FROM EVIDENCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

Since our founding as a global scientific organisation in 1920, The Union has drawn from the best evidence and the skills, expertise and reach of our staff, consultants and membership in order to advance solutions to the most pressing public health challenges affecting people living in poverty around the world. We work with stakeholders across the globe from every sector, including governments, international agencies, civil society and the private sector.

OUR APPROACH

KNOW. SHARE. ACT. These principles have driven The Union’s work since its founding nearly 100 years ago.

KNOW
We conduct research to provide evidence for public health policy and practice
• We conduct research, with emphasis on operational research and clinical trials.

SHARE
We disseminate scientific knowledge to strengthen public health programmes.
• We serve as expert advisors to governments and other agencies seeking to improve public health.
• We disseminate scientific knowledge by publishing peer-reviewed journals, technical guides and other public health resources.
• We offer training to the world’s public health leaders, providing them with sound technical expertise, management skills and research capacity.
• We convene conferences and support a global network of members.

ACT
We deliver services and conduct advocacy to safeguard people’s health
• We deliver life-saving health services in areas of need.
• We manage technical projects that improve the effectiveness of the public health sector.
• We advocate for the policies and resources needed to safeguard the health of whole populations.

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OUR IMPACT

In 2014, The Union’s 472 staff and consultants offered technical assistance, provided education and training and conducted research in 83 countries. In addition, Union members in 146 countries worked to fulfil our common vision of health solutions for the poor.

- Union research led to 134 papers in peer-reviewed journals this year.
- The Union has helped introduce or strengthen life-saving tobacco control policies supporting smokefree laws, advertising bans, health warnings, higher tobacco taxes and the prevention of tobacco industry interference in 43 countries since 2007.
- 2,157 people from 103 countries participated in 100 courses.
- More than 21,000 HIV patients received antiretroviral therapy through The Union Office in Myanmar.
- Union members were active in 146 countries in 2014.
- Volunteers’ efforts led to the treatment and diagnosis of more than 20,000 TB patients in hard-to-reach areas of India.
- The Union provided technical assistance to 56 countries, hosted courses and conferences in 37 countries and conducted research in 48 countries.

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