Africa have greater access to effective malaria control. But funding shortfalls and fragile health systems are undermining overall progress.

[The conclusions of the report](#)

[World Malaria Report 2016](#)

[Malaria fact sheet](#)



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UNIVERSAL HEALTH
COVERAGE DAY

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WHO/WPRO/Yoshi Shimizu

DECEMBER 2016

UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE DAY

WHO launched a new data portal to track progress towards universal health coverage (UHC) around the world. The portal shows where countries need to improve access to services, and where they need to improve information.

[Universal Health Coverage Day](#)

[Universal Health Coverage fact sheet](#)



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