

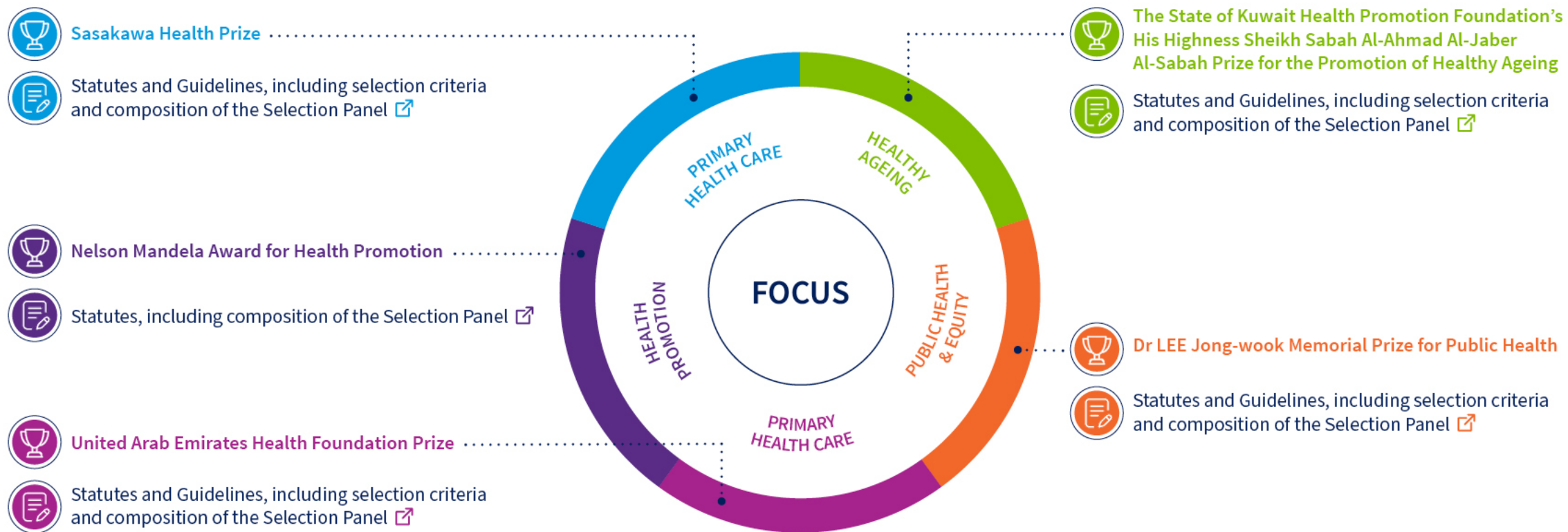


Public Health Prizes and Awards

Focus on the 2027 process

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About the Public Health Prizes and Awards: focus and statutes

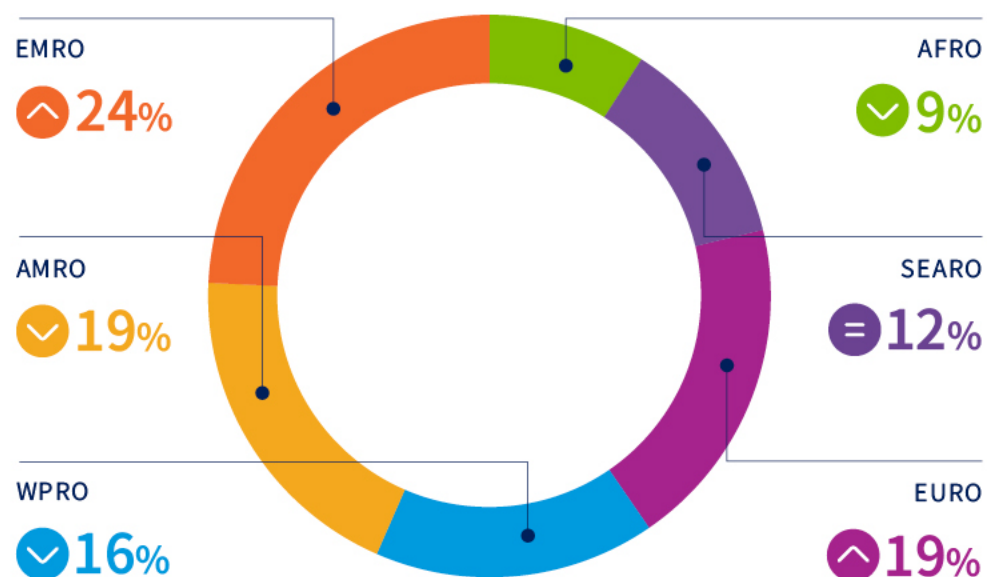


*Only awarded every 2 years.

