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**Award of the World Health Organization
Health-for-All Gold Medal
to
the United Arab Emirates
Health Foundation**

The United Arab Emirates Health Foundation was established on the initiative of and with funds provided by the Government of that country in 1993, with the specific purpose of awarding a prize to recognize outstanding contributions to health development. Persons or entities eligible for the Prize have accomplished significant advances in the health field since the adoption of the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000, formulated after the historic International Conference on Primary Health Care, held in Alma-Ata in September 1978 under the joint auspices of WHO and UNICEF.

The Prize, each recipient of which is selected by WHO's Executive Board on the basis of a proposal made by the Foundation Committee, seeks to reward outstanding accomplishments in health development that have extended far beyond the call of normal duties. Criteria used in the selection of laureates include contributions to the successful formulation and implementation of a particular country's national policy and strategy for health for all, innovative health programmes designed to reach socially and geographically disadvantaged population groups, successful efforts to involve communities in the planning, management and evaluation of primary health care programmes, and the development and successful application of health systems research for the advancement of primary health care.

Laureates of the Prize since 1995, when it was first awarded, have included distinguished health development leaders in WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region and Region of the Americas.

The World Health Organization is privileged to present the Health-for-All Gold Medal to the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation for its contributions to identifying and rewarding outstanding achievements in the attainment of the social goal of health for all.

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