



SHEM HIGHLIGHTS



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WHO LAUNCHES APPEAL TO RESPOND TO URGENT HEALTH NEEDS IN THE GREATER HORN OF AFRICA

Millions of lives are in peril, including children. US\$ 123.7 million is needed for the health agency's response until December 2022.

2 Aug | WHO | The health and lives of people in the greater Horn of Africa are threatened as the region faces an unprecedented food crisis. In order to carry out urgent, life-saving work, WHO is today launching a funding appeal for US\$ 123.7 million.

Over 80 million people in the 7 countries spanning the region – Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda – are estimated to be food insecure, with upwards of 37.5 million people classified as being in IPC phase 3, a stage of crisis where people have to sell their possessions in order to feed themselves and their families, and where malnutrition is rife.

Driven by conflict, changes in climate and the COVID-19 pandemic, this region has become a hunger hotspot with disastrous consequences for the health and lives of its people.

“Hunger is a direct threat to the health and survival of millions of people in the greater Horn of Africa, but it also weakens the body's defences and opens the door to disease,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “WHO is looking to the international community to support our work on the ground responding to this dual threat, providing treatment for malnourished people, and defending them against infectious diseases.”

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EVENTS

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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
AFRICA: SEVENTY-FIRST
SESSION**



**25 AUG | SHEM
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SHEM General Assembly



25 AUGUST 1PM UTC

Launch of statement on health equity
Round table with Civil Society Organizations

INVITEES

GENEVA GLOBAL HEALTH HUB (G2H2)
NICOLETTA DENTICO
PLANETARY HEALTH ALLIANCE (PHA)
MARIE STUDER

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SHEM Collective Statement on Global Health

Civil society organizations have joined SHEM to call upon government authorities, multilateral organizations and other actors to support the establishment of an international agreement to respond to the ongoing global crisis of unconscionable global and national health inequities, including the effects of climate change.

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The Arctic has warmed nearly four times faster than the globe since 1979

Nature: Mika Rantanen, Alexey Yu. Karpechko, Antti Lipponen, Kalle Nordling, Otto Hyvärinen, Kimmo Ruosteenoja, Timo Vihma & Ari Laaksonen

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Should We Still Talk about Crisis?

World Federation of Public Health Associations: Bettina Borisch

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