

19 Organizations

"Don't agonize. Organize."
 Florynce Kennedy, Lawyer, and Civil and Womens' Rights Activist (1916–2000)

The World Health Organization's Cardiovascular Disease Programme is conducted through its Geneva headquarters, and regional and national offices worldwide. The World Heart Federation helps people achieve a longer, better life through prevention and control of heart disease and stroke, focusing on low- and middle-income countries.

In addition to the nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) highlighted here, there are many international NGOs – from the World Medical Association to Consumers International – that include cardiovascular disease control as part of their activities.

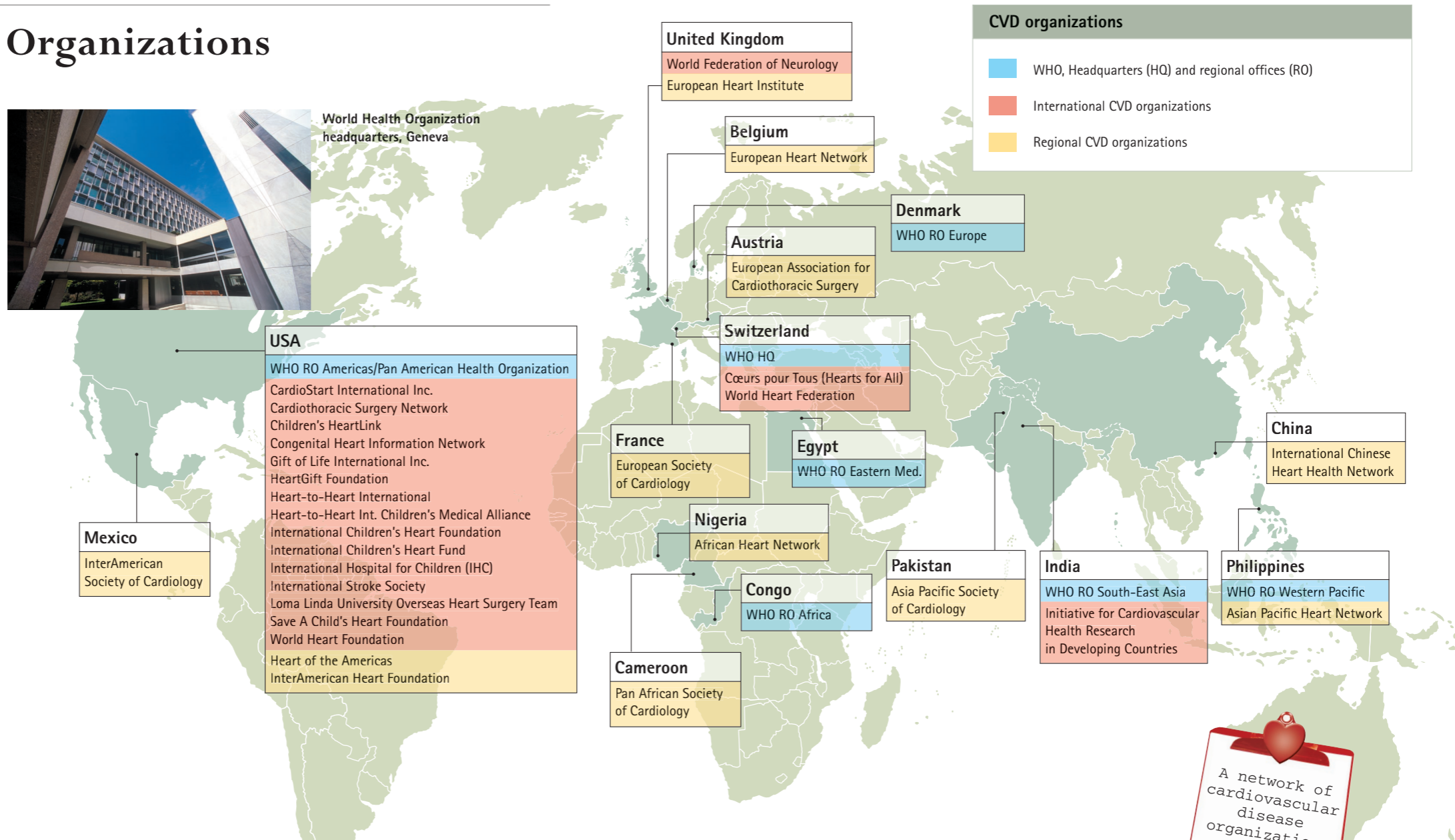
Only international and regional organizations are shown here. Not mentioned are the many national organizations, whose impact may extend outside their own country, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the USA, the British Heart Foundation, and ThaiHealth in Thailand. Other national NGOs also work part time on CVD issues.

There are numerous other partners in a vast arena of varied but related interests, including organizations involved with women, youth, law, economics, human rights, religion and development.

The capacity of virtually all cardiovascular disease control organizations is inadequate to meet the challenge of the CVD epidemic.



World Health Organization headquarters, Geneva



World Conferences on Cardiovascular Diseases

World Congresses of Cardiology	International Conferences on Preventive Cardiology	World Stroke Congresses	International Heart Health Conferences
1st 1974 Buenos Aires, Argentina	1st 1985 Moscow, USSR	1st 1989 Kyoto, Japan	1st 1992 Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
2nd 1978 Tokyo, Japan	2nd 1989 Washington, DC, USA	2nd 1992 Washington, DC, USA	2nd 1995 Barcelona, Spain
3rd 1982 Moscow, Russian Federation	3rd 1993 Oslo, Norway	3rd 1996 Munich, Germany	3rd 1998 Singapore
4th 1986 Washington, DC, USA	4th 1997 Montreal, Canada	4th 2000 Melbourne, Australia	4th 2001 Osaka, Japan
5th 1990 Manila, Philippines	5th 2001 Osaka, Japan	5th 2004 Vancouver, Canada	5th 2004 Milan, Italy
6th 1994 Berlin, Germany	6th 2005 Iguassu, Brazil		
7th 1998 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil			
8th 2002 Sydney, Australia			
9th 2006 Barcelona, Spain			

A network of cardiovascular disease organizations covers the world.