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World Health Organization

Improving Care in Low- and Middle- Income Countries

Global efforts to improve emergency, critical and operative care for universal health coverage and protection from health emergencies were announced at the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. With the support of its founding partners the American Heart Association and the Laerdal Foundation, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced an initiative based on a new acute care resolution that was approved at this year's World Health Assembly, the decision-making body of WHO.



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Nearly **30 million deaths** are due to **emergency conditions each year**, contributing to half of global deaths. **The acute disease burden in low- and middle- income countries (LMICs) is 4.4 times that of high-income countries.**



The new WHO initiative spotlights that **emergency, critical and operative care services are an integral part of a comprehensive primary health care approach.**

Next Steps:



Development and dissemination of WHO trainings, process tools and other acute care strengthening resources.



Leveraging these initial efforts to **secure large-scale funding for sustainable expansion of the Acute Care Action Network.**



Improving efficiency and effectiveness of acute care, strengthening efforts through **coordinated monitoring, evaluation and research strategies** to expand the evidence base and identify high impact interventions for limited resource settings.



Launching a Network Implementation Fund to support LMIC partner implementation and evaluation activities.

For more information, visit the Resolution and the **WHO Emergency website.**

