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WHO launches appeal for $1.5 B for key emergencies in 2024

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To help communities emerge from crises with a greater ability to tackle future health threats



The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched an appeal for $1.5 billion to protect the health of the most vulnerable populations in 41 emergencies around the globe in 2024.

The appeal covers the emergencies that demand the highest level of response from WHO, with the aim to reach over 87 million people. It is being issued in a context of complex emergencies cutting across crises of conflict, climate change and economic instability, which continue to fuel displacement, hunger, and inequality.

Support in 2024 will enable life-saving healthcare, distribution of critical health supplies and equipment, along with maintenance of essential health services to ensure continuous care. The funding supports direct access to health care for communities in hard-to-reach areas, in partnerships with local organisations, and effective response to monitor, share information and document outbreaks and attacks on health workers. Other important actions are maintenance of existing healthcare systems and building resilience against future threats.

The appeal notes the positive value of funding to supporting people with humanitarian needs. Every $1 invested in WHO delivers a return on investment of at least $35.

The funding would go to the African Region, with $334 million; the Eastern Mediterranean Region, with $705 million; the European region, with $183 million; the Western Pacific Region, with $15.2 million; the South-East Asia Region, with $49 million; and the Americas Region, with $131 million.