

Public Health Wales: Nationally Focused, Globally Responsible Our International Health Strategy as an Enabler of Our Long-Term Strategy 2023-2035

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Background

- International Health Strategy **2017**
- **Significant changes and developments** at global, UK, national and organisational levels – Covid 19, Brexit, conflicts
- **Refresh 2022/23** to align with our Long-Term Strategy (LTS)

Public Health Wales' Global Public Health Offer 2023 – 2035

Nationally Focused, Globally Responsible: Our International Health Strategy 2023-35

Our international health vision is to be a globally connected and inspiring national public health organisation, working towards a healthier and fairer Wales to address worldwide challenges and shared goals.

The aims of the Strategy are to:

Maximise benefits for the health and well-being of the people of Wales

Develop globally responsible people and organisations

Respond to global health threats and benefit from international opportunities

The strategy will be delivered via six enabling international health activities:



Strengthen partnerships, collaborations, & networks.



Drive best practice & innovation.



Build globally responsible citizens & fulfilling international commitments.



Create an international health repository and Newsletter.



Provide an 'International Public Health Community of Practice'.



Support international opportunities for funding & capacity building.

Method & Engagement

Mapping
Exercise

Interviews

Surveys

Scoping
Review

Engagement Findings – Global Challenges

Health inequity

Climate Crisis

Migration

Anti-microbial
resistance

Pandemics

Health Systems

Engagement Findings – Interview answers

“Our engagement with partners across the globe helps us learn from other countries across the range of public health practices”

“...exporter and importer of innovative, impactful, knowledge, policy, and practice”

“External perspectives on a problem can help us to also address our own challenges”

“More effective when countries work together toward solutions for difficult issues such as climate change.”



The benefits of international and global health engagement, mapped to how they support the Long Term Strategy priorities



Benefits of international health activities

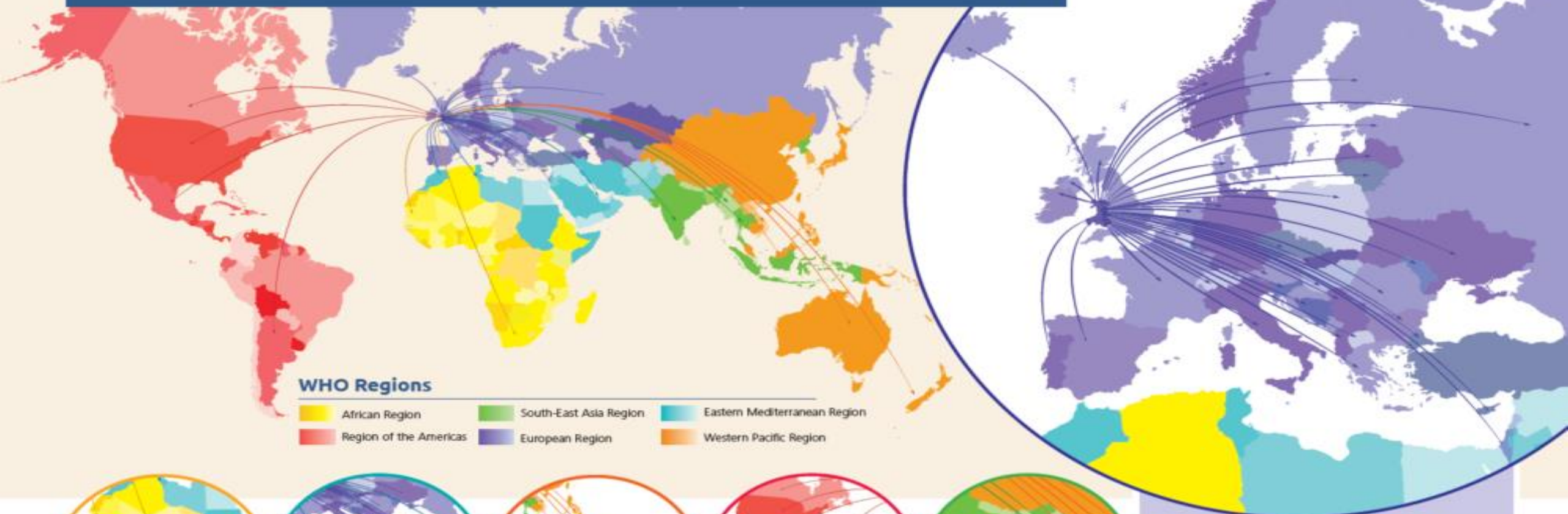
- Global challenges require coordinated global action
- Influence and stimulate positive change and innovation for people and communities
- Share learning, and enhance research and knowledge mobilisation
- Develop new and existing connections to work towards common goals at global, regional, and local levels
- Support sustainable development and implement its principles
- Develop enabling and globally responsible organisations
- Protect our nation and contribute to global health security
- Strengthen the system to improve resilience, sustainability, and integration
- Develop people and capacities
- Optimise resources and income generation

Organisational strategic priorities

- Promoting healthy behaviours
- Promoting mental and social wellbeing
- Tackling public health effects of climate change
- Influencing wider determinants of health
- Supporting a sustainable health and care system
- Delivering excellent public health services



Public Health Wales' International Collaborations and Partnerships



WHO Regions



African Region

South Africa
Mauretania



Eastern Mediterranean Region

Morocco • Qatar
Tunisia



Western Pacific Region

Australia • Malaysia
New Zealand
Philippines • Vietnam



Region of the Americas

Brazil • Canada
Mexico
United States of America



South-East Asia Region

India • Myanmar
Thailand

European Region

Austria • Belgium • Bosnia & Herzegovina
• Bulgaria • Croatia • Czech Republic • Denmark • England • Estonia • Finland • France • Germany • Greece • Hungary • Iceland • Italy • Israel • Latvia • Lithuania • Moldova • Montenegro • Netherlands • Norway • North Macedonia • Northern Ireland • Poland • Portugal • Republic of Ireland • Republic of Moldova • Romania • The Russian Federation • Serbia • Scotland • Slovakia • Slovenia • Spain • Sweden • Switzerland • Ukraine

International Health Examples



International Health Examples

International Horizon Scanning and Learning Report
Five Essential Conditions for Health Equity
Report 46, September 2023

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Health Impact Assessment for Climate Adaptation
Examples from Practice

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How could international trade agreements help or hinder the well-being of future generations in Wales?

Exploring the potential impacts of the CPTPP on well-being and the opportunities for future trade agreements to support a well-being economy

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How can you support and get involved?

- Sign up to our mail list – newsletter
- Join our Community of Practice
- Complete our Global Citizenship [training](#)
- Find an international link in your directorate or organisation
- Look for solutions abroad e.g. processes, policy, research & practice
- Build international partnerships – [Toolkit](#)
- Look for a WG funded placement ([ILO](#)) or [Grant](#) and bring back the learning

How will we track progress?

- Engagement via the International Health Coordination Centre (IHCC)
- Data collection e.g. new International activity
- 4-year monitoring & evaluation plan

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