

Diabetes surge worldwide

The number of people living with diabetes around the world has quadrupled from 108 million in 1980 to 422m in 2014 – 8.5% of the global adult population

PREVALENCE OF ADULTS WITH DIABETES (%)

Africa



WHO Regions

1980

2014

Americas



Eastern Mediterranean



Europe



South-East Asia



Western Pacific



Total



● High blood sugar levels are linked to 3.7 million deaths worldwide each year

● Surge in cases mostly down to type 2 – form of diabetes closely linked to poor lifestyle