

According to the WHO's annual compilation of health statistics, 1 in 3 adults worldwide has raised blood pressure, a condition that causes around half of all deaths from stroke and heart disease. One in 10 adults has diabetes.

The World Health Statistics report, published every year, contains WHO's annual compilation of data from 194 countries on a range of mortality, disease and health system indicators as well as risk factors and behaviours that affect health directly.

Non-communicable diseases currently cause almost two thirds of all deaths worldwide. Global concern about the rise in numbers of deaths from heart and lung disease, diabetes and cancer prompted the United Nations to hold a high-level meeting on non-communicable diseases in New York in September 2011.

The World Health Assembly, to be held in Geneva from May 21 to 26, 2012, will review progress made since that meeting and agree on next steps. Work is currently under way to develop a global monitoring framework and a set of voluntary targets for prevention and control of these diseases.

More information [here](#) [1].

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[1] http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2012/world_health_statistics_20120516/en/index.html