



The Intersectoral global action plan on epilepsy and other neurological disorders (2022-2031)

What is it?

The Intersectoral global action plan on epilepsy and other neurological disorders (2022-2031) describes comprehensive actions to improve services and quality of life, eliminate stigma and discrimination, and promote human rights for people with neurological disorders, their carers and families.

Who is it for?

IGAP was endorsed by all 194 Member States of the World Health Assembly. It is the first global-level action plan on neurological disorders, designed to elevate them in the global public health agenda.

For whom is IGAP important?

Everyone benefits from IGAP – countries will boost their health and social systems; people with neurological disorders will enjoy improved quality of life and full human rights; and societies and economies will be stronger.

The WFN supports these eminent activities of the WHO, and is thankful for the preparation of this leaflet.

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Downloads



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<https://iris.who.int/handle/10665/371495>



Optimizing brain health across the life course: WHO position paper

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240054561>



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The WHO IGAP Toolkit

INTERSECTORAL GLOBAL ACTION PLAN ON
EPILEPSY & OTHER NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS



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Why is IGAP important?

IGAP outlines a systematic course of action that involves strengthening policies, systems and services, raising awareness about neurological disorders and brain health, reducing discrimination and fostering research and innovation.

IGAP structure

The action plan outlines 5 strategic objectives with recommended actions for countries, national and international partners and the WHO. It also has **10 global targets** to be achieved by 2031 and indicators to track the targets' progress. Countries can set their own national targets, taking into account national circumstances and challenges.

IGAP Strategic Objectives



1

Raise policy prioritization and strengthen governance



2

Provide effective, timely and responsive diagnosis, treatment and care



3

Implement strategies for promotion and prevention



4

Foster research and innovation and strengthen information systems



5

Strengthen the public health approach to epilepsy

Vision

- A world in which **brain health is valued, promoted and protected** across the life course;
- **neurological disorders are prevented, diagnosed and treated**, and premature mortality and morbidity are avoided;
- **people affected by neurological disorders** and their carers attain the **highest possible level of health** with equal rights, opportunities, respect and autonomy.

Goals

- To **reduce the stigma, impact and burden** of neurological disorders, including associated mortality, morbidity and disability, and
- to **improve the quality of life** of people with neurological disorders, their carers and families.

How to implement IGAP?

The IGAP toolkit, developed by WHO with financial contributions from WFN, will support Ministries of Health and other stakeholders including civil society and professional associations to put into motion the strategic objectives of the IGAP.

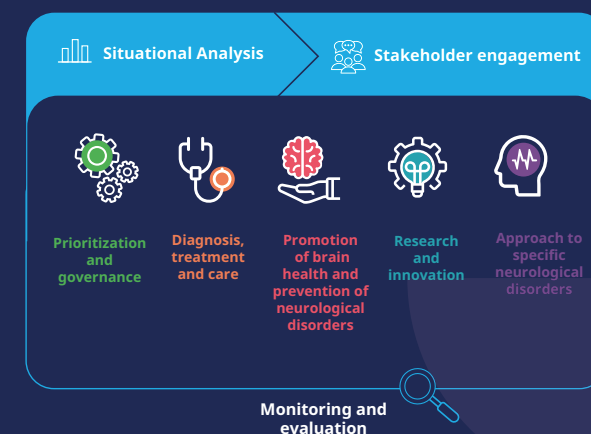
The toolkit consists of practical, step-by step modules to support implementation of the action plan and has 90 unique tools and resources from WHO and partner organizations to help stakeholders customize IGAP actions to their context and take concrete steps for achieving the IGAP targets.

The WHO IGAP Toolkit

The implementation of IGAP by countries requires a practical approach, which will look different in every country according to the needs of the population and the context.

The IGAP toolkit accompanies and operationalizes the action plan. The toolkit complements the development of national plans and strategies for neurological disorders by listing actions and suggesting tools and resources that can be utilized to realize fully the vision of IGAP.

Integrated approach to neurological disorders



Following the structure of the 5 strategic objectives of IGAP, the toolkit lists specific intersectoral actions to help stakeholders develop their national implementation plans and gives step-by-step directions.

All actions taken to achieve the IGAP targets must have at heart people with neurological disorders, their opinions, perspectives and best interests.

The toolkit is intended for use by policy makers, national and subnational programme managers in various sectors, including health, social, education, justice and employment. It is also relevant for the research, donor and development community as a blueprint for meeting the targets in the action plan.