

# World Health Organization faces huge deficit

With the U.S. withdrawal from the UN agency due to take effect in January, the WHO is facing a budget deficit of \$2.5bn in 2025-27 – even after making cuts of \$1.1bn to next year's budget

## BASE BUDGET 2026-27

**Unfunded  
\$1.804bn**

**Projected partnerships  
\$0.3bn**

**Pipeline \$0.1bn**

**National pledges  
\$0.5bn**

**Signed agreements  
\$0.2bn**

**Carry forward \$0.1bn**

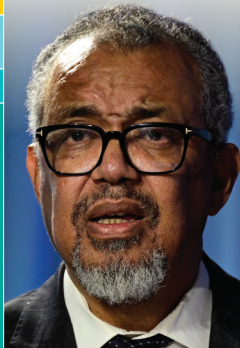
**Assessed  
Contributions  
Based on national GDP  
\$1.068bn**

*Majority of funding  
comes from  
voluntary  
contributions*

*U.S. paid \$1.3bn  
in 2022-23 –  
mostly voluntary  
contributions – but  
owes \$260m in  
membership fees  
alone for 2024-25.  
U.S. remains in  
Pan-American Health  
Organization*



*WHO Director-  
General  
**Tedros Adhanom  
Ghebreyesus***



## SPENDING

**Acute health  
emergencies  
34.9%**

**Polio eradication  
19.4%**

**Improved access to  
health services  
18.9%**

**Epidemics/pandemics 4%**

**Rapid response 3.7%**

**Primary health care 3.4%**

**Pandemic prevention 2.9%**

**Country preparation 2.8%**

**Other  
10%**

*Cutbacks in HIV programmes could lead to over 10 million  
additional cases and three million HIV-related deaths*