About the candidatures: regional and annual distribution 2017-2026

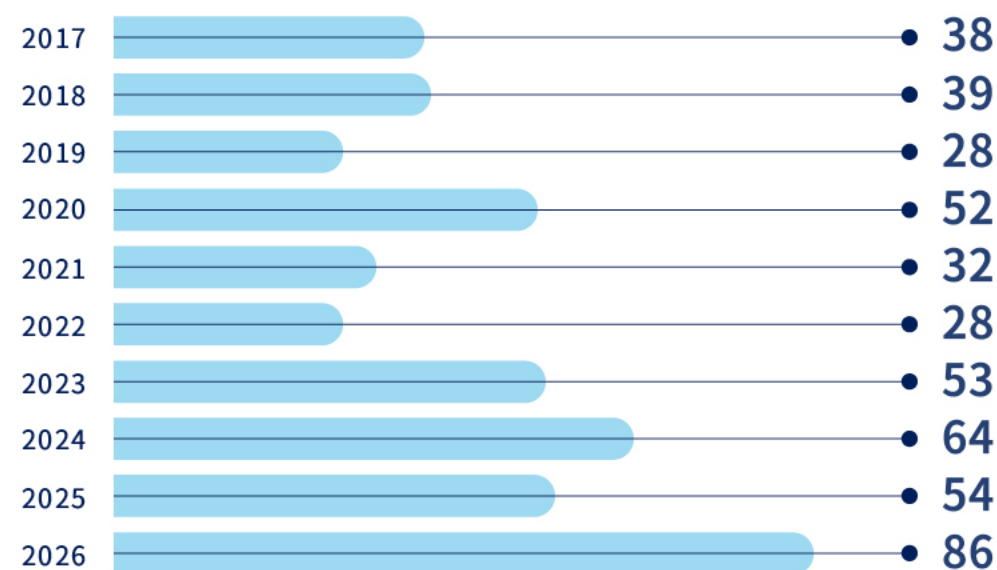


PROPORTION OF APPLICATIONS BY REGION*



50% of WHO Member States have submitted candidatures for any award since 2017.
Applications were received from more than **40** Member States in 2026, doubling the previous level.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS PER YEAR*



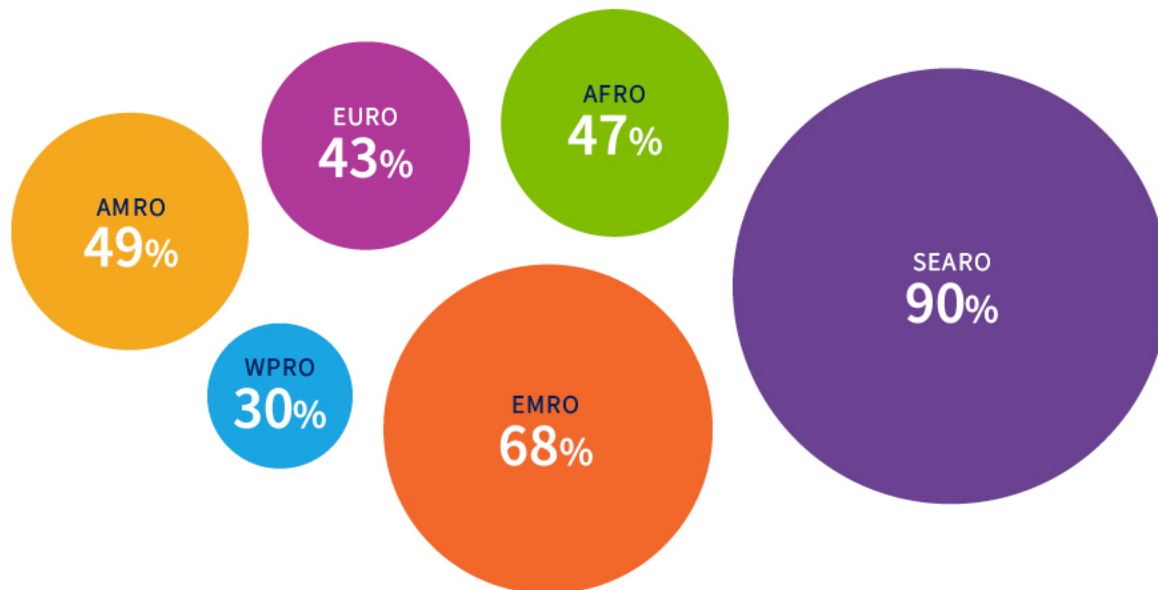
2026 applications have **doubled** the past average level.

