

La Organización Mundial de la Salud lanza campaña de prevención mundial al maltrato infantil. El plan contempla toda la comunidad europea del 2015 al 2020. La iniciativa se denomina "Investing in Children".

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**WHO Regional Committee for Europe adopts European child
maltreatment prevention action plan 2015-2020**

On 17 September 2014 the 64th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe adopted a historic resolution to implement 'Investing in children: the European child maltreatment prevention action plan 2015-2020'. Health ministers, or their representatives, from 53 countries gave overwhelming support to implementing the Action Plan. The Action Plan raises concern that the prevalence, burden and costs from child maltreatment are very high. In the WHO European Region the prevalence ranges from 9.6% for sexual abuse, 22.9% for physical abuse to 29.1% for mental abuse. The Action Plan stresses that maltreatment and other adverse childhood experiences result in health-harming behavior, poorer mental and physical health, and worse social and educational outcomes throughout the life-course for those affected.

The Action Plan sets a regional target to reduce child maltreatment and homicides by 20% by 2020. To achieve this, it has three objectives: 1) make child maltreatment more visible by setting up information systems in Member States and publishing comprehensive reports on the incidence and prevalence of child maltreatment; 2) strengthen governance for child maltreatment prevention by developing national plans involving multiple sectors; and 3) reduce risks and consequences through prevention by strengthening health systems. These prevention programmes, in line with the recommendations of the 2013 *European report on preventing child maltreatment*, include training parents in child rearing, nurse home visitation, hospital-based training of parents to prevent abusive head trauma, welfare support to high-risk families, teaching children to recognize child abuse, and training health care and other professionals in the early detection and response to protect children from harm and to rehabilitate them.

The Action Plan asks the WHO Regional Office for Europe to support Member States to advocate for child maltreatment prevention, develop national plans, provide tools for surveillance and prevention, and build health systems capacity. The resolution requests WHO to report on progress to the WHO Regional Committee for Europe in implementation at mid-term in 2018 and with a final report in 2021.

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European report on preventing child maltreatment

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