WHO 2024 HEALTH EMERGENCY APPEAL

An alarming combination of conflict, climate-related threats and increasing economic hardship mean that almost 300 million people will need humanitarian assistance and protection in 2024 – with an estimated 166 million people requiring health assistance.

In 2024, WHO is calling for US$1.5 billion to provide support to 41 ongoing health crises around the world, including 15 of the highest-level ‘Grade 3’ emergencies – those which require an urgent and major WHO response.

With your support, we will save lives, meet critical health needs for the most vulnerable, and help communities emerge from crisis with a greater ability to tackle future health threats.

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
WHO Director-General

Odita checks in with health staff before a consultation. A transit health centre has been set up by WHO and partners to meet urgent health needs of displaced people sheltering in Bulengo camp about 15 kilometres from Goma in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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**GRADE 3 HEALTH EMERGENCIES**

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**AFRICA**
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**AMEN**
WHO is responding to an acute humanitarian crisis in Yemen, where an estimated 18.2 million people will need humanitarian assistance in 2024. The country faces disease outbreaks and armed conflict, and many people are unable to access basic healthcare services and essential medical supplies.

**Haiti**
Haiti faces a prolonged humanitarian crisis which has worsened significantly in 2023 due to escalating insecurity. The rising violence has further weakened the country’s health system and many Haitians are unable to access essential health services. WHO is working to combat a cholera epidemic in the country and to enable Haitians to receive critical medical supplies and healthcare.

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**South Sudan**
South Sudan is facing a severe humanitarian crisis, with its population affected by the climate crisis, conflict, food insecurity and disease outbreaks. Many people have been internally displaced, and WHO is working to address acute food insecurity and other critical health challenges in the country.

**Syrian Arab Republic**
More than 15 million people in Syria are in need of lifesaving and life-sustaining health services. Decreasing humanitarian support, disease outbreaks and the earthquake that struck in February 2023 have severely impacted the country’s health system, which was already strained by years of conflict.

**Ukraine**
The conflict in Ukraine has severely impacted the country’s healthcare system and displaced many civilians, both internally and across borders. Ukraine faces acute shortages of healthcare supplies and personnel, and WHO is working to support the millions of Ukrainians who require mental health and rehabilitative services as well as other healthcare needs.

**Yemen**
WHO is working to strengthen health systems across the Democratic Republic of the Congo including lack of access to healthcare, food, water and sanitation, and WHO is urgently working alongside its partners to provide lifesaving healthcare and essential medical supplies in the Gaza Strip, which is facing a severe humanitarian and health crisis.

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**Northern Ethiopia**
The combined effects of conflict and drought have left Ethiopia facing one of the world’s worst humanitarian crises in decades, with conflict, internal displacement, socioeconomic hardship, the collapse of public services, outbreaks of disease including cholera, recurrent floods, and food insecurity all impacting lives and livelihoods around the country. 20 million people will need humanitarian assistance in Ethiopia in 2024.

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EVERY HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IS A HEALTH CRISIS

The threats of conflict, the climate crisis, food insecurity, and displacement are intersecting and mutually reinforcing, causing deeper and increasingly complex health emergencies.

In every humanitarian crisis, people are at risk of trauma, diseases and death. Rapid access to health services can mean the difference between life and death.

The cost of inaction is one the world cannot afford. Failing to protect healthcare means lives are put at risk and the needs of communities worsen. A lack of access to health care perpetuates poverty, drives displacement, and threatens progress on global targets on health, education, nutrition and livelihoods.

EVER PRESENT, EVER READY

In an emergency, every minute counts. WHO is already on the ground ready to assess needs and public health risks, and rapidly deploy and scale up a response that saves lives and protects health.

As the Health Cluster Lead for emergencies, we work at the centre of the health response in humanitarian crises - coordinating teams across health ministries, UN agencies, and over 900 operational partners. This role ensures collaborative efforts and that no health need remains unmet.

In 2023, we responded to a total of 65 graded emergencies, targeting more than 102 million people across 29 countries.
In 2024, we need US$1.5 billion to provide life-saving health care to millions of people in emergencies.

WHO is committed to helping countries strengthen their resilience. Our holistic approach invests in robust logistics, infrastructure, and healthcare system strengthening, as well as improving workforce capacity. We strive to prevent emergencies where possible and to improve preparedness, detection, and best-in-class rapid response deployment where necessary.

**Emergency Response Pillar**

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**Total**

**US$ ‘000**

1,450,114

**FUNDING REQUIREMENTS BY MAJOR OFFICE (US$ ‘000)**

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*Minimum requirement for the replenishment

**FOR EVERY US$1 INVESTED IN WHO, AT LEAST US$35 IS DELIVERED AS RETURN ON INVESTMENT3**

**3 https://www.who.int/about/funding/invest-in-who/investment-case-2.0**

IN HEALTH EMERGENCIES, WE ARE ABLE TO MAXIMIZE RESOURCES BECAUSE WE:

- Use our knowledge as a long-term partner to the countries facing crises, to support and conduct rapid assessments and a tailored response
- Invest in local solutions, which meet specific needs of communities and ensure longer-term resilience
- Prioritize, high-impact solutions, such as vaccines
- Coordinate the activities of 900 partners in the Health Cluster, ensuring no critical needs are unmet and minimizing duplication of efforts
- Are uniquely placed to coordinate an interoperable response across countries and ensure that information and lessons are shared globally

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