*This corresponds to the full set of applications received every year. Applications are screened for compliance, and a small number of applications may not be deemed compliant.

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PROPORTION OF MEMBER STATES APPLYING WITHIN EACH REGION*

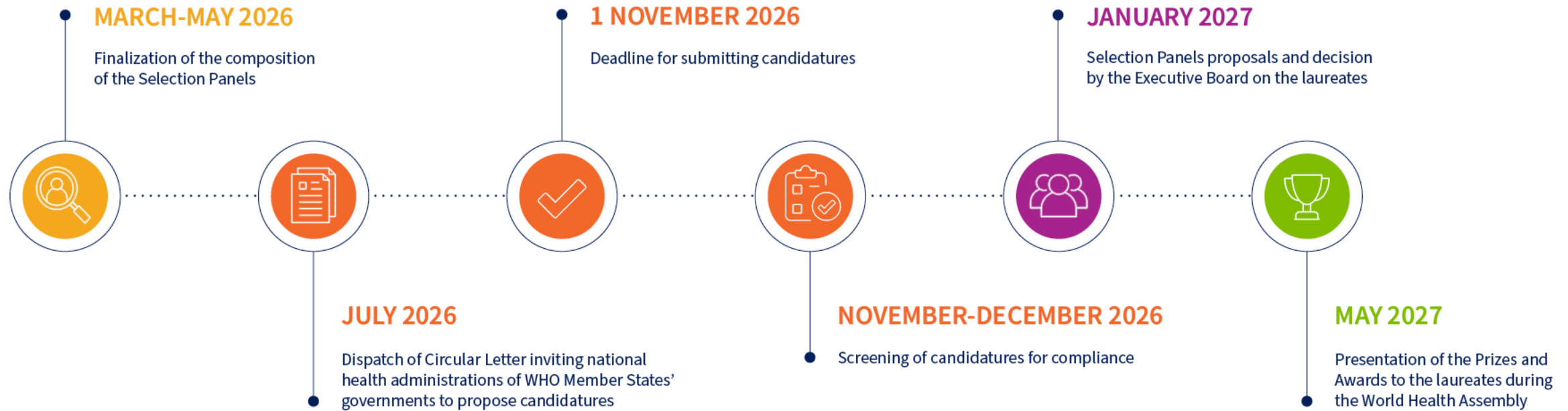


ANNUAL APPLICATIONS BY MEMBER STATES



*MS applying. The rest of the camembert (up to 100%) represents MS not applying.

2026 Timeline for Prizes and Awards administered by the WHO Director-General



Procedure for submitting candidates for the prizes and award



01



WHO Member States submit nominations for candidates by email to **foundationprizes@who.int** by the timeline.

02



The candidature must include:

a transmittal letter or Note Verbale; the candidature form(s) in English, French or Spanish signed and stamped by the submitting national health authority; a transmittal letter or Note Verbale signed and stamped by the same authority or the Permanent Mission in Geneva; and adequate documentation enclosed.

03



Each national health administration can nominate only one candidate per award.

04



Candidates not selected in past years can be nominated again.

05



Current or former WHO staff member and current members of the Executive Board are ineligible to receive such prizes and award.

06



Former laureates of a Prize may put forward the name of a candidate for that same Prize.

The awards ceremony

The laureates' public health achievements are recognized at an awards ceremony held as part of the Plenary meeting of the World Health Assembly every year in May. Laureates receive the following recognitions:

Sasakawa Health Prize
**a statuette and
an amount up to
US\$ 40,000***

Nelson Mandela Award
for Health Promotion

a plaque

The State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation's
His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-
Sabah Prize for the Promotion of Healthy Ageing

**a certificate of award,
a plaque and an amount
up to US\$ 40,000***

United Arab Emirates
Health Foundation Prize

**a certificate of award,
a plaque from the Founder,
and an amount
up to US\$ 40,000***

Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial
Prize for Public Health

**a plaque from the
Founder and an
amount up to
US\$ 100,000***

* To be determined by the relevant Selection Panel.



Thank you

<https://apps.who.int/gb/awards/>

Queries: foundationprizes@who.int

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