Universal access to emergency and essential surgical care

Reach the unreached

- An estimated 234 million surgical operations are performed globally every year, yet the poorest third of the world’s population receive only 3.5% of all surgical operations.¹
- Timely access to surgical care is crucial to save lives and prevent disabilities as a result of injuries, pregnancy-related complications, congenital anomalies, cancer, diabetes, violence, disasters, and other surgical conditions.
- The WHO Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care is a global forum encouraging collaboration and partnership to strengthen surgical services worldwide.


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