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For universal health coverage, we: focus on primary health care to improve access to quality essential services work towards sustainable financing and financial protection improve access to essential medicines and health products train the health workforce and advise on labour policies support people's participation in national health policies improve monitoring, data and information. For health emergencies, we: prepare for emergencies by identifying, mitigating and managing risks prevent emergencies and support development of tools necessary during outbreaks detect and respond to acute health emergencies support delivery of essential health services in fragile settings. For health and well-being we: address social determinants promote intersectoral approaches for health prioritize health in all policies and healthy settings. Through our work, we address: human capital across the life-course noncommunicable diseases prevention mental health promotion climate change in small island developing states antimicrobial resistance elimination and eradication of high-impact communicable diseases. Chikungunya Le chikungunya est une maladie virale transmise par les moustiques Covering the period from July 2022 to June 2023, this Report highlights how WHO in the Western Pacific Region has worked to turn the hard lessons of the... This report, covering the period from July 2021 to June 2022, highlights how WHO continued supporting countries and areas in the Western Pacific Region... Member States in the World Health Organization Western Pacific Region unanimously adopted For the Future: Towards the Healthiest and Safest Region... Covering the period from July 2019 to June 2020, this Report highlights how WHO in the Western Pacific Region has been responding to the largest, most... "WHO's work is about serving people, about serving humanity. Most importantly, it's about fighting to ensure the health of people is a basic human right." - Dr Tedros Together for a healthier world WHO's work is founded on the principle that all people, everywhere, should enjoy the highest standard of health. We seek talented professionals looking to contribute to this important mission as members of our international workforce. WHO offers a dynamic work environment, opportunities for professional development and a competitive pay and benefits package. We are committed to achieving a diverse, multicultural and gender balanced workforce with broad representation from our Member States. Are you 1 in a billion? Can you imagine by 2023 one billion more people with access to health services, one billion more kept safer from outbreaks and emergencies, and another billion living healthier? WHO and our partners can. Join us on the drive to provide health for all. Trusted to serve public health at all times Professionals committed to excellence in health Persons of integrity Collaborative colleagues and partners People caring about people WHO provides a safe environment, cares deeply about employee well-being and is committed to providing a work environment that respects the inherent dignity of all persons. WHO has a responsibility to take all appropriate steps to prevent and respond to harassment, including sexual harassment, discrimination and abuse of authority in the workplace. Learn more about the WHO environment WHO's policies and hiring practices are grounded in diversity, equity and inclusion. We continue to strive for gender balance throughout the organization. WHO encourages applications from unrepresented and underrepresented countries, people with disabilities, younger applicants and women. Learn more about diversity, equity and inclusion ...it was pure fate that my application to WHO was successful. It was as though everything had been leading to this. Tuan Nghia Ton Technical Officer Read the testimonial I can contribute to this area of work, and in an organization like WHO it means I can have a lasting impact on the lives of so many people. Maria Intan Josi Health Research Assistant Read the testimonial ...I believe that real wealth is measured by the health of our communities Mahmoud Sabra Logistics Assistant Read the testimonial ...I am on an exciting journey, and exactly where I need to be today, supporting WHO's mission and I will continue to grow wherever I go. Programme Management Officer Read the testimonial WHO job areas WHO acknowledges the needs for a strong workforce to achieve the vision of improving the health and well-being of people everywhere. Each day, our teams meet the emerging challenges in all the areas of the Organization, from senior leaders to emergency administration staff, and from health specialists to data managers. WHO's pillar of accountability is held by senior leadership roles. They are our driving force and our face to the public. They are committed to upholding WHO's role in our changing world and inspiring the next generation of leaders. The stronger our leaders, the healthier our world will be. Learn more about our governing bodies Our administration is dedicated to business strategy and innovative practices. WHO recognizes the importance of a strong management administration structure, committed to enabling people to work to the best of their ability and to optimizing the resources available throughout the organization. Learn more about our Programme of Work At any one time, the WHO workforce is actively responding to dozens of infectious disease outbreaks and natural disasters around the world. WHO staff have an essential role to play in supporting Member States to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies with public health