



**PRESS RELEASE**

## **WFC CO-SIGNS WORLD HEALTH DAY CALL FOR GREATER ACCESS TO REHABILITATION WORLDWIDE**

**Toronto, April 7, 2021. On World Health Day, the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) has co-signed an open letter calling for greater equity in access to rehabilitation worldwide.**

The letter, signed by 11 global organizations, is part of the World Health Day theme of building a fairer, healthier world.

The signatories are all members of the Global Rehabilitation Alliance, an organization committed to advocating for the availability of quality, coordinated and affordable rehabilitation through system strengthening according to population needs.

The letter points out that it is estimated that throughout the world some 2.4 billion people need rehabilitation and that the number is expected to keep growing.

However, this enormous need remains largely unmet in many countries. The WFC, with its co-signatories, calls for greater and better access to rehabilitation services and assistive technologies is crucial to build a fairer, healthier world.

The statement can be read at: [wfc.org/WorldHealthDayRehab](http://wfc.org/WorldHealthDayRehab)

### **About World Health Day**

April 7 of each year marks the celebration of World Health Day. From its inception at the First Health Assembly in 1948 and since taking effect in 1950, the celebration has aimed to create awareness of a specific health theme to highlight a priority area of concern for the World Health Organization (WHO).

Over the past 50 years this has brought to light important health issues such as mental health, maternal and child care, and climate change. The celebration is marked by activities which extend beyond the day itself and serves as an opportunity to focus worldwide attention on these important aspects of global health.

This [World Health Day](#), WHO is calling for action to eliminate health inequities, as part of a year-long global campaign to bring people together to build a fairer, healthier world. The campaign highlights WHO's constitutional principle that "the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition."

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