

# ORGANIZATION PROFILES



Health Care Without Harm is an international coalition of more than 450 members in 53 countries that works to transform the health care sector so that it is no longer a source of harm to human health and the environment.

We collaborate with doctors, nurses, hospitals, healthcare systems, professional associations, NGOs, governments and international organizations to promote the development and implementation of safe and environmentally healthy practices, processes and products in the health care sector.

HCWH's areas of work include sustainable healthcare waste management, green building, the substitution of hazardous chemicals used in hospitals with safer alternatives, reducing health care's climate footprint and working with the health sector to advocate for a healthy climate.

HCWH has regional offices in the United States, Latin America, Europe and South East Asia as well as strategic partners in South Asia and Africa.

See more: [www.noharm.org](http://www.noharm.org)



The World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) is an international, nongovernmental organization composed of multidisciplinary national public health associations. It is the only worldwide professional society representing and serving the broad field of public health.

WFPHA's mission is to promote and protect global public health. It does this throughout the world by supporting the establishment and organizational development of public health associations and societies of public health, through facilitating and supporting the exchange of information, knowledge and the transfer of skills and resources, and through promoting and undertaking advocacy for public policies, programs and practices that will result in a healthy and productive world.

See more: [www.wfpha.org](http://www.wfpha.org)



The Climate and Health Council is committed to engage and energise health professionals to tackle climate change. We ask colleagues to know the facts; to set an example by acting personally and within their organisations to reduce carbon; to advocate for a health promoting fair shares solution to climate change ; to be innovative in linking with other like minded organisations and recruiting support, including signing our pledge (which has around 6000 signatories from over countries).

CHC is based in the British Medical Journal offices.

See more: [www.climateandhelath.org](http://www.climateandhelath.org)



The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) was formed on 1st January 2004 as a result of the merger between the University of Durban-Westville and the University of Natal. The new University brought together the rich histories of both former universities which encompass disadvantage and advantage respectively. UKZN has 5 campuses in two major cities, four in Durban and one in Pietermaritzburg, with a total student population of approximately 42000.

Over the past 7 years, UKZN has been consistently rated the 2nd or 3rd most research-productive university of the 23 universities in South Africa. The institution is driven by its mission to establish itself as the "premier university of African scholarship".

The Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, within UKZN, celebrated its 60th Anniversary in 2010. It has produced almost 3000 Black-African doctors and trained hundreds of students of all races to specialist status. It has survived despite controversy and political harassment.

See more: <http://doeh.ukzn.ac.za/Homepage.aspx>



CLIMATE AND  
HEALTH  
ALLIANCE

The Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA) was established in 2010. It is a coalition of organisations and people in the health sector advocating for evidence based policy to address the threats to human health from climate change and ecological degradation.

The membership of the CAHA covers a broad cross section of the sector including health care professionals from a range of disciplines, health care service providers, institutions, academics, researchers, and consumers. CAHA works to raise awareness of the interdependencies of climate, health and environment among the health professions, the community, policymakers and the media.

See more: [www.caha.org.au](http://www.caha.org.au)



FHI 360 is a global development organization with a rigorous, evidence-based approach. Our staff includes experts in health, nutrition, education, economic development, civil society, environment and research. FHI 360 operates from 60 offices with 4,400 staff in the U.S. and around the world.

Our commitment to partnerships at every level and our multidisciplinary scope enable us to have a lasting impact on the individuals, families, communities and countries we serve - improving lives for millions.

See more: [www.fhi360.org](http://www.fhi360.org)



groundWork is a non-profit environmental justice service and developmental organization working primarily in South Africa but increasingly in Southern Africa.

groundWork seeks to improve the quality of life of vulnerable people in South Africa, and increasingly in Southern Africa, through assisting civil society to have a greater impact on environmental governance.

groundWork places particular emphasis on assisting vulnerable and disadvantaged people who are most affected by environmental injustices.

See more: [www.groundwork.org.za](http://www.groundwork.org.za)



## Health and Environment Alliance

HEAL is the leading European not-for-profit organisation addressing how the environment affects health in the European Union. We demonstrate how policy changes can help protect health and enhance people's quality of life.

As a diverse network of over 70 international and national not-for-profit organisations of citizens, patients, and health professionals, plus environmental groups and public health institutes, HEAL is the leading coalition of environment and health organisations working at the level of the European Union (EU). Our widespread membership allows us to also work at the international, national and local levels.

HEAL works to create better representation of expertise and evidence from the health community in the decision making processes. We have a strong track record of increasing public and expert engagement in the debates and decision-making processes on environment and health in the EU and World Health Organization (WHO).

