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Acronyms and abbreviations

AAA	Auto-Apprentissage Assisté (Assisted self-learning)
ADH	Adolescent Health and Development Team
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
APADOC	Alliance of Parents, Adolescents and Community
BASICS	Basic Support for Institutionalizing Child Survival
CAH	WHO Department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development
CDS	WHO Cluster of Communicable Diseases
CHD	Child and Adolescent Health and Development Unit
CIS	Country Implementation Support Team
CHERG	Child Health Epidemiology Reference Group
CHOICE	Choosing Interventions that are Cost-Effective
CORE	Child Survival Collaborations and Resources Group
CRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
CSP	Child Survival Partnership
DFID	United Kingdom Department for International Development
DHS	Demographic and Health Surveys
EIP	WHO Cluster of Evidence and Information for Policy
ENN	Emergency Nutrition Network
ETAT	Emergency triage assessment and treatment
GEM	Gender Equitable Men
GTZ	Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (Germany)
HAC	WHO Department of Health Action in Crises
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
IBFAN	International Baby-Food Action Network
ICATT	IMCI computerized adaptation and training tool
IFA	Iron + folic acid
IFMSA	International Federation of Medical Students' Associations
IMAI	Integrated Management of Adolescent and Adult Illness
IMCI	Integrated Management of Childhood Illness
INCLIN	International Clinical Epidemiology Network
IVB	WHO Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals
JHPIEGO	International health organization affiliated with The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
LBW	Low birth weight
MAPM	Mapping Adolescent Programming and Measurement

MHI	WHO Department of Measurement and Health Information Systems
MICS	Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys
MOST	USAID Micronutrient Programme
MPS	WHO Department of Making Pregnancy Safer
NCH	Newborn and Child Health and Development Team
NFSD	Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development
NHA	National Health Accounts
NHD	WHO Department of Nutrition for Health and Development
NMH	WHO Cluster of Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health
NORAD	Norwegian Agency for International Development
ORS	Oral rehydration salts
RHR	WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research
RUTF	Ready-to-use therapeutic food
SAVY	Survey Assessment of Vietnamese Youth
SSSS	Strategic information, services, supportive evidence-based policies, strengthening other sectors
TDH	Terre des Hommes
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNFIP	United Nations Fund for International Partnerships
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization

Executive summary

Our vision is a world in which children and adolescents enjoy the highest attainable standard of health and development, a world that meets their needs, and respects, protects and fulfils their rights, enabling them to live to their full potential.

In its work towards attaining this vision, the WHO Department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development (CAH) plays multiple roles in a cycle of actions. We support research, review evidence, develop guidelines and tools, and support regions and countries in implementing activities at community level, first-level health facilities, referral-level facilities, and in policy-making at national level. We monitor and evaluate implementation of activities, and use the results to improve existing tools and inform further research. In particular we promote a continuum of care between the different levels of the health system, and along the life-course, from birth through childhood and adolescence.

CAH is working towards global goals. The goals of the Millennium Declaration and the United Nations General Assembly Special Sessions on HIV/AIDS and on children are central to our work. We particularly focus on goals related to reducing child mortality, eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, reducing maternal mortality, and reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS.

CAH works across all levels of WHO, conducting joint planning, implementation and review activities with all regions. At least five regional offices have launched policy and strategy initiatives for child and adolescent health or for child survival, and all are intensifying support for child survival to those countries with the highest burden.

As an expression of renewed commitment to maternal, newborn and child health, WHO dedicated *The world health report 2005: make every*

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