



CREATING CHANGE: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

PHDC'24 AT A GLANCE
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PREFACE

Building on the success of the first Global Congress on Population, Health, and Development (PHDC'23) and recognizing the vital role of human capital in achieving sustainable development and well-being for all, we are honored to announce PHDC'24, the next chapter in this crucial dialogue. Reflecting an expanded focus, the congress has evolved to become the Global Congress on Population, Health, and Human Development (PHDC'24). This addition to the name highlights the deep interconnection between population dynamics, health, and human development.

By prioritizing human development—encompassing education, economic opportunity, social welfare, and overall well-being—we aim to create a robust foundation for a more sustainable and equitable future. This holistic approach acknowledges that a skilled, productive, and empowered population is essential for not only achieving positive health outcomes but also addressing the broader challenges posed by population changes, ensuring that all individuals can thrive in an ever-evolving world.

Achievements from PHDC'23

The significant progress made in implementing the recommendations set forth by PHDC'23 participants serves as a powerful testament to the collective spirit of this congress. We have witnessed:

- **Community Engagement and Empowerment** through expanded access to reproductive health services and increased public awareness campaigns.
- **Enhanced Funding Mechanisms** to ensure the sustainability of population programs, recognizing them as investments in the well-being of Egyptian families.
- **Decentralization in Planning and Implementation** with engagement across all provincial levels.
- **Promoting the Concept of Smaller Families and Child Spacing** through Initiatives like the Presidential "The Golden 1000 Days" initiative.
- **Integration of Reproductive Health and Population Considerations into Education** via dedicated curriculums across all educational levels.

- **Revamped Media Strategy** using innovative methods to keep the population issue at the forefront of public attention.
- **Women Empowerment** initiatives are incorporated into the national strategy for population and development 2023-2030 and its action plan.
- **Human Resource Development** through extensive training programs for outreach workers concerned with population awareness and reproductive health issues.
- **Establishment of a Health Economics Unit** to conduct crucial research on health and pharmaceutical economics.
- **Introducing the One Health Approach** that recognizes that the health of people is closely connected to the health of animals and our shared environment.
- **Linking Climate Change and Health** flagging the important interplay between climate change with the emergence of non-communicable diseases, patterns and spread of infectious diseases, and preparedness for emergencies.

With the addition of human development, the upcoming PHDC'24 builds upon the momentum of PHDC'23, serving as a crucial platform for renewed collaboration. Experts, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners from around the world will convene to explore the ongoing commonalities and complementarity between population, health, and human development. Through a dynamic exchange of ideas, best practices, and forward-thinking solutions, we will chart a course toward achieving the vision of a stronger, healthier population by accelerating actions on critical issues.

I look forward to welcoming you all in Cairo to explore the best means of achieving the desired health and human development outcomes for populations around the world. Together, let us leverage the power of collective action to build a brighter future for generations to come.



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The Global Congress on Population, Health, and Human Development (previously known as the Global Congress on Population, Health, and Development) has evolved to include "Human Development". This change reflects a crucial shift in focus, recognizing Human Development as the cornerstone upon which both health and population dynamics rest.

HERE'S WHY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IS NOW CENTRAL:

Holistic Approach: Human Development encompasses a broad range of factors that influence health and well-being, including education, economic opportunity, social welfare, and environmental sustainability.

Investing in Potential: By focusing on human development, we invest in people's capabilities and empower them to lead healthy and productive lives. This approach contributes to a healthier population overall.

Breaking the Cycle: Human development can address the root causes of health issues and population challenges. For example, providing education opportunities can empower families to make informed choices about family planning and healthcare.

INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF THE THREE PILLARS:

Population Dynamics: Trends in population growth, aging, and migration directly shape the demands and obstacles in health and human development.

Health: A thriving population is vital for achieving human development goals. Access to quality healthcare and education empowers individuals to actively contribute to their communities and drive national progress.

Human Development: Prioritizing investments in education, economic opportunity, and social welfare cultivates a skilled, productive, and healthy population, laying the foundation for sustained growth.



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PHDC 2024 IS COMMITTED TO:

Addressing health and population challenges within the broader context of human development.

Promoting an integrated approach that tackles root causes and fosters long-term sustainability.

Investing in human development is the foundation for a healthier and more prosperous future.

