

International Society for Urban Health

Fact Sheet

By the year 2050, 70% of the world's population will reside in cities, and more than 90% of urban population growth will take place in low- and middle-income countries. Achieving improvements in urban health is essential to global health and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) — cities must be at the forefront of tackling critical global health and development issues. The International Society for Urban Health (ISUH) is the only global, non-governmental organization that focuses exclusively on evidence for action to address the broad determinants of urban health and health equity.

ISUH understands that the health challenges in urban environments are complex and require interdisciplinary collaboration among a variety of stakeholders: researchers, educators, policy makers, practitioners, community and business leaders, and urban health advocates, among others. The organization is singular in its ability to promote and facilitate participation from sectors including urban planning, architecture, transportation, housing, energy and environmental science, to make cities and urban communities healthier and more equitable by improving the built, social, economic and physical environments.



Our Mission

Through an unparalleled network of partners and members spanning the globe, ISUH works to:



CREATE a worldwide cadre of cross-sectoral, multi-disciplinary urban health leaders in research, policy, and practice



ADVANCE the evidence base regarding the determinants, programs, and policies critical for achieving healthy and sustainable urban environments



IMPROVE cross-sector collaboration within government and among government, organizations of society and the business sector to solve urban health challenges



ADVOCATE for implementation of evidence-based policies, programs and governance that develop healthy and sustainable urban environments and eliminate health inequities

ISUH is an **INNOVATOR**, translating the science behind urban health promotion into practice, policy, and advocacy to improve urban health; an **INCUBATOR**, promoting urban centers as platforms to test and scale evidence-based interventions that improve urban health and reduce health inequities; and a **CONVENER**, deepening cross-sector collaboration at global, national and city levels to promote research, policies, and programs addressing health outcomes and disparities.



Membership & Benefits

Today, the ISUH has nearly 300 individual and organizational members from 55 nations; half of them from low- and middle-income countries. In addition to taking part in the annual International Conference on Urban Health, members participate in working groups, coordinated advocacy efforts, and engage with affiliated networks of urban health experts. Members can join ISUH's Collaboratorium, its interactive web platform, a social networking tool through which members actively engage with one another on critical issues. The ISUH also provides members with free access to key journals and publishes a quarterly newsletter, briefing members on important topics and events related to urban health.

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300

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THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN HEALTH (ICUH)

For the past 18 years, ISUH has sponsored an International Conference on Urban Health, which provides a unique forum for academic experts, grassroots advocates, policymakers and practitioners from across the world to exchange ideas, and advance research, practice and policy that promote urban health and health equity. In 2017, the conference brought together 640 delegates from 63 different countries, including 33 low- and middle-income countries. ICUH 2018 was held in Uganda and attracted participants from 48 countries, 59% from LMICs. Over 400 participants from 59 countries joined ICUH 2019 in Xiamen, China with over 1,000 abstracts submitted. ISUH offers conference scholarships for members in low- and middle-income countries whose abstracts are accepted for oral presentation to ensure the diversity of attendees.



PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMS

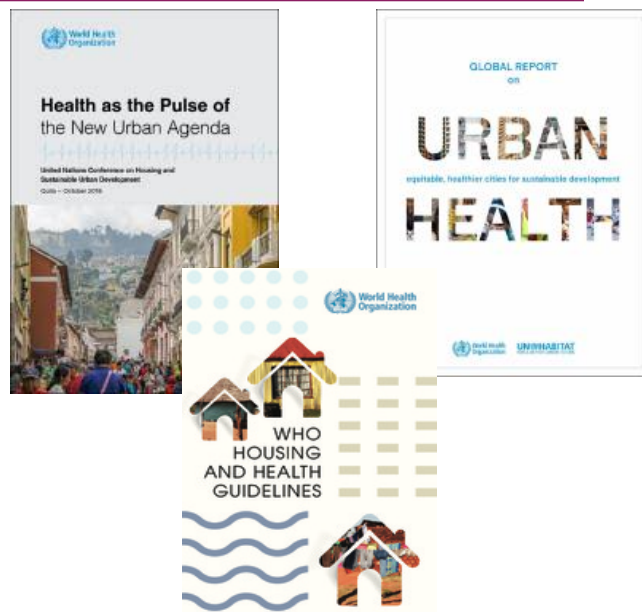
ISUH has formed partnerships with global organizations ranging from UN agencies and global networks of national academies of science and medicine to global professional organizations, academic institutions, businesses and local organizations of civil society to collaborate in advancing urban health across sectors and disciplines.

