

Universal access

to emergency and essential surgical care... ...reach the unreached

**Timely access to surgical care saves lives
and prevents disability.**



Surgical and Anaesthesia Services

Emergency and Essential Surgical Care Programme

Ensuring the safety and efficacy of clinical procedures in
anaesthesia, surgery, orthopaedics and obstetrics

EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY

Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care as a component of universal health coverage

Over 45 low- and middle-income countries have contributed to the **WHO Emergency and Essential Surgical Care (EESC) Global Database** on surgical services by utilizing the **WHO Situational Analysis Tool**.

Many countries have also contributed to the **WHO Surgical Workforce Global Database** to assess human resources.

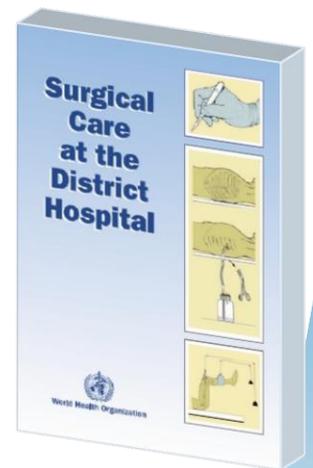
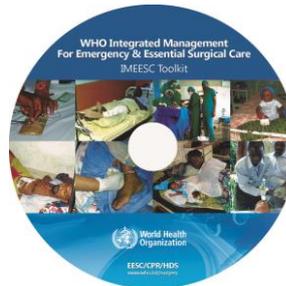


CAPACITY-BUILDING and TRAINING

Providing resources and recommendations, in particular in primary health care, for surgical workforces and surgical health systems

WHO Integrated Management for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care (IMEESC) Toolkit CD, including:

- Policy management
- Primary surgical care package
- Quality and safety tools
- Best practice protocols
- Disaster management resources
- Equipment lists
- Training workshops
- Videos



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An estimated 234 million surgical operations are performed globally every year, yet the poorest third of the world's population receive only 3.5% of all surgical operations.¹

¹Weiser TG, et al. *Lancet* 2008; 372: 139-144

COLLABORATIONS

Fostering global collaborations and partnerships with multidisciplinary stakeholders working to improve quality, safety, and access to surgical care in low- and middle-income countries



WHO Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care (GIEESC)

With more than 1400 members from over 115 countries