



World Federation of Public Health Associations
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Toward a World Public Health Fund
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Whereas today's world is filled with a multitude of public health issues and needs, from common diseases such as tuberculosis, AIDS and malaria to the threat of bio-terrorism, and from under nutrition to food safety and substance abuse;

Whereas all of these problems are caused by a multitude of interacting factors;

Whereas this leads to a need for a broad range of social, economic, political and technical measures; Whereas on the other hand internationally funded projects have tended to favor problem-specific solutions, which, however, fail to address some of the central issues;

And organizations, such as the World Health Organization and national Public Health Associations determined to address these problems have been left without the necessary resources so far -

Therefore the World Federation of Public Health Associations resolves to call for the creation of a World Public Health Fund.

This Fund would have to be the repository of regular contributions of public and private contributors of countries on the basis of the size of population and economic capacity.

It would be the basis for alleviating the problems with which Public Health is faced and allow region and country specific solutions by partnerships between and among the public and private sectors.

Organizations such as the national Public Health Associations and the World Federation of Public Health Associations are called upon to join together with the appropriate international bodies to exercise leadership in working toward such a fund and its use in addressing the issues at stake.