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The World Health Organization, WHO for short, is the authority for health within the United Nations system.

It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries, and monitoring and assessing health trends.

WHO communicates information about global health in order to inform citizens, donors, policymakers, and organizations around the world.

Their primary publication is World Health Report.

Each issue focuses on a specific aspect of global health, and includes statistics and experts' assessments.

WHO also maintains an open, online repository of global health data.

WHO provides some data visualizations, which helps them communicate more effectively with the public.

As an example, the graph shows the World Energy Consumption during 2001 to 2003.