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It is my pleasure to introduce you to the inaugural edition of the WHO Armenia's quarterly newsletter. This first issue captures some of the major highlights from the WHO Country Office in Armenia during 2024 and until September 2024. These activities reflect the support aimed towards implementing the priorities of the Ministry of Health in Armenia as outlined in the Biennial Collaborative Agreement (BCA) 2024-2025. This agreement between the Government of Armenia and the WHO Regional Office for Europe, aligns itself with the WHO European Regional and Global Programmes of Work, prioritizing public health needs in Armenia and thereby creating a foundation for sustainable and lasting health improvements. The BCA constitutes a guiding framework for addressing Armenia's most pressing health challenges, strengthening the commitment of the Government of Armenia to achieve the health and well-being of its population. These collaborative efforts support the country's broader development goals reinforcing good governance and its pathway towards achieving the UN sustainable development goals.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Health, national and international organizations, UN agencies, civil society, academia, and all development partners, whose support and contributions made these initiatives possible. Together, we are advancing Armenia's national health priorities and bolstering the change for a healthier future for all.

I hope you find this newsletter insightful and inspiring, as it captures the dedication and collaboration driving implementation of Armenia's health priorities and agenda.

PRIORITIES OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WHO 2024 – 2025

Moving towards Universal

Strengthened Resilience to Health

Emergencies

Protecting against

Health Emergencies

Capacity Building for Safeguarding the **National Health Security**

Strengthened Pandemic Preparedness and Response



Promoting Health and Well-being

Prevention and Control of Common Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) cardiovascular diseases, cancer, chronic pulmonary diseases and diabetes



Prevention, Early Detection and Control of Communicable Diseases - TB, HIV, Hepatitis, etc



Controlled Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and Patient Safety through One Health Approach



Integrated Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS)



Risk Communication, **Community Engagement** and Infodemic Management



Control, Eliminate and **Eradicate Vaccine Preventable Diseases**



Improved Quality of Maternal and Child Health Care



Partnerships for Health



Health Coverage (UHC)

Primary Health Care (PHC)





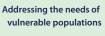
















Health Systems

Advancing Universal Health Coverage in Armenia: Strategic Policy Dialogue on Primary Health

Care Reforms

Investing in Primary Health Care (PHC) as a means to achieve universal health coverage is essential for equitable healthcare and stronger health systems.

WHO Armenia, the Ministry of Health, and partners took a significant step forward towards crafting the development of a comprehensive PHC model with technical guidance from the WHO European Center for PHC, Almaty.



Mental Health

Instigating System Transformation for Expanded Access to Community-Based Care through Collaboration

WHO Armenia and stakeholders in the National Coalition for Mental Health are advancing the Ministry's efforts to integrate community-based mental health services into Primary Health Care and enhance the capacity of healthcare professionals.



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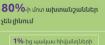
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Strengthening **Armenia's Preparedness** for West Nile Virus

Three-levels of WHO (Country Office, Regional Office, and Headquarters) supported Armenia to curb the spread of the West Nile Virus (WNV) with laboratory testing support, trainings in clinical case management, epidemiological surveillance and vector control as well as communications.

The support also included preparedness for possible WNV outbreak during the 2025 transmission season.

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Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

Upholding transparency, integrity and accountability in our work of supporting the Ministry of Health

WHO Armenia trained its implementing partners in Armenia on zero tolerance towards sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), to ensure strengthened community safeguards and enhanced capacity to maintain safe and respectful environments for all stakeholders while supporting the Ministry of Health with its priorities.



Digital Health and Innovation

Advancing e-health practices and digital strategies for health in Armenia

The Armenian delegation explored digitalized healthcare systems and digital health information system in Denmark to advance e-health as well as digital and AI solutions for health



Learn more

in Armenia.

Immunization

Ensuring a threefold increase of vaccinated young girls and women protected from cervical cancer



The five-year long recovery journey led to an improvement in HPV vaccination coverage in Armenia from 8% to 26% - a significant way forward to protect girls and women from cervical cancer. This was a joint effort led by the Ministry of Health, WHO Armenia, the National Centre for Disease Control, and other stakeholders.

Communicable Diseases

Strengthening Tuberculosis (TB) Control in Armenia

WHO Armenia together with the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the Ministry of Health jointly assessed TB preventive treatment and screening in Armenia including measures to address TB amongst labour migrants.



Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology

Moving Forward Rehabilitation Progress in Armenia



First-ever baseline situational assessment of rehabilitation in Armenia was implemented by the Ministry of Health and WHO Armenia which identified the needs and opportunities paving a way forward to ensure access to and utilization of rehabilitation services in Armenia thereby ensuring social inclusion.

Public health days in focus

International Youth Day 2024

Today's Youth is Tomorrow's Decision-maker - on #InternationalYouthDay and every day: listen, engage and empower young people! We explored what to do to lead and promote a healthy lifestyle through healthy and balanced nutrition, physical activity, adequate sleep and overcoming stress.



Public health days in focus

World Pharmacist Day



Meet Margarita Melikyan, pharmacist featured on World Pharmacist Day.

"On a daily basis, to the best of my ability, I try to promote the rational use of antimicrobials, by explaining and clarifying to patients the possible negative consequences of misusing antibiotics, especially through self-medication."

#WorldPharmacistsDay

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