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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The World Heart Federation is dedicated to leading the global fight against cardiovascular disease (CVD), including heart disease and stroke. With a focus on low- and middle-income countries, we are the only global advocacy and leadership organisation bringing together the CVD community to help people live longer, better, and more heart-healthy lives. WHF is the only CVD organization in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO). Working with more than 200 member organizations in over 100 countries, we strive for a 25% reduction by 2025 in premature deaths from CVD around the world.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Awareness raising and advocacy
- Applied research
- Sharing science and capacity building

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

From its strategic location in Geneva, Switzerland, the World Heart Federation's advocacy specialists work with the World Health Organization, United Nations, and other international bodies to influence global policies, development strategies, and funding allocations to enable all decision-makers to make CVD a priority issue in their work. The core focus is the reduction of cardiovascular diseases caused by risk factors such as tobacco, as well as increased access to treatment of neglected heart conditions such as rheumatic heart disease. WHF strives to build global commitment to policy action against cardiovascular diseases, and to advance the scientific knowledge to treat and prevent CV. Furthermore, every year on 29 September the World Heart Federation alongside its member associations and global partners celebrates World Heart Day, to raise awareness of cardiovascular health to the public and to advocate to policy makers for increased monitoring and surveillance of CVD.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

WHF is governed by a 15-member Board, led by the President of the Board Professor Karen Sliwa. Jean-Luc Eiselé is the current Chief Executive Officer, heading a staff of 15.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

WHF is mainly funded through membership fees, income from congresses and donations by corporates, foundations and organizations. Total income in 2016 was CHF 4.6 million.

PUBLICATIONS

For all WHF publications, see: <https://www.world-heart-federation.org/resources/>

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