Respiratory Disease in Ukraine

INTERNATIONAL RESPIRATORY COALITION

Introduction

The IRC, a coalition of respiratory clinicians, patients and industry partners, aims to transform post-pandemic respiratory care and reduce mortality by a third globally by 2030 - in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The IRC is calling on governments and policy makers to establish funded national strategies, which include prevention, new models of care, ambitious measurable targets, and accountable leadership to improve lung health by focusing on:
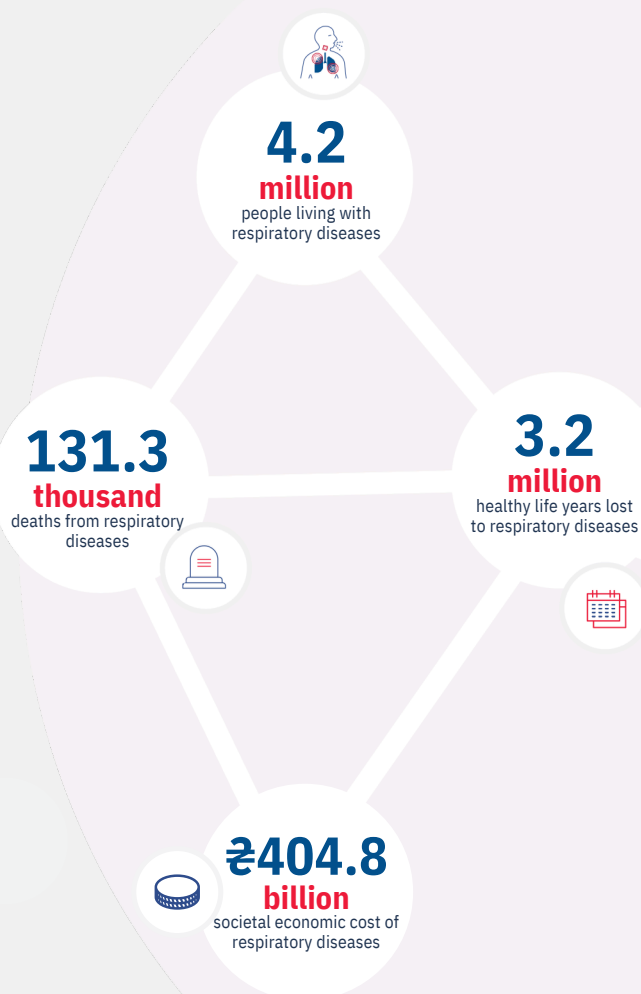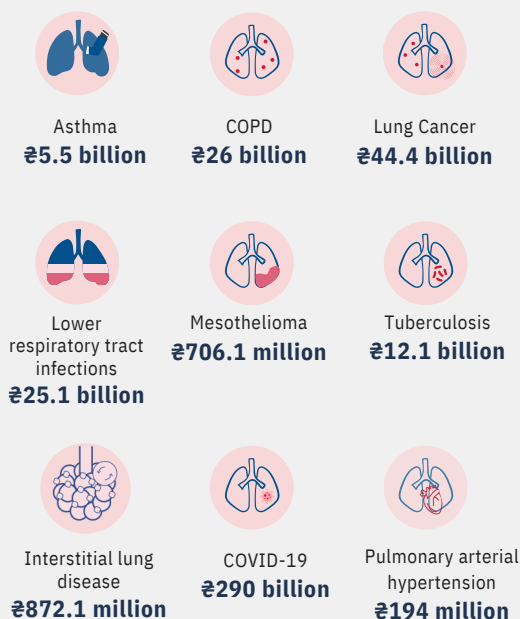
Better...

1. Prevention of respiratory diseases
2. Access to the right treatment at the right time
3. Action on reducing inequalities
4. Prioritisation of research, data and insight to improve care

The Ukrainian Respiratory Coalition was established in 2024 to improve lung health for Ukrainian citizens. The main goals of the URC are to raise the level of awareness and education, support and development of medical infrastructure, the development and implementation of national standards, providing access to vaccines and medicines and monitoring and research.

The IRC welcomes the work on this initiative and is also committed to collaborating with all relevant stakeholders in promoting lung health across Ukraine by developing national strategies.

4.2 million
people living with respiratory diseases

131.3 thousand
deaths from respiratory diseases

3.2 million
healthy life years lost to respiratory diseases

₴404.8 billion
societal economic cost of respiratory diseases

Societal economic cost by disease:

Asthma
₴5.5 billion

COPD
₴26 billion

Lung Cancer
₴44.4 billion

Lower respiratory tract infections
₴25.1 billion

Mesothelioma
₴706.1 million

Tuberculosis
₴12.1 billion

Interstitial lung disease
₴872.1 million

COVID-19
₴290 billion

Pulmonary arterial hypertension
₴194 million

Data taken from IRC Lung Facts https://international-respiratory-coalition.org/lung-facts/diseases/

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