ISUH recently launched a major new program initiative in partnership with Fondation Botnar in Basel, Switzerland, called [Healthy Cities for Adolescents \(HCA\)](#). The program seeks to advance the health and wellbeing of adolescents in secondary cities in Colombia, Ghana, and Senegal, with future projects planned in 2020 for India and Viet Nam. ISUH will tap its global network of experts to support the program and share its learnings.

ISUH members have also developed working groups on Urban Health Education & Health Equity, Community Based Solutions, the Africa Group for Research, Education and Practice in Urban Health and the group on Systems Approaches to Urban Health & Wellbeing.

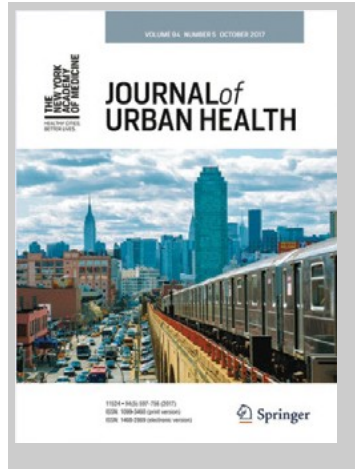
ADVOCACY

ISUH provides leadership necessary for its members to positively influence the global urban health and development agenda. For example, at ICUH 2015, the Dhaka Declaration became a key document in advancing attention to urban health in the SDGs and ISUH worked with WHO and other global urban health leaders to prepare the document “Health as the Pulse of the New Urban Agenda”, presented at the UNHabitat World Urban Forum. ISUH supported the work of the World Health Organization (WHO) and UN Habitat in preparing the Global Report on Urban Health: Equitable Healthier Cities for Sustainable Development, which was launched at ICUH 2016. We continue to work actively as an NGO partner to collaborative efforts of WHO and UNHabitat including “Housing and Health Guidelines”, launched at ICUH 2018 and a sourcebook on Integrating Health in Urban and Territorial Planning, released in May 2020.



INFORMATION RESOURCES

Journal of Urban Health: All ISUH members receive the bimonthly Journal. Produced by The New York Academy of Medicine, it is the premier and authoritative source of rigorous analyses to advance the health and well-being of people in cities. Additionally, members receive online subscriptions to the Journal of Community Health and the Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health.



E-newsletter: Published on a quarterly basis, the e-newsletter offers information regarding ISUH activities, opportunities for engagement, and updates on urban health initiatives from around the world.

Interactive Web Platform: This innovative social networking tool allows members to engage actively with one another through the ISUH website and keep current with developments in urban health worldwide.

- **ISUH Collaboratorium:** A highly interactive virtual knowledge sharing platform for ISUH members to actively engage with each other, develop ideas, share best practices, motivate and collaborate with other leaders in urban health from around the world.



- **ISUH Conversations:** A podcast series that features interviews with urban health influencers whose work, scholarship, and practice advance understanding and action to improve the health of people living in cities and urban environments.
- **Perspectives:** The ISUH Blog that features thoughts and ideas from influencers in urban health and related fields and sectors.

Individual Membership	Annual Dues
Individual (Residents of High-Income Countries)	\$150
Individual (Residents of Upper Middle-Income Countries)	\$75
Student (Residents of High-Income Countries)	\$50
Individual (Residents of Lower Middle-Income and Low-Income Countries)	\$25
Student (Residents of Low & Middle-Income Countries)	\$15

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

In addition to the aforementioned individual membership benefits, the institutional membership includes the following:

- Listing on the ISUH website and in ISUH communication materials
- Up to five (5) individual memberships for staff
- Discounted ICUH registration for up to 5 staff members or designated individuals
- Free posting of institution's logo, events and job opportunities in the ISUH Collaboratorium

Annual Revenue of Institutional Members	Annual Dues
Less than \$1,000,000	\$500
\$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000	\$1,000
\$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$2,500
\$10,000,001 to \$100,000,000	\$7,500
\$100,000,001 to \$500,000,000	\$12,500
\$500,000,001 to \$1,000,000,000	\$25,000
Greater than \$1,000,000,000	\$50,000

ISUH Leadership Council

ISUH has established the ISUH Leadership Council to engage with a select number of global corporations and foundations as thought and action partners on critical urban health challenges, and, working together, advance evidence-based programs and policies that improve urban health at the global, national and local levels.

For more details on membership in the Leadership Council, please contact development@isuh.org