Nearly 30 million deaths are due to emergency conditions each year, contributing to half of global deaths. The acute disease burden in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) is 4.4 times that of high-income countries.

The new WHO initiative spotlights that emergency, critical, and operative care services are an integral part of a comprehensive primary health care approach.

Next Steps:

Development and dissemination of WHO trainings, process tools and other acute care strengthening resources.

Improving efficiency and effectiveness of acute care, strengthening efforts through coordinated monitoring, evaluation, and research strategies to expand the evidence base and identify high impact interventions for limited resource settings.

Launching a Network Implementation Fund to support LMIC partner implementation and evaluation activities.

For more information, visit the Resolution and the WHO Emergency website.