

# **GARD**

## **Global Alliance against Chronic Respiratory Diseases**

**WHO**

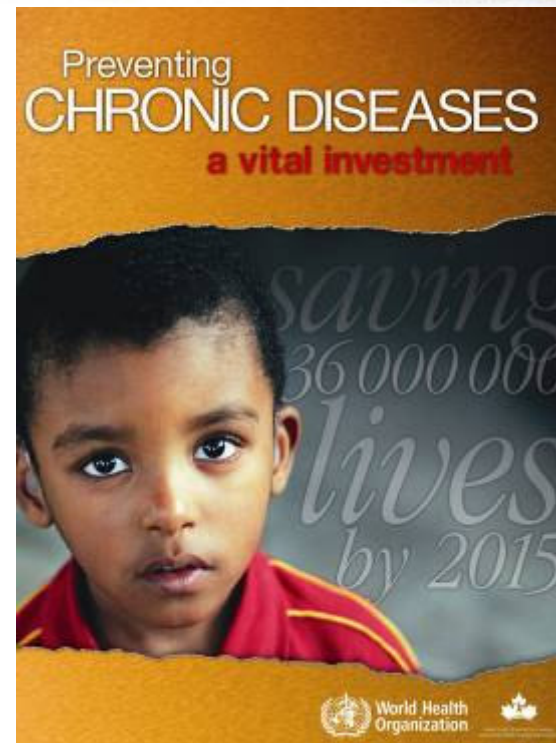
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# Preventing **CHRONIC DISEASES** **a vital investment**

[www.who.int/chp](http://www.who.int/chp)



**World Health  
Organization**



# **GARD Launch Press Conference**

**N Zhong (China):** Chronic respiratory diseases (CRD) are a major burden in China

**S Hurd (USA):** The burden of CRD

**N Khaltayev (WHO):** From the fragmented CRD programs to GARD

**J Bousquet (France):** The GARD action plan

**M Boland (Ireland):** Health promotion and CRD prevention

**J Walsh (USA):** The patient's expectations

# **N Khaltaev - WHO**

**From the fragmented CRD programs  
to GARD**

# WHA resolution 53.17

The 53<sup>rd</sup> World Health Assembly

- recognized the enormous human suffering caused by chronic respiratory diseases (CRDs)
- and **requested** the WHO Director General to continue giving priority to the prevention and control of CRDs
- with special emphasis on developing countries and other deprived populations

***WHA resolution 53.17, May 2000***

***endorsed by all 191 WHO Member States***

# WHO calls for a global and coordinated effort to fight chronic respiratory diseases



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- The Global Alliance against Chronic Respiratory Diseases (GARD) is a voluntary alliance of organizations, institutions, and agencies working towards a common vision to improve global lung health according to the local needs.
- Vision:

**A world where all people can breathe freely:**

**Breath for all.**

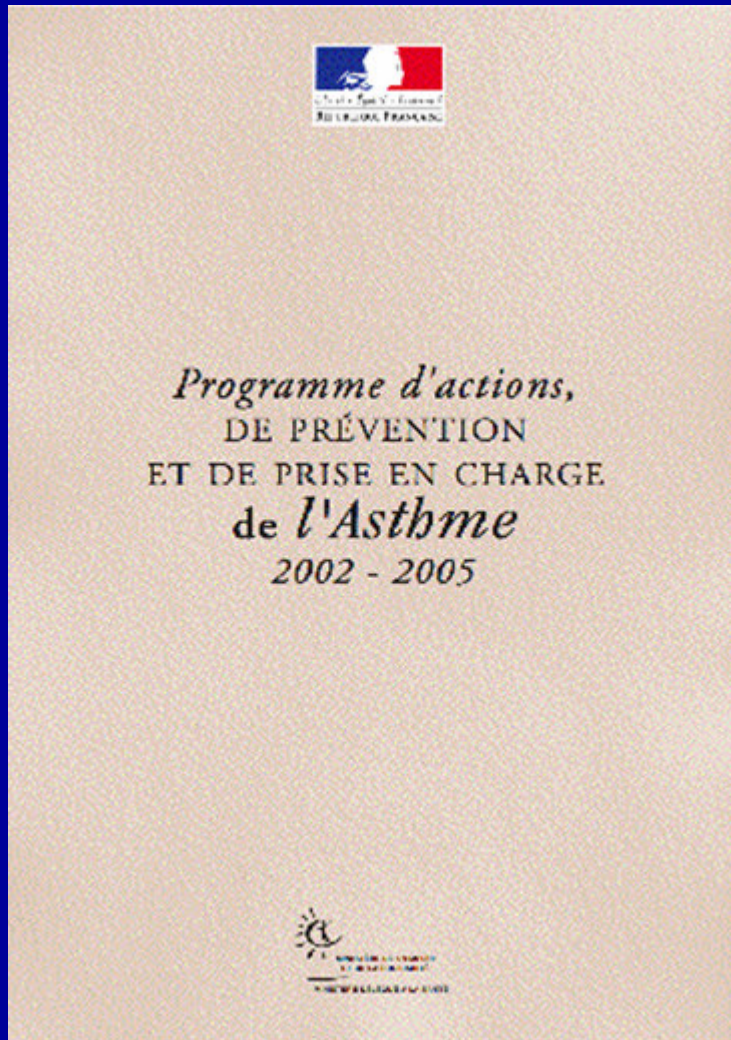
# Fragmented success stories

- Asthma and COPD plans:
  - **Brasil**
  - **China**
  - **Finland**
  - **France**
  - **Portugal**
  - **USA**

# Experience from Brazil

- In Brazil since 2002 the ministry of health provides free pharmaceutical assistance for severe asthmatics.
- In the province of Salvador this lead to the reduction of 55% of hospital submissions. The mean annual income of families of severe asthmatics increased by 10 %.
- The public health system has saved 566 US\$ per patient per year.

# A Success Story: France



- Increase awareness on asthma (patients and public)
- Improve
  - **management of acute severe asthma**
  - **follow-up of asthmatics**
  - **diagnosis and management of childhood asthma in schools**
- Increase patient education
- Better manage and prevent occupational asthma
- Surveillance of asthma and risk factors

# Healthcare benefits from asthma intervention