See more: [www.env-health.org](http://www.env-health.org)



The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations (NNAs), representing the more than 13 million nurses worldwide.

Founded in 1899, ICN is the world's first and widest reaching international organisation for health professionals.

Operated by nurses and leading nurses internationally, ICN works to ensure quality nursing care for all, sound health policies globally, the advancement of nursing knowledge, and the presence worldwide of a respected nursing profession and a competent and satisfied nursing workforce.

See more: [www.icn.ch](http://www.icn.ch)



The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) is the peak representational body for medical students world-wide. With a membership of over 1.2 million medical students, from over 100 countries, the IFMSA is the largest youth-run organisation in the world.

The IFMSA has been advocating for a safer climate future and actively engaged in the UNFCCC process since 2006. Since then, it has made significant headway at the national level through its member-organisations, and at the international level in the realm of climate change and health education and financing.

See more: [www.ifmsa.org](http://www.ifmsa.org)



The PHM is a global network bringing together grassroots health activists, civil society organizations and academic institutions from around the world, particularly from low and middle income countries (L&MIC). PHM currently has presence in around 70 countries. PHM sees the revitalization of comprehensive primary health care as critical to addressing the global health crisis. The People's Charter for Health endorses the Alma Ata declaration, and affirms health as a social, economic and political issue but above all, a fundamental human right.

PHM Global supports activities at global and regional levels that integrate the efforts of the country circles and global networks. These include a People's Health Assembly (PHA). PHM's WHO Watch initiative aims to improve the global environment for health by changing the information flows and power relations which frame global health decision-making and implementation.

See more: [www.phmovement.org](http://www.phmovement.org)



The Public Health Institute (PHI) is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting health, well-being and quality of life for people throughout California, across the nation and around the world. As one of the largest and most comprehensive public health organizations in the nation, we are at the forefront of research and innovations to improve the efficacy of public health statewide, nationally and internationally.

The Center for Public Health and Climate Change is a user-driven online community and resource library focused on the health impacts of climate change—including, but not limited to, those developed through the Center's leadership and policy work.

See more: [www.climatehealthconnect.org](http://www.climatehealthconnect.org)



The Healthy Hospitals Project (PHS) is a non-governmental organization, non-profit, dedicated to transform the health sector into an example for society, in matters such as environmental protection and health of workers, patients and population. The PHS started as a group of health professionals and environmentalists in 2008 and in early 2010, was formally constituted as a Civil Society Organization of Public Interest in accordance with Brazilian law. Because of the multiple affinities, common objectives and previous successful experiences, the PHS is the Brazilian focal point of Health Care Without Harm (HCWH).

The PHS accomplishes its mission through the following actions: Develop research, produce information and influence public policies about risks to patients, workers and the environment in health care sector; Raise public awareness and prepare health care professionals; Encourage public and private institutions to get involved and collaborate with the goals of PHS; Evaluate the results of illness, accidents and environmental damage prevention actions developed by health care providers; Develop, evaluate and promote alternative technologies to eliminate or reduce environmental and health risks in health care activities; Promote ethics, peace, citizenship, human rights, democracy and others universal values.

See more: [www.hospitaissaudaveis.org](http://www.hospitaissaudaveis.org)



The Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) wants to build an association of those involved in health and health-related activities to promote greater equity in health in South Africa.

PHASA advocates equitable access to the basic conditions necessary to achieve health for all South African as well as equitable access to effective health care. PHASA will work with other public health associations and related organisations and advocate on national and international issues that impact on the conditions for a healthy society.

See more: [www.phasa.org.za](http://www.phasa.org.za)



WHO is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends.

In the 21st century, health is a shared responsibility, involving equitable access to essential care and collective defense against transnational threats.

See more: [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)



The World Medical Association (WMA) is the global federation of National Medical Associations representing the millions of physicians worldwide. Acting on behalf of patients and physicians, the WMA endeavors to achieve the highest possible standards of medical care, ethics, education and health-related human rights for all people.

Founded in 1947, the WMA provides a forum for its member associations to communicate freely, co-operate actively, and to achieve consensus on high standards of medical ethics and professional competence worldwide. This unique partnership facilitates high-calibre, humane care to patients in a healthy environment, enhancing the quality of life for all people in the world.

See more: [www.wma.org](http://www.wma.org)



World Vision is an international community development organisation that provides short-term and long-term assistance to 100 million people worldwide, including 2.4 million children. For six decades, World Vision has been engaging people to work towards eliminating poverty and its causes.

World Vision works with people of all cultures, faiths and genders to achieve transformation through emergency relief, long-term development projects, advocacy, collaboration and education. We are active in Asia, the Pacific, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

See more: [www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org)