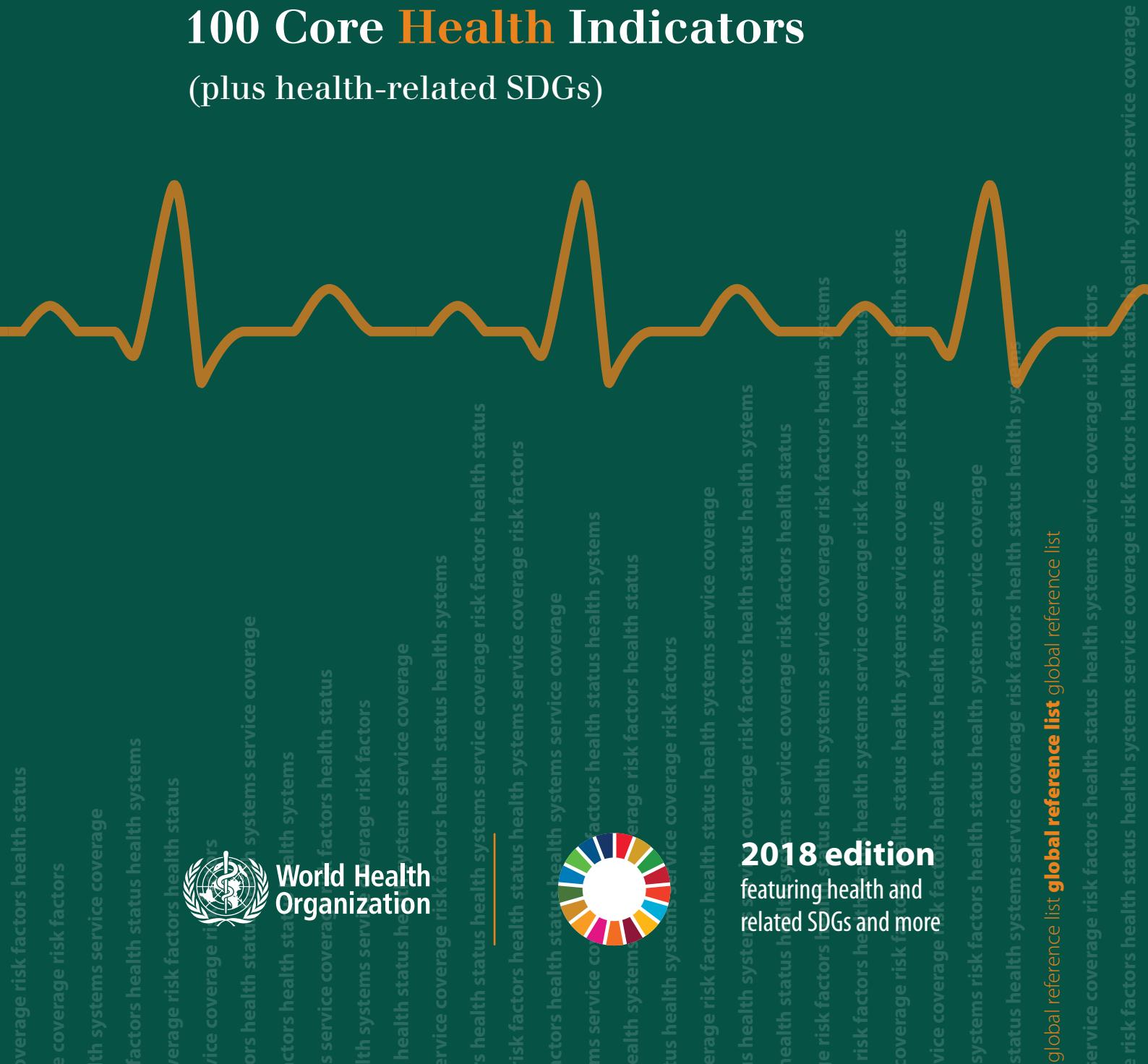


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## Abbreviations and acronyms

<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
<b>ART</b>	Antiretroviral therapy
<b>ARV</b>	Antiretroviral
<b>BMI</b>	Body mass index
<b>DHS</b>	Demographic and Health Surveys
<b>FAOSTAT</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations' statistical database
<b>HIV</b>	Human immunodeficiency virus
<b>HPV</b>	Human papillomavirus
<b>HSS</b>	Health system strengthening
<b>ICD</b>	International Classification of Diseases
<b>IHR</b>	International Health Regulations
<b>IPTp</b>	Intermittent preventive therapy for malaria during pregnancy
<b>IRS</b>	Indoor residual spraying
<b>ITN</b>	Insecticide treated net
<b>JMP</b>	WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme on Water Supply and Sanitation
<b>NCD</b>	Noncommunicable disease
<b>SDG</b>	Sustainable Development Goal
<b>TB</b>	Tuberculosis
<b>UHC</b>	Universal health coverage
<b>UNAIDS</b>	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
<b>UNFPA</b>	United Nations Population Fund
<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations Children's Fund
<b>UN-IGME</b>	United Nations Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation
<b>USAID</b>	United States Agency for International Development
<b>VIA</b>	Visual inspection with acetic acid/vinegar
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization

## Background

The 2018 Global Reference List of 100 core health indicators (plus health-related SDGs), referred to hereafter as "*The Global Reference List*," is a standard set of core indicators prioritized by the global community to provide concise information on the health situation and trends, including responses at national and global levels. This second (2018) edition builds on the previous work of the inter-agency working group that was commissioned by global health leaders to reduce reporting burden on countries and that resulted in the 2015 Global Reference List of 100 Core Health Indicators.<sup>1</sup> In addition to the 100 core health indicators, it also includes additional health-related SDGs for reference by users.

The 2018 list of indicators contains modifications and additions that were made in 2017 to reflect the recommended health and health-related indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals, including universal health coverage, among others as well as to reflect updates to indicator metadata elements.

### Purpose

The overall aim of *The Global Reference List* is to serve as a normative guidance for the selection of standard indicators and their definitions that countries and partners stakeholders can use for monitoring in accordance with their respective health priorities and capacity. Specifically the objectives

- guide monitoring of health priorities and targets at national and subnational levels;
- facilitate more harmonized domestic and external investments in country data systems and analytical capacity;
- provide a basis for the rationalization and alignment of reporting requirements on results by global partners;
- contribute to higher quality regional and global databases of health results;
- reflect evolving public health priorities and as such be updated and maintained regularly.

It is expected that use of *The Global Reference List* will contribute to the reduction of reporting requirements and to promote greater alignment with, and investment in, one country-led health sector platform for results and accountability that forms the basis for both country and global/regional reporting.<sup>2</sup>

### Scope

*The Global Reference List* reflects indicators of relevance for country, regional and global reporting across the full spectrum of global health priorities, including the new and emerging priorities reflected in the health and health-related SDGs, such as universal health coverage, non-communicable diseases and other key health-related environmental, social, economic and behavioural risk factors.

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