

Pharmacy meeting global health needs

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Sustainable peace and prosperity for all is the overarching purpose of the **17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, of which SDG 3 is **health and well-being for all**.



Key to this goal is that all people have access to the full range of quality essential health services they need, from health promotion to prevention, and from treatment to palliative care — in other words, **universal health coverage (UHC)**, which is an SDG 3 target.

It is acknowledged that to deliver UHC, health systems need to be strong, efficient, equitable and rooted in communities, and that primary health care is the most effective means of achieving this goal. According to the World Health Organization,¹ the success

of primary health care will be driven by:

- 1 **knowledge and capacity building,**
- 2 **human resources for health,**
- 3 **technology (including medicines),**
and financing.

1



Thanks to pharmacists, we have vital health services!

Being situated at the hearts of communities, with expert knowledge and long opening hours, and providing a wide range of services, mean that pharmacies are key in ensuring access to health care, helping to address inequities in coverage.

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Thanks to pharmacy educators, we have a skilled pharmaceutical workforce!

There can be no health without a workforce, and schools of pharmacy around the world have produced thousands more pharmacists ready to meet global health needs.

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Thanks to pharmaceutical scientists, we have essential medicines!

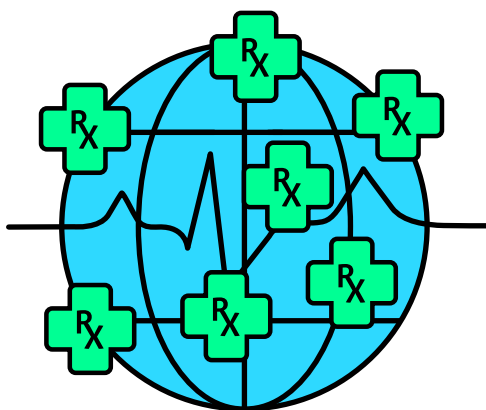
Pharmaceutical sciences are used to develop the effective, quality and affordable medicines and vaccines that people need.

The global health agenda and pharmacists

Pharmacists in action

Further targets under SDG 3 define other health needs, including to:

- End epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and combat other communicable diseases; and
- Reduce premature deaths from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment.



Around the world, pharmacists are meeting these needs in diverse ways. In Brazil, they prescribe HIV prophylactic treatments.² In India, they provide directly-observed therapy for tuberculosis.³ In Argentina, they compound mosquito repellents to address shortages.⁴ In South Africa, they administer childhood vaccines against diseases such as polio and measles.⁵

In Lebanon, they manage medicines for patients with diabetes.⁶ In Northern Ireland they help people to stop smoking.⁷ In addition, pharmacists in the Netherlands are implementing a programme to lessen the impact of the health sector on climate change.⁸ Pharmacists around the world continue to provide care amid crises of natural and manmade disasters,⁹ and they have worked to prepare for future health emergencies.¹⁰

Promoting, providing, protecting, powering and performing — pharmacists everywhere are accelerating progress towards good health for all.

“The pharmacy profession has achieved so much in improving health and well-being. FIP’s World Pharmacists Day is an opportunity to celebrate these successes but also to advocate our profession’s value and further potential in meeting health needs and addressing health challenges. FIP’s work is aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, providing key tools such as the FIP Development Goals¹¹ to support the profession and facilitate progress in all countries and territories so that we can reach our full potential.”



Paul Sinclair
president, FIP



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More information and campaign materials are available here:

www.fip.org/world-pharmacists-day.

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