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*Cover photo: A young girl awaits treatment for an ear infection in Mongolia.*

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# Message from the Regional Director

I am pleased to present my fourth report to Member States on the work of the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Western Pacific Region, covering the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

This has been another challenging period as the COVID-19 pandemic has stretched into its third year, with the Delta and Omicron variants driving surges in cases that continue to cause sickness and death across our Region and the world, as well as significant social and economic impacts. While we know that official data do not capture all cases, our Region continues to fare relatively well compared to other parts of the world, despite being home to so many vulnerable populations. This comes from decades of Member State investment in preparedness and response capacities, the leadership of governments during the pandemic, and the adherence to public health and social measures – including widespread uptake of COVID-19 vaccinations – by communities and individuals.

Nonetheless, we continue to face challenges in our Region. In the past 12 months, countries and areas that had been free of COVID-19 have reported cases and experienced outbreaks for the first time, testing the capacity and

resilience of health services and systems. And even though the world's attention is shifting away from COVID-19, the ongoing pandemic and surges in cases continue to place huge strains on our health systems and dedicated health-care workers. We express our sincere gratitude to them for their hard work and commitment.

For WHO's part, our focus in the past 12 months has been on supporting countries and areas in their efforts to shift to a focus on sustained management of COVID-19 using five key tools: vaccines; appropriately calibrated public health and social measures; strengthening and preserving health-care capacity by optimizing health-care pathways; a continued focus on early detection and targeted response; and international border measures, which again must be appropriately calibrated to contexts. These five areas should be underpinned by strong surveillance systems, strategic communication, and augmented contact tracing and monitoring.

At the same time as we have continued to support countries in shifting their response, our team has invested considerable time in documenting some of the key lessons identified during the pandemic to date, to support our

*The Regional Director visits a family of nomadic herders in Jargaltkhan Soum, Mongolia, in June 2022.*



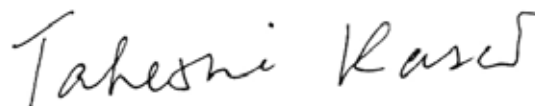
ongoing efforts to learn from this event and improve our capacity and preparedness to respond to health emergencies and other threats to health security in the future.

While the pandemic continues, our Region faces many other health challenges. Over the past 12 months, WHO's work to support Member States in a range of areas – and to advance our shared *For the Future* vision – has continued. We continue to work closely with Member States to scale up action to tackle the noncommunicable disease burden, particularly in tobacco control, nutrition and implementation of the innovative Regional Framework on school health endorsed last year by the Regional Committee. We are intensifying efforts to go the “last mile” to reach vulnerable, marginalized and hard-to-reach groups with disease elimination and control efforts. We continue to work closely with countries on strengthening health systems as part of COVID-19 recovery and advancing universal health coverage. And we are working closely with countries and partners to support efforts to mitigate the health impacts of climate change. At the same time, we have continued to scale up our support for innovation for health impact, including through hosting the second regional Innovation Forum and the Innovation Challenge for the Future of Public Health. We also continue to expand our work on Communication for Health (C4H).

Over the first six months of 2022, the WHO workforce in our Region also embarked on a series of initiatives to strengthen staff well-being, organizational efficiency and workplace

culture, beginning with a Region-wide virtual retreat in February 2022. During this time, we have made considerable progress in three broad areas of commitment made to the workforce in February: strengthening our existing systems for reporting and responding to abuse, harassment and other inappropriate behaviours in the workplace; streamlining and improving our internal processes; and building a more positive, respectful and inclusive workplace culture. I am confident that these ongoing initiatives will enhance our collective ability to serve Member States now and in the future.

In concluding this message, I would like to sincerely thank all WHO staff in the Region, our ministry of health colleagues in countries and our many partners for your hard work over the past 12 months – on both the COVID-19 response and the range of other priority health challenges we face, as we keep working towards making the Western Pacific the world's healthiest and safest region.



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