

# KIDNEY HEALTH

## FOR EVERYONE EVERYWHERE

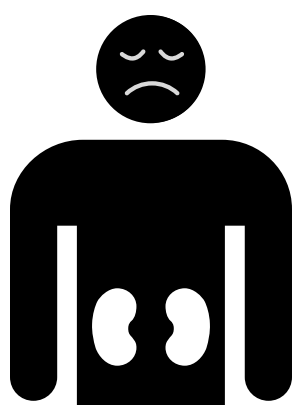


**850 Million** people worldwide are now estimated to have kidney diseases from various causes



**Chronic kidney diseases (CKD)** cause at least **2.4 million** deaths per year and are now the **6th** fastest growing cause of death

**Acute kidney injury (AKI)**, an important driver of CKD, affects over **13 million** people worldwide and **85%** of these cases are found in low and middle-income countries. Around **1.7** people are estimated to die annually because of AKI



Despite the growing burden of kidney diseases worldwide, kidney health **disparity** and **inequity** are still widespread. **CKD** and **AKI** often arise from the social conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age including poverty, gender discrimination, lack of education, occupational hazards and pollution among others.

**Transplantation** is considered the most **cost-effective** treatment of **CKD**. However, it has high set up costs with regards to infrastructure and requires highly specialized teams, availability of organ donors and cannot be done without dialysis backup. Physical and legal infrastructure requirements and cultural bias against organ donation often present barriers in many countries, making dialysis the default option.



**Kidney Health for Everyone** Everywhere calls for **universal health coverage (UHC)** for prevention and early treatment of kidney disease.

The ultimate goal of a UHC policy is to promote population health by ensuring universal, sustainable and equitable access to essential healthcare of high quality, protecting people from health impoverishment and improving equity in health across socioeconomic groups.