2019 impact

2019 was a memorable year for the World Hepatitis Alliance (WHA). We mobilised the community to raise the importance of hepatitis elimination within Universal Health Coverage and the Global Fund mechanism, we expanded our influence with more partners and more members and we built capacity among our members across the world. This snapshot represents the key achievements from the year.

- 720 people participated in our NOhep Google Doodle campaign
- 1,000 individuals and organisations signed our open letter to The Global Fund
- 161 countries participated in World Hepatitis Day 2019
- 9,439 visitors to the Find the Missing Millions Advocacy Resource
Where we work

Key

HCV Testing Initiative  FMM in-country programme  Financing for hepatitis

“WHA makes members feel like a family.”

WHA member
Our WHA membership has given us an opportunity to learn from other members of WHA.

Five WHA members began implementation of action plans to accelerate hepatitis diagnosis, supported by WHA seed funding and assistance from experts in the field.

In partnership with the Ministries of Health in India’s Punjab State and Cambodia we costed their national hepatitis C programmes, created the investment case and importantly explored financing options, laying the foundation for a strengthened response.

We championed the first-ever African Hepatitis Summit in Uganda, delivering advocacy sessions and highlighting the role of civil society in hepatitis elimination.
Hepatitis on the global health agenda

WHA mobilised the community to successfully advocate for the inclusion of viral hepatitis within the United Nations (UN) Political Declaration on Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The inclusion provides hepatitis advocates with a strong tool to use when campaigning for more support for hepatitis elimination within countries’ UHC responses.

To coincide with the release of the UN Political Declaration, WHA released a briefing for members on UHC, this was launched during a Facebook live session on UHC presented by WHA CEO Cary James. We also held a side meeting at the UN with key partners highlighting the importance of hepatitis elimination in UHC responses.

Over 1,000 people signed our open letter to The Global Fund urging them to explore areas where integration could help strengthen countries’ hepatitis responses. We also participated in a side meeting at The Global Fund Replenishment meeting where we made the case for integration to strengthen health systems.

WHA CEO, Cary James was appointed to the Civil Society Engagement Mechanism for UHC. This ensures a strong voice for hepatitis advocates on the global UHC agenda.

“WHA is doing a great job in making viral hepatitis receive global attention.

WHA member
NOhep made some noise at The Liver Meeting 2019 when medical professionals, patients, civil society and the public came together for our NOhep flashmob.

720 people joined our NOhep Google Doodle campaign, requesting Google to recognise World Hepatitis Day with a Google Doodle.

We doubled the number of NOhep Medical Visionaries during the year, bringing more of the medical community on board with our elimination campaign.

We brought together our NOhep Medical Visionaries at The International Liver Conference in Vienna, Austria and The Liver Meeting in Boston, USA. The sessions provided a forum for medical professionals to share their experience of working to eliminate hepatitis.

“"We are proud to be part of this community."”

WHA member
We signed Memorandums of Understanding with UNITE, the global network of policymakers, and IAPAC Fast-Track Cities paving the way for us to boost our advocacy and influence with policy- and decision-makers to accelerate action towards hepatitis elimination.

WHA is truly the global voice of viral hepatitis patients: with 25 new members and four new countries in 2019, we now have 295 member organisations across 94 countries.

“WHA helped me to raise our profile”

WHA member
Through my organisation’s membership we have leveraged knowledge and have been exposed to other organisations, learning from their experience in the field. We have also developed relationships with other organisations and individuals.

WHA member

Capacity-building

We started using Facebook Live webinars to increase access to our capacity-building work on hot topics. These included 'How UHC relates to hepatitis elimination', 'How to use our advocacy resource to improve effectiveness' and 'Basic hepatitis C diagnosis'

We launched the Find The Missing Millions Advocacy Resource bringing practical tips, case studies and best practice on overcoming the barriers to diagnosis direct to our members.
161 countries participated in World Hepatitis Day, July 28, 2019, led by the efforts of 168 WHA members and 50 WHO country offices.

Our attention-grabbing World Hepatitis Day film was translated into 11 languages and viewed more than half a million times.

Awareness was raised thanks to over 43,000 social media posts, 4,000 press mentions and thousands of events globally attended by over 500,000 people.

I love the materials you can customise for World Hepatitis Day.

WHA member