

# Health Organisations

- Health is one of the primary concerns of all the governments of the world.
- Governments strive to take steps individually, at the national level and globally to safeguard the health interests of their citizens.

## Common Health Problems in India

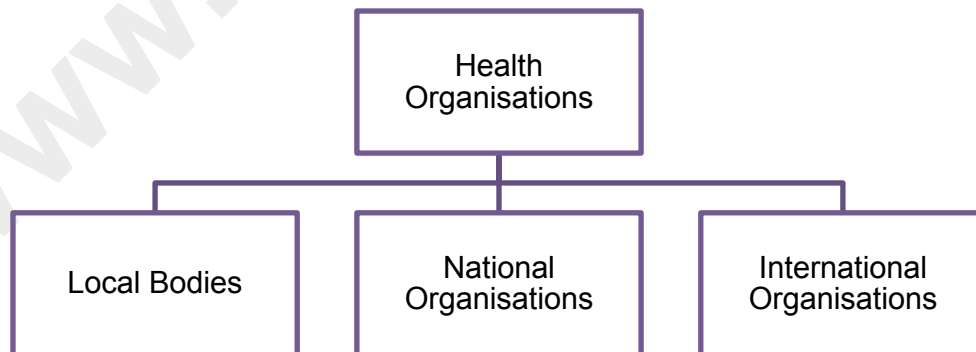
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- India is a vast country with highly diverse geographical and climatic conditions.



<b>A. Food and Water Borne Diseases</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contaminated food and water cause several diseases.</li><li>• Examples: Diarrhoea, gastroenteritis, typhoid and dysentery</li></ul>
<b>B. Insect and Air Borne Diseases</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lack of cleanliness leads to breeding of houseflies and mosquitoes which are carriers of certain diseases.</li><li>• Example: Malaria</li><li>• Tuberculosis, whooping cough, pneumonia and diarrhoea are air borne diseases.</li></ul>

## Categories of Health Organisations

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## International Bodies

<p><b>1. Red Cross</b></p> 	<p>It is a national as well as international agency. It was formally founded in 1864. Its emblem is a red-coloured cross painted on a white background. 8 May is celebrated as Red Cross Day.</p> <p><u>Major activities carried out by the Red cross are</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extending relief and help to victims of flood, fire, famine or earthquakes.</li><li>• Procuring and supplying blood to victims of war or other calamities.</li><li>• Extending all possible first-aid in any accident.</li></ul>
<p><b>2. World Health Organization (WHO)</b></p> 	<p>WHO was established in 1948. It is a specialised agency of the United Nations Organization. Its headquarters are located in Geneva.</p> <p><u>Major activities of WHO include</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collecting and supplying information about the occurrence of diseases of an epidemic nature.</li><li>• Laying pharmaceutical standards for important drugs to ensure purity and size of the dose.</li><li>• Organising campaigns for the control of epidemic (widespread) and endemic (local) diseases.</li></ul>

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