By placing Human Development at the heart of its mission, PHDC aims to create a synergistic effect where advancements in one area promote positive outcomes in the others. This holistic approach tackles root causes and invests in people's capabilities, aiming for long-term sustainability, which ultimately leads to a more sustainable future with empowered individuals contributing to a thriving society.



PHDC 2024 OBJECTIVES

1 Catalyzing Human Flourishing:

Drive equitable and sustainable growth through inclusive governance and active participation, ensuring that every voice counts.

2 Investing in People and Sparking Innovation:

Empower human potential, harness cutting-edge technology, and ignite innovation to overcome global challenges and accelerate progress.

3 Championing Health, Well-being, and Equity:

Advance universal health coverage, promote fairness, and equip communities to thrive by fostering well-being and social justice.

4 Building a Resilient and Sustainable Future:

Adapt to demographic shifts, tackle climate challenges, and mitigate risks while nurturing sustainable livelihoods and strong communities.

5 Translating Knowledge into Impact:

Turn evidence into action by delivering data-driven solutions that empower individuals and communities, driving long-term change and resilience.

PHDC 2024 KEY PILLARS

1

LINKING HEALTH, POPULATION, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

This pillar delves into the interconnectedness of these critical factors. By exploring how population dynamics (growth, migration, urbanization) influence both health and human development, we gain the knowledge needed to craft holistic solutions. Understanding these connections allows us to promote a healthy population with a robust foundation in human development – encompassing education, economic opportunity, social welfare, and environmental sustainability.

2

BUILDING RESILIENT HEALTH SYSTEMS

Focusing on strengthening healthcare infrastructure and systems to effectively address population health needs. By ensuring these systems are adaptable and robust, we can handle changing demographics, emerging health threats, and resource constraints.

3

EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES

Recognizing the crucial role individuals and communities play in achieving sustainable development goals. It focuses on providing them with the knowledge, resources, and tools they need to make healthy choices, participate in decision-making, and advocate for their well-being. This empowers them to become active agents in shaping a healthier future.

4

ADAPTATION TO A CHANGING WORLD

This pillar emphasizes the need to develop comprehensive mitigation plans, adaptation strategies, and roadmaps that address the evolving population dynamics and environmental challenges, ensuring long-term sustainability and the continued well-being of human development across health, education, economic opportunities, and social infrastructure.

5

EQUITY, ACCESS, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This pillar focuses on ensuring that everyone, regardless of background or socioeconomic status, has equal access to quality healthcare, education, and economic opportunities, thereby improving overall population health and addressing disparities that arise from evolving population dynamics..



PHDC 2024 MAIN THEMES

+ Equitable and Sustainable Human Development

+ Effective Governance for Human Development

+ Investing in Human development, Investing in the Future

+ AI and big data: Opportunities for Enhancing Human Development

+ Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods: Social Protection Systems Targeting Social justice

+ Universal Health Coverage Global Directions

+ Lifelong Learning and Skills Development

+ Future of Work and Human Capital

+ Demographic Challenges: Aging, Migration, and Population Distribution

+ Public Health: From Prevention to Prediction

+ Empowering Choices and Investing in the Next Generation: Reproductive Health for a Thriving Population

+ Economic Inclusion and Entrepreneurship: Empowering women and youth

+ Mental Health for All: Boosting Human Capital

+ Climate Challenges: Reinforcing Adaptive Capacities for a Sustainable Future

+ Community Engagement for Sustainable and Inclusive Human Development

+ Connecting Voices, Shaping Futures: The Role of Effective Communication



PHDC'24 IN THE KNOW

When and Where

Five days from the 21st to the 25th of October 2024 At the St. Regis Convention Center, The New Administrative Capital, Cairo - Egypt.

Who Will Attend

- Ministers, politicians
- Civil society representatives
- Non-governmental organizations
- Investors, private sector
- Entrepreneurs
- Researchers, academia and domain specialists
- Media and influencers

Expected Outcomes

- Gain deeper understanding of global and regional population, health, and human development trends.
- Identify actionable links between population, health, and sustainable development.
- Foster collaboration to address population and health challenges.
- Scale up best practices and experiences in population health and human development.
- Develop actionable roadmaps for capitalizing on opportunities and addressing challenges.
- Advocate for integrating and prioritizing population programs in sustainable development.
- Activate social responsibility towards population and health issues.
- Strengthen capacity of stakeholders to implement human development initiatives.
- Identify innovative solutions and technologies for education, health, and social welfare.

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