**HEALTH SITUATION**

Over the past years mortality trends in the Russian Federation have been decreasing including for diseases of the circulatory system, tuberculosis, external causes of injury and poisoning. The country also made good progress in decreasing infant mortality. Cardiovascular diseases remain the leading cause of death and account for more than half of deaths in The Russian Federation. The fight against noncommunicable diseases and their risk factors, including alcohol abuse, tobacco consumption, unhealthy diets and physical inactivity, together with improving road traffic safety are main public health priorities.

TB incidence and TB mortality decreased by 60% over the last 8 years but the proportion and absolute number of MDR-TB has been increasing, TB/HIV co-infection has also been increasing along with the increase of new HIV cases.

The decline in population has been addressed primarily by reducing infant and maternal mortality, and premature mortality due to NCDs. A number of social measures have been undertaken to support birth rate, including improvement in reproductive and maternal health.

**HEALTH POLICIES AND SYSTEMS**

There is a high political commitment to improve health of the population through strengthening health promotion and disease prevention and through improving access to health services. This commitment is implemented through the state programme “Health care development 2013-2020” adopted in December 2012, and renewed in the new programme 2018 – 2025 adopted in 2017. The right to health care is based on the Constitution and a state guarantied health care benefits package is defined in the mandatory health insurance including all types of health services, including high-technology. The Russian Federation is committed to the principles of the Vienna Declaration on Nutrition and Noncommunicable Diseases in the context of Health 2020. The 9 voluntary goals on NCDs are integrated into the proposed Strategy on prevention and control of NCDs. The country is committed to implementing the FCTC and the Law stipulates measures for tobacco free public spaces, ban on advertising, sponsorship and promotion. The effective measures reduced prevalence of tobacco smoking by 21%. Major achievement is in the field of alcohol retailers The fight against TB and HIV is high on the strategic agenda. In 2015 a national TB plan was launched nationwide, while in 2016 the Strategy on HIV prevention and control and in 2017 related action plan were approved by the Government. In 2017 a High level working group on HIV/AIDS has been established to provide policy recommendations on implementation of the new Strategy.

**COORDINATION FOR HEALTH**

The Russian Federation became a donor country and plays a growing role in international health cooperation. The Russian Federation has hosted a number of high-level meetings: the 1st Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety (2009), the Sixtieth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (2010), 1st Global ministerial conference on healthy lifestyles and noncommunicable disease control (2011), and 2nd Global Ministerial TB Conference (2017)). As of September 2012 the Russian Federation hosts and has committed to 10 years financing of a WHO European office on prevention of noncommunicable diseases. The Russian Federation pursues global health dialogues through the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Health Working Group of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. As a member of the BRICS, The Russian Federation is working to establish a working mechanism to facilitate cooperation on health. The Russian Federation has a number of bilateral collaboration and WHO participates in these initiatives, in particular in tobacco control, antimicrobial resistance and road safety. Finally, the Russian Federation is a country without UNDAF.
### WHO COUNTRY COOPERATION STRATEGIC AGENDA (2014–2020)

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• Implementing innovative methods and projects in collaboration between Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation and WHO. |
| **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2:** Creating a comprehensive environment of prevention and providing health through a life-course approach | • Developed national policies and innovative mechanisms to prevent and control noncommunicable diseases and chronic conditions  
• Strengthened capacity to reduce morbidity and mortality due to communicable diseases  
• Decreasing health inequalities by addressing the social determinants of health |
| **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3:** Improving health security through capacity-building | • Improving the response to international public health emergencies |
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• Improving the quality and use of health information systems  
• Strengthening health work-force capacity |