

Join the race to

2030

Supporting advocates in the race to defeat meningitis

Explaining the key platforms and processes

World Health Organization's Global Road Map to Defeat Meningitis by 2030

The voices of people affected by meningitis have been central to the development of the World Health Organization's (WHO) [Global Road Map to Defeat Meningitis by 2030](#). Continued engagement will be critical to achieving its visionary goals of:

- Elimination of bacterial meningitis epidemics.
- Reduction of cases of vaccine-preventable bacterial meningitis by 50% and deaths by 70%.
- Reduction of disability and improvement of quality of life after meningitis due to any cause.

This explainer provides **an overview of the platforms and processes in the Road Map at the global, regional and national level** to support advocates, individuals and organisations around the world to engage in the implementation of the WHO's Global Road Map to Defeat Meningitis.



Global

WHO Technical Taskforce for Meningitis

The technical taskforce (TTF) is a **group of experts** who are responsible for **leading and coordinating implementation of the Road Map**.

The group meet about twice a year to **monitor progress, share knowledge and information, support fundraising and coordinate with other stakeholders**.

Group members include representatives from WHO regional offices, academic institutions, civil society organizations, vaccine manufacturers, and disability support groups. Meningitis Research Foundation is a member of the TTF.

Key documents:

- [TTF meeting reports](#)
- [TTF terms of reference](#)

Strategy Support Group

The Strategy Support Group (SSG) helps WHO and its partners by offering **political and financial support, acting as ambassadors and connecting with other stakeholders** to implement the Road Map.

Members of the SSG include government representatives and donors Ministries of Health, African Union and Gavi.

Several members of the Confederation of Meningitis Organisations represent their own organisations on the SSG as the voices of civil society.

SSG meetings are closed, and minutes are not shared publicly.

Key documents:

- [SSG terms of reference](#)

Advocacy and engagement (Pillar 5) working group

The Advocacy & Engagement working group is an informal meeting of partners **committed to supporting member states** to implement the Road Map. The group helps coordinate and support the implementation of the **key activities set out in Pillar 5** of the Road Map.

Members of the working group include communication and advocacy specialists from the following organisations: WHO HQ, WHO Regional and country teams, UNICEF, Médecins sans Frontières, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, PATH, the US Centres for Disease Control, and Meningitis Research Foundation.



Regional

Implementation frameworks

To meet regional needs and promote commitment, the Global Road Map requires each region to create its own plan (known as an implementation framework). These regional plans will **guide countries and partners** in developing their own national or local plans to defeat meningitis by 2030. The content, format and development process for **each region will be different**.

Regions are currently at different stages of development and implementation of regional plans.

Key documents:

- [Africa regional plan \(2021\)](#)



National

National plans and strategies

When countries approved the Global Road Map at the World Health Assembly, they agreed to create and carry out **national plans to prevent and control meningitis**.

These plans should fit local needs, span multiple years and have phases up to 2030. They should be **sustainable and fully integrated into the healthcare system**. Countries should carry out monitoring and update plans when necessary to better meet national need.

Countries are at different stages in the development process. WHO have published **a manual to support countries** in developing their own national plans.

Key documents:

- [Developing national meningitis plans: an operational guide](#)



Individuals and organisations

Individuals and organisations across the world can support the implementation of the Road Map on a local, national and regional level. Meningitis Research Foundation's **'Race to 2030' programme aims to support you** in your advocacy, as you work towards the goal of defeating meningitis by 2030.

To find out more about your country or region's plan, contact us at advocacy@meningitis.org.

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This explainer has been created by Meningitis Research Foundation and sets out our current understanding of the platforms and processes involved in the WHO's Global Road Map according to publicly available information. It has been created for CoMO members and other civil society organisations to support activists around the world in engaging with and advocating for the vision of the WHO's Global Road Map to Defeat Meningitis by 2030.

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