

The journey towards health system resilience

Health system resilience — the ability to: adapt to ever-changing societal and economic circumstances; cope with shocks and continue to provide services in the face of a crisis; and consistently deliver improved health outcomes.

The need:
Build health systems to be stronger and more resilient

Even before COVID-19, many health systems had significant limitations in reaching those with unmet medical needs. The pandemic has revealed and exacerbated such pre-existing weaknesses in health systems, and has demonstrated the urgent need to build more resilient health systems worldwide.

Our role:
To help improve:

- Health systems
- Health services
- Access and outcomes for patients

Our approach:

- Disease prevention and treatment
- Responsible research and development
- Environment's impact on health
- Investments in health systems
- Affordability

Innovating, Partnering, Transforming

- Improve preparedness for future shocks** and enhance international coordination on key processes such as scenario planning, response protocols and reserve capacities
- Optimise the location and focus of care** on patients using digital technologies
- Address the unsustainable social, economic and ecological costs of disease** through more aggressive prevention
- Improve the effectiveness of care** for chronic diseases through improved quality of care standards, which need to be defined, implemented and monitored

