

WHO values charter

Our values Our DNA

WHO, as the directing and coordinating authority on international health within the United Nations system, adheres to the UN core values of integrity, professionalism and respect for diversity. The values of the WHO workforce furthermore reflect the principles of human rights, universality and equity established in WHO's Constitution as well as the ethical standards of the Organization. These values are inspired by the WHO vision of a world in which all peoples attain the highest possible level of health, and our mission to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable, with measurable impact for people at country level. We are individually and collectively committed to put these values into practice.



Trusted to serve public health at all times

We put people's health interests first
Our actions and recommendations are independent
Our decisions are fair, transparent and timely



Professionals committed to excellence in health

We uphold the highest standards of professionalism across all roles and specializations
We are guided by the best available science, evidence and technical expertise
We continuously develop ourselves and innovate to respond to a changing world



Persons of integrity

We practice the advice we give to the world
We engage with everyone honestly and in good faith
We hold ourselves and others accountable for words and actions



Collaborative colleagues and partners

We engage with colleagues and partners to strengthen impact at country level
We recognize and use the power of diversity to achieve more together
We communicate openly with everyone and learn from one another



People caring about people

We courageously and selflessly defend everyone's right to health
We show compassion for all human beings and promote sustainable approaches to health
We strive to make people feel safe, respected, empowered, fairly treated and duly recognized

Promote health | Keep the world safe | Serve the vulnerable