consequences. Learn more about work in health emergencies WHO categories The WHO workforce is our most important resource. WHO offers job opportunities under three kinds of staff categories as well as other contractual arrangements. WHO staff can apply to fixed term or temporary appointments and successful candidates will receive an attractive salary and benefits package. Some staff are part of our agile workforce mobility programme and all staff are employed under WHO's Rules and Regulations. Depending on your duty station, you may benefit from different health and well-being programmes and services. WHO has opportunities at different levels of responsibility and experience. We seek motivated individuals in all categories of work that meet our educational and work experience requirements. WHO also advertises other contractual arrangements for specific programme needs and offers competitive rates. WHO Talent Programmes Help us reach our Triple Billion targets by joining us through one of our talent programmes. The Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Programme allows young professionals to gain practical experience in multi-lateral technical co-operation at an early stage in their career. Positions are available at our headquarters and at our regional and country offices. WHO's Internship Programme offers a wide range of opportunities for students and recent graduates to gain insight into our technical programmes and administration; to acquire knowledge in specific areas and benefit from hands on work experience. WHO offers opportunities for UN Volunteers in many areas of expertise to strengthen capacity at the country and regional levels. UN Volunteers support WHO by contributing their skills to help reach our Triple Billion targets. This WHO programme offers young professionals from a specific list of "Least Developed Countries" structured opportunities to engage in WHO's work and build skills and competencies in key public health areas and incorporates exposure at country level. Lifelong learning and career development WHO Academy: To be established in mid 2021, the WHO Academy will provide opportunities for high quality lifelong learning in health for millions of people around the world. Within WHO, the Academy will be the smart school for all WHO staff to help them learn, grow and progress in their career paths. Find out more about the WHO Academy The Career Management and Development team aims to support staff and encourage their growth at all stages of their careers with WHO. The team provides training, tools and assistance to help staff meet their potential, for both their personal benefit and to contribute to an organization of excellence. All training and workshops are delivered globally. 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Corrigendum: We have updated the document to remove the mutation, L455S, from the Spike mutations that differentiate NB.1.8.1 from JN.1. During the four-week reporting period from 6 January to 2 February 2025, weekly SARS-CoV-2 PCR percent test positivity changed from 7.3% in the beginning... We are champions for healthier, safer lives Our team of 8000+ professionals includes the world's leading public health experts, including doctors, epidemiologists, scientists and managers. Together, we coordinate the world's response to health emergencies, promote well-being, prevent disease and expand access to health care. By connecting nations, people and partners to scientific evidence they can rely on, we strive to give everyone an equal chance at a safe and healthy life. We are professionals committed to integrity and excellence in health. With a spirit of collaboration and a steadfast commitment to science, we are trusted to care for the world's health. WHO is an organization of 194 Member States. The Member States elect the Director-General, who leads the organization in achieving its global health goals. Secretariat WHO's Secretariat includes experts, staff and field workers at our Geneva-based headquarters, 6 Regional Offices and other stations located in 150+ countries around the world. Member States WHO works with all Member States to support them to achieve the highest standard of health for all people. Our staff working in countries advise ministries of health and other sectors on public health issues and provide support to plan, implement and monitor health programmes. World Health Assembly The World Health Assembly is WHO's highest level decision-making forum. Every year, delegates from all Member States convene at the World Health Assembly to set priorities and chart a course for global health progress. Our leadership team With strong connections between offices, WHO works on the front lines in 150+ locations across 6 regions. WHO's Director-General outlines the vision and oversees all our international health work whilst our Regional Directors lead the work of the 6 Regional Offices and their country offices. The Regional Directors work closely with the Director-General to implement strategies and programmes across all levels of the Organization. Skip to main content Browse selected WHO news below. The International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) provide a global framework for health security that mandates each country to build and maintain... Sri Lanka has a long and impressive history of strong leadership and commitment to International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) compliance and health... The second Joint External Evaluation (JEE), convened by Zambia National Public Health Institute (ZNPHI), assessed Zambia's compliance with the International... 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