

Introduction

- ▶ The World Health Organization is a specialized agency of United Nations
- ▶ WHO was established on 7th April 1948
- ▶ The headquarters of WHO is located in Geneva.
- ▶ WHO serves as the directing and coordinating authority for International health matters and public health.



History

- First global health organization. In latter half of 19th century, several cholera epidemics were occurred. At that time, international sanitary conference were held in Europe to co-ordinate policy and practice around quarantine and disease management.
- The League of Nations established a health organization in 1920.



Establishment

- ▶ Establishment of the United Nations is in 1945, marked as period of aggressive internationalism & international organization building & though health was not initially thought to be under the U.N.
- ▶ After its motion started by Brazilian and Chinese delegates to establish an international health organization and that was generally accepted.
- ▶ A group of health experts, working on emergency relief in World War II were charged with the task of drafting a constitution to define the structure & mandate of the body that would become known as the World Health Organization (WHO)
- ▶ Finally, WHO's constitution came into force on 7th April 1948. This date celebrates every year as "WORLD HEALTH DAY" by all over world.

Objectives of WHO

To develop & implement multisectorial public policies for health, integrated gender & age sensitive approaches that facilitate community empowerment, together with action for health promotion, self-care & health protection throughout the life course in cooperation with the relevant national and International partners.

Organizational Structure

i WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY [Parliament]

- The world health assembly is the supreme decision making body of WHO.
- It generally meets in Geneva in may, each year, and is attended by delegations from all 194 member states.

Main function of assembly are :

1. To determine international health policy and programme
2. To review the work of past years
3. To approve the Budget.
4. To elect member state to designate a person to serve for 3 years on executive board.
5. Supervises the financial policies of the organization & reviews and approves the proposed program budget.



ii EXECUTIVE BOARD

- The executive board is composed of 34 members technically qualified in the field of health.
- Members are elected for 3 years terms.
- The main functions of the board are to give effect to the decisions and policies of the health assembly, to advise it & generally to facilitate its work.

iii SECRETARIAT

- The secretariat of WHO is staffed by some 8000 health and other experts and support staff on fixed-term appointment, working at headquarters in the 6 regional offices.
- There are 5 assistant Director General and their responsibility is assigned by DG in different Divisions.

Regional office
of WHO

Headquarters

African Region,
Lagos

Brazzaville

Region of the Americas,
USA

Washington

South East Asia Region,
India

New Delhi

European Region,
Denmark

Copenhagen

Eastern Mediterranean Region,
Cairo

Egypt

Western Pacific Region,
Philippines

Manila

Vision

"The attainment by all people the highest level of health"

Mission

"To lead strategic collaborative efforts among Member States & other partners to promote equity health, to combat disease, and to improve the quality of, and lengthen, the lives of the all people of the world"



WHO's Work

- Prevention and control of specific diseases.
- Development of comprehensive health services to improve the
- Family health
- Environmental health
- Health statistics
- Bio-medical research.
- Assembling of Health literature and information.
- Cooperation with other organizations to get the equilibrium in improved health status.

Conclusion

"Although WHO has both opportunities and challenges; Its contribution is great to increase the quality of life and living standard globally"

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