

# BLOOMING BUDS SCHOOL

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# Introduction

- The World Health Organisation is a specialized agency of United Nations.
- W.H.O. was established on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1948.
- The headquarters of W.H.O. is located in Geneva.
- W.H.O. serves as the directing and co-ordinating authority for International health matters and public health.





# History

- ↳ It is the first global health organization. In later half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, several cholera epidemic had occurred. At that time, an International Sanitary Conference was held in Europe to co-ordinate policy and practice around quarantine and disease management.
- ↳ The League of Nations established a health organization in 1920.



World Health  
Organization

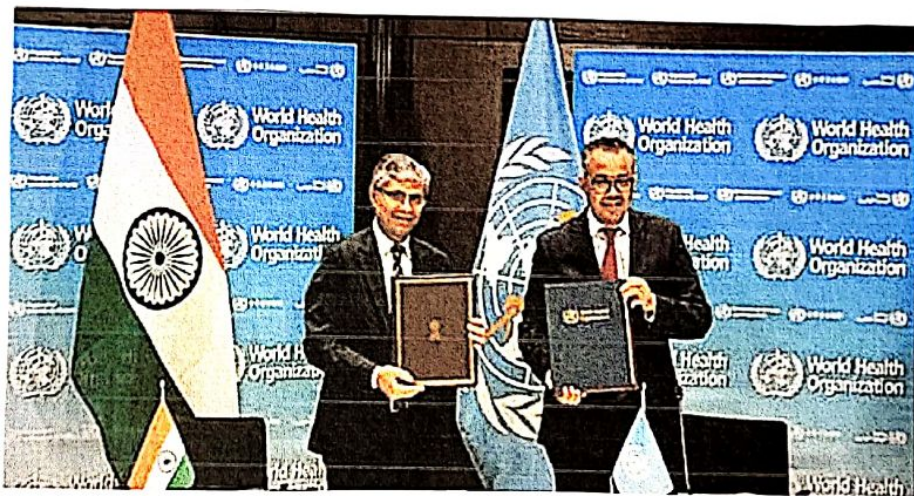
# Establishment

- ↳ Establishment of the United Nations is in 1945, marked as a period of aggressive internationalism and international organization building and though health was not initially thought to be under the U.N.
- ↳ After its motion was started by Brazilians 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 and mandate of the body that would become known as the World Health Organization (W.H.O.).
- ↳ Finally, W.H.O's constitution came into force on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1948. This date, is celebrated as "WORLD HEALTH DAY" every year by all over the world.



# Objectives of W.H.O.

To develop and implement multisectorial public policies for health, integrated gender and age sensitive approaches that facilitate community empowerment, together with action for health promotion, self-care and health protection throughout the life course in co-operation 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 the W.H.O.
- It generally meets in Geneva in May each year, and is attended by delegations from all 194 member states.

## MAIN FUNCTIONS 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 members state to designate a person to serve for 3 years on executive board.
5. Supervises the financial policies of the organization and reviews and approves the proposal 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 term.
- 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 W.H.O 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 W.H.O.

# Headquarters

African Region, Congo

Brazzaville

Region of the Americas,  
U.S.A.

Washington

South East Asia Region,  
India

New Delhi

European Region,  
Denmark

Copenhagen

Eastern Mediterranean  
Region, Cairo

Egypt

Western Pacific Region,  
Phillippines

Manila



# Vision

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

# Mission

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



# W.H.O.'s Work

- Prevention and cure of specific diseases.
- Development of comprehensive health services to improve the health of an individual.
- 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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