



*Making People Healthier*



**World Health  
Organization**

COUNTRY OFFICE FOR **Rwanda**



## WHO WE ARE

The World Health Organization (WHO) was established on 7th April 1948 as the specialized agency of the United Nations focusing on International public health. Its objective is “the attainment by all people of the highest possible level of health”. It is made up of 194 member states, supported by a secretariat with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland and six regional offices including the African Regional Office (WHO/AFRO) based in Brazzaville, Congo.

### **In Rwanda, we operate under the One UN umbrella of “Delivering as One”.**

The UN Joint Program with the Government of Rwanda is integrated in the United Nations Assistance Plan (UNDAF) aligned to the National Strategy for Transformation and Vision 2050.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF WHO IN RWANDA

WHO work in Rwanda is translated into action through the Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) which focuses on supporting the country to domesticate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and strengthen its health system towards attainment of Universal Health Coverage (UHC). In Rwanda, we have negotiated and agreed with the Government to deliver five strategic priorities which are: strengthening the health system to improve access to health services, improving access to diagnostic and treatment facilities for communicable and non-communicable diseases, supporting activities aimed at reducing maternal, new born, child and adolescent morbidity and mortality through the improved access to immunization and family planning services. Other priorities include: working with relevant partners to improve access to social determinants of health such as water, sanitation, nutrition etc.. as well as supporting improved access to good quality health services during disasters.



## HOW DO WE DELIVER ON THESE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES?

WHO Rwanda delivers on its five strategic priorities by supporting the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC) to coordinate health partners, develop and implement evidence-based policies, strategies and guidelines, set and monitor public health standards, build institutional capacity for public health and monitor the health situation in the country. These are conducted within the framework of WHO reforms and WHO/AFRO Transformation Agenda which both aim to transform WHO in the African Region into a more responsive, fit-for-purpose and efficient leader in public health on the continent.

## HOW ARE WE ORGANIZED?

WHO Rwanda currently has 12 programmes and 36 staff which comprise of both international and national professionals.



The office is supported by its regional and global support teams which further enhance its capacity.

## WHO ARE OUR PARTNERS?

In Rwanda, our partners include amongst others, the Ministry of Health, the Rwanda Biomedical Centre, UN agencies, bilateral organizations such as USAID, US CDC, Belgium Technical Cooperation, Swiss Development Cooperation, UK DFID, local and international civil society organizations.



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