We need a stronger and reformed WHO that belongs to all equally – that is effectively managed, adequately resourced and results-driven.

— DR TEDROS

GLOBAL LEADER.
SUCCESSFUL REFORMER.
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Over three decades, Dr Tedros has been a distinguished leader who has saved and improved lives in Africa and around the world. Notable roles and other qualifications include:

- Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ethiopia
- Minister of Health, Ethiopia
- Chair, Global Fund to Fights AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Board
- Chair, Roll Back Malaria Partnership Board
- Co-Chair, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Board
- Ph.D. in Community Health, Master of Science in Immunology of Infectious Diseases
- Globally recognised expert and author on health issues, including health workforce strengthening, emergency responses to epidemics, and malaria

HIS VISION:
A world where everyone can lead healthy and productive lives, regardless of who they are or where they live.

Achieving this will require a strong, effective WHO that works together at all levels – from Geneva to national capitals to local communities – to meet the challenges of the 21st century by:

- Putting people first
- Placing health at the centre of the global agenda
- Engaging countries and strengthening partnerships to deliver results
HIS LEADERSHIP PRIORITIES:

1. A TRANSFORMED WHO
   • Build WHO into a more effective, transparent and accountable agency that is independent, science and innovation-based, results-focused and responsive
   • Enhance WHO’s leadership and effectiveness by attracting and retaining global talent, securing sustainable financing, and harmonizing work both internally and with partners

2. HEALTH FOR ALL – UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE
   • Support national governments’ efforts to build stronger health systems that meet their unique needs and drive progress towards the health targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
   • Champion financial protection for health through both domestic and innovative financing
   • Advance access to life-saving vaccines and drugs, and accelerate research and development for both communicable and non-communicable diseases

3. HEALTH SECURITY
   • Ensure strong, coordinated and rapid global responses to health emergencies
   • Build national and community health systems that can prevent and manage crises, including challenges associated with migration and displacement
   • Champion innovation to predict and more effectively address emerging health threats, including antimicrobial resistance

4. WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS
   • Reach the most vulnerable, particularly in fragile and low-resource settings
   • Advance progress towards the Global Strategy for Women’s Children’s and Adolescents’ Health
   • Champion gender-responsive health policies and generate gender-specific health data

5. HEALTH IMPACTS OF CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE
   • Ensure national health authorities are well-equipped to address environmental changes
   • Secure earmarked funding to address the effects of climate and environmental change on health
   • Promote sustainability across the health sector by adopting low-carbon approaches