



WFPHA Declaration to Support the Strengthening of Partnerships between Public Health Associations and Schools of Public Health to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

The World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) and its 70 national public health association members strongly supports the UN Millennium Development Goals as a strategy to achieve more equitable distribution and greater access to resources, so all people of the world can achieve health and a better quality of life. In accordance with this, the WFPHA also strongly endorses the concept of health as a global public good.

The WFPHA and its member associations have convened discussion both in Brighton, England and in Geneva, Switzerland, to review the potential for greater collaboration between the national public health associations and schools of public health so they can work with and support WHO and its Regional Offices in helping member countries shape important, dynamic and exciting public health initiatives that will greatly influence the positive outcome of the MDGs.

To this end, the WFPHA declares that it will commit its resources, both human and financial, and seek the support of governments, private sector entities, and other NGOs in (i) taking direct steps to build strong partnerships between public health associations and schools of public health and (ii) focusing these new relationships on developing and carrying out activities that strengthen the health systems infrastructure in countries, particularly the human resource aspects, so that the health agenda of MDGs can be successfully achieved.

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