
WHO Seeks €1.39 Billion to Address 2024's Global Health Crises



The World Health Organisation has made an urgent appeal, requesting €1.39 billion to support vital health services in 41 emergencies worldwide for the year 2024. This call for funding is a response to the multitude of challenges, including conflicts, climate change, and economic instability, affecting millions globally.

Addressing these emergencies, which span diverse global regions, is crucial as they continue to disrupt essential health services, leading to catastrophic consequences for the vulnerable populations involved. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the WHO Director-General, stressed the importance of this initiative, "For those facing emergencies, disruptions to essential health services often mean the difference between life and death."

The 2024 funding aims to enable critical healthcare services, including the distribution of vital health supplies and equipment. This support is especially crucial in hard-to-reach areas and will be executed in partnership with local organisations. It will also focus on maintaining existing healthcare systems and building resilience against future threats.

Highlighting the value of this funding, the WHO points out that every euro invested results in a return of at least €35. The allocation of funds across regions includes €310.62 million for Africa, €655.65 million for the Eastern Mediterranean, €170.19 million for Europe, €14.14 million for the Western Pacific, €45.57 million for South-East Asia, and €121.83 million for the Americas.

In his statement, Dr. Tedros emphasised the critical role of international support, "With the support of donors, we will save lives, meet critical health needs for the most vulnerable, and help communities emerge from crises with a greater ability to tackle future health threats." He expressed gratitude for the support received in 2023, which significantly aided WHO's efforts in assisting millions. As 2024 unfolds, the continued solidarity and backing of the international community are more crucial than ever.

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