

Respiratory disease in Ukraine



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The International Respiratory Coalition (IRC) was founded to tackle one of global health's most overlooked challenges: the burden of respiratory disease.

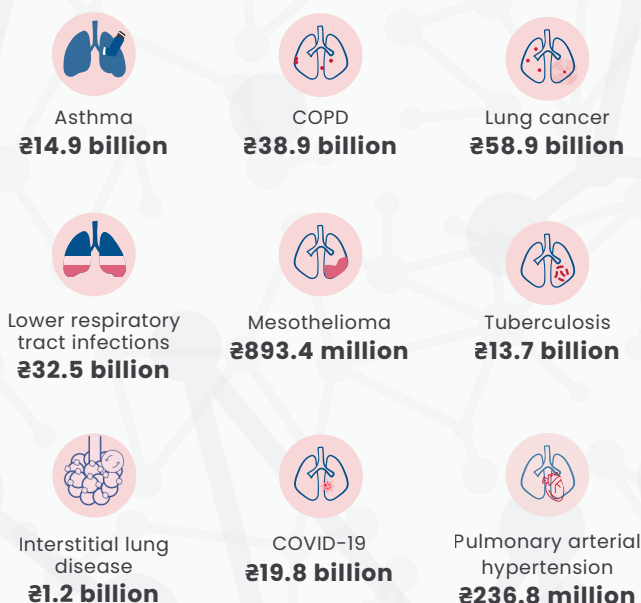
We bring together national coalitions of health professionals, patient advocates and policymakers to develop and implement national respiratory health strategies that address prevention, treatment and care.

The ultimate goal is to reduce respiratory disease-related mortality by a third globally by 2030, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The Ukrainian Respiratory Coalition was established in 2024 to improve lung health for Ukrainian citizens. Its long-term goal is to reduce respiratory mortality by 2030 by building an effective national system for tackling respiratory diseases. The coalition is working to:

- Raise awareness of prevention and healthy lifestyles through media, community and school campaigns
- Strengthen medical infrastructure through professional development
- Develop national treatment standards based on international best practice
- Improve access to vaccines and medicines, particularly for vulnerable groups
- Improve respiratory disease monitoring and data collection

Societal economic cost by disease:



30
thousand
deaths from
respiratory
diseases

4.6
million
people living with
respiratory
diseases

1
million
healthy life years
lost to respiratory
diseases

€181
billion
societal
economic cost
of respiratory
diseases

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