

UN report warns 48 million children

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The UN said urgent action was needed after its latest child mortality report revealed 48 million children under the age of 5 will die in the next decade.

The UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation said 122 countries had death rates for children under 5 that were below the Sustainable Development Goal of 25 or fewer for every 1,000 live births last year.

But its report, which was published on Wednesday, revealed more work was needed for the remaining 73 countries.

Of them, 53 must speed up progress to reach the target by 2030, and more than 60 will need to do so to reach the UN's neo-natal mortality goal on time.

"If all countries reach the SDG child survival targets by 2030, 11 million lives under the age of 5 will be saved, more than half of them in sub-Saharan Africa," it said.

"On current trends, about 48 million children under 5 will die between 2020 and 2030, half of them newborns."

The UN agency was formed in 2004 to share data on child mortality to help improve methods for estimating the number of deaths and report on progress towards the goals.

"Sub-Saharan Africa remains the region with the highest under-5 mortality rate in the world," it said.

"In 2019, the region had an average under-5 mortality rate of 76 deaths for every 1,000 live births. That is equal to one child in 13 dying before reaching age 5."

It says the rate is 20 times higher than that of one in 264 for Australasia and two decades behind the world average, which achieved a one in 13 rate by 1999.

"The persistent and overwhelming burden of deaths among children and youths highlights the urgent need to



A nurse bottle feeds a premature baby at a maternity hospital in Idlib, Syria Reuters

further accelerate progress in preventing child deaths," the UN agency said.

"Current trends predict that close to 23 million five-to-24-year-olds and 48 million children under 5 years of age will die between 2020 and 2030.

"Almost half of these under-5 deaths will be newborns

whose deaths can be prevented by reaching high coverage of quality antenatal care, skilled care at birth, postnatal care for mother and baby, and care of small and sick newborns."

It said most deaths of children younger than 5 were in two regions, with 53 per cent in sub-Saharan Africa and 1.5 million children in Central and Southern Asia.

"These two regions accounted for more than 80 per cent of the 5.2 million global under-5 deaths in 2019, but they only accounted for 52 per cent of the global under-5 population," it said.

"Nearly half of all under-5 deaths in 2019 occurred in just

five countries: Nigeria, India, Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Ethiopia.

"Nigeria and India alone account for almost a third.

"Access to lifesaving interventions is critical to ensuring steady mortality declines in low and middle-income countries."

Globally, infectious diseases including pneumonia, diarrhoea and malaria remain a leading cause of under-5 deaths, along with early labour and birth complications.

It said malnourished children, particularly those suffering severe acute malnutrition, are at a higher risk of death from these common childhood illnesses.

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INVITATION TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS COMPANY PJSC

(a public joint stock company)

The Board of Directors of International Holdings Company PJSC (the "Company") hereby cordially invites all the esteemed shareholders of the Company to attend the general meeting of the Company (the "General Assembly Meeting") which will be held at 5pm on Monday 28th September 2020 at the Company's headquarter located at RG Procurement Building 2nd floor, Al Halawi St. – near Khalifa Park, Abu Dhabi, for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:

Approval of the amendments to the following articles of the Company's Articles of Association as listed below:

- Article (2) (Definitions):** Amendment to the definition of the term 'Control', amending the term 'The Related Parties' and adding the term 'Systems and Official Resolutions'.
- Article (3) (Company Name):** Removal of letter 's' in the word 'Holdings' from the Company's English name.
- Article (6) (Objects of the Company):** Amendment of some of the wordings pertaining to the Company's objects.
- Article (20) (Company Management):** The Company shall be managed by a Board of Directors of (5) five members.
- Article (30) (Board Resolution by Circulation):** Cases in which board resolutions may be issued by circulation.
- Article (35) (Deals with Related Parties):** Deals exceeding in its value (5%) of the issued capital may only be concluded with the Related Parties after a valuation process.
- Article (39) (Remuneration of the Chairman and the Members of the Board):** Payment of the Remuneration of the Chairman and the Members of the Board shall be consistent to the policies proposed by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, review of the Board of Directors, and approval of the General Assembly.
- Article (42) (Announcement of Invitation to the General Assembly Meeting):** It is permissible to announce the invitation to the General Assembly Meeting by way of SMS or e-mail.
- Article (51) (Issuance of the Special Resolution):** Addition of new cases that require issuance of a special resolution by the General Assembly.
- Article (52) (Inclusion of an Item in the Agenda of the General Assembly Meeting):** Cases in which inclusion of an item in the agenda of the General Assembly Meeting may be permitted.



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NOTES

- A corporate person may delegate to a representative or those in charge of its management pursuant to a resolution of its board of directors or its equivalent the power to represent such corporate person in the General Assembly Meeting. The delegated person shall have the powers as determined in the delegating resolution.
- Shareholders can access the amended Articles of Association of the Company on the website of the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange www.adx.ae and on the Company's website at www.ihcuae.com.
- Each shareholder is entitled to appoint a representative to attend the General Assembly Meeting, provided that the representative is not a member of the Board of Directors, and provided that the number of shares held by the representative in this capacity may not exceed (5%) five per cent of the share capital of the Company.
- Only owners of shares registered on Sunday 27th September 2020 may have the right to vote in the General Assembly Meeting.
- The General Assembly Meeting shall not be considered valid unless shareholders attending in person or by proxy are not less than 50% of the Company's capital. If this quorum is not met in the first meeting, a second meeting will be held on Monday 05th October 2020 at the same time and place. (The second meeting shall be held after a period of not less than five (5) days and not exceeding fifteen (15) days from the date of the first meeting and the postponed General Assembly Meeting shall be deemed valid irrespective of the number of the shareholders present.
- Special Resolution: means a resolution that has been issued by shareholders who have a majority of three quarters of the shares represented at the Company's General Assembly Meeting.
- The General Assembly Meeting shall be held at the Company's headquarter at the place and time specified by the invitation to Shareholders, and in the presence of the Board of Directors, the Auditors, the Registrar, the Rapporteur of the meeting, and the Voices Collector.
- The guide for investor's rights in securities is available on the main page of SCA's website: <https://www.sca.gov.ae/ar/services/minority-investor-protection.aspx>
- For inquiries, please contact the Investor Relations of the Company by phone 6448090 02 or email info@ihcuae.com

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