

## COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE: WORLD HEALTH

### ACTIVITY CARD

Health is a concern for people the world over. As developments in technology and transportation continue to shrink distances between peoples, increased human contact means that health problems can be spread rapidly from country to country. At the same time, the very same technological and transportation developments mean that countries can collaborate with one another much more quickly and effectively to combat health problems. The main stumbling block to effective international cooperation on issues related to health stems from the disparity in countries' abilities to finance health care initiatives.

**Directions:** As a group, discuss the questions below so that you become knowledgeable about your country's position on world health. Use your *World Problems Scenario* as a resource. In addition, investigate the websites from the Scenario (at the beginning of the Country Profiles section, and the World Health section under Environment), and the ICONS research library – linked to *Delegate Central* at [www.cwhp.info/delegates.html](http://www.cwhp.info/delegates.html).

1. What are the main world health concerns? In what ways do these health concerns affect your country?
2. Is your country a developed or developing country? Explain why you think it is developed or developing. How does your country's economic status affect its ability to provide health care for its people?
3. In the past, how has your country collaborated with other countries to resolve world health issues? What kinds of collaboration would assist your country in dealing with the health issues it faces today, especially as they relate to **communicable diseases**?
4. Identify key health-related problems and challenges facing your country at the national and international levels. Prioritize these problems and challenges in terms of seriousness and urgency regarding the need for attention.
5. Define the goals your country has in dealing with the key health problems and challenges that you have identified. Prioritize your goals for dealing with your country's health issues, especially as they relate to communicable diseases at the national and international levels.
6. Identify strategies for achieving the goals your group has prioritized. Identify the strategies that your country could implement at both the national and international levels to address these health issues. Remember, your strategy must realistically reflect the way you have prioritized your goals in your country.

**Task: Design a visual that has four distinct sections: 1) A brief summary of key points on the health situation in your country and the policy approaches that have been used, especially as they relate to communicable diseases; 2) A prioritized list of the key health problems and challenges for your country; 3) A prioritized list of the goals your country has for dealing with the health issues it faces, especially as they relate to communicable diseases at the national and international levels; and 4) The national and international plans and strategies you have for achieving your goals for dealing with health issues in your country and worldwide. Present your visual to the class with the kind of depth and breadth that will thoroughly teach your fellow delegates about the issue of world health.**

*How can the problems of the modern world be resolved?*

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## TASK EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **Visual includes four distinct sections and makes use of color, symbols, maps, timelines, charts, graphs, or other visual techniques that help to convey information.**
- **Visual includes a summary of key points on the current health situation in your country and summarizes the policy approaches your country has used in dealing with health issues.**
- **Visual includes a prioritized list of the key health problems and challenges your country faces.**
- **Visual includes a prioritized list of the goals your country has for dealing with its health issues, especially as they relate to communicable diseases at the national and international levels.**
- **Visual includes the national and international plans your group has for achieving your country's health goals as they relate to communicable diseases.**
- **Presentation teaches the class about the issue of health in your country.**