

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ON HEALTH

WHAT IS THE BIG PICTURE?

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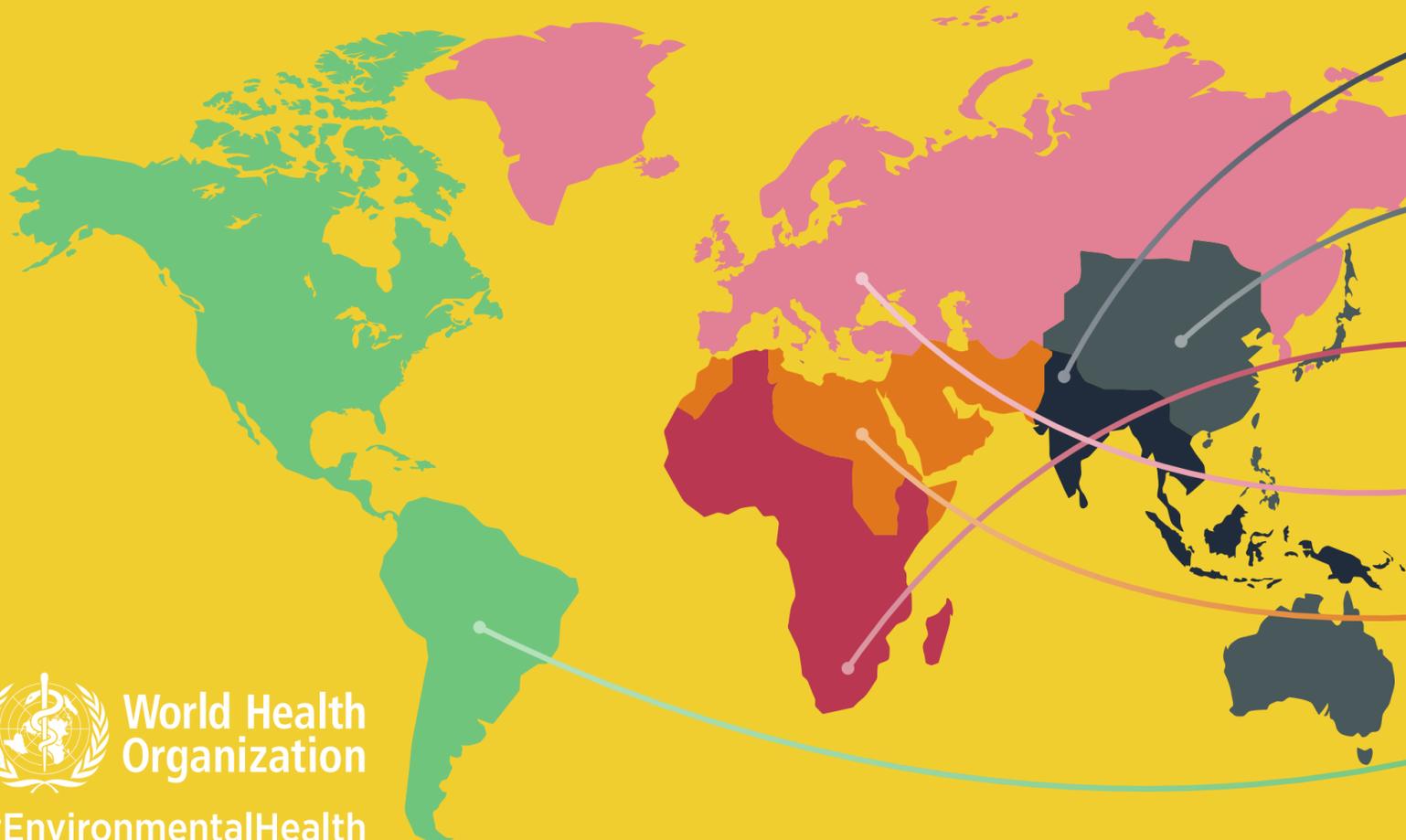
23%

of all global deaths are linked to the environment.

That's roughly **12.6 million deaths** a year.



WHERE IS IT HAPPENING?



3.8 million
in South-East Asia Region

3.5 million
in Western Pacific Region

2.2 million
in Africa Region

1.4 million
in European Region

854 000
in Eastern Mediterranean Region

847 000
in the Region of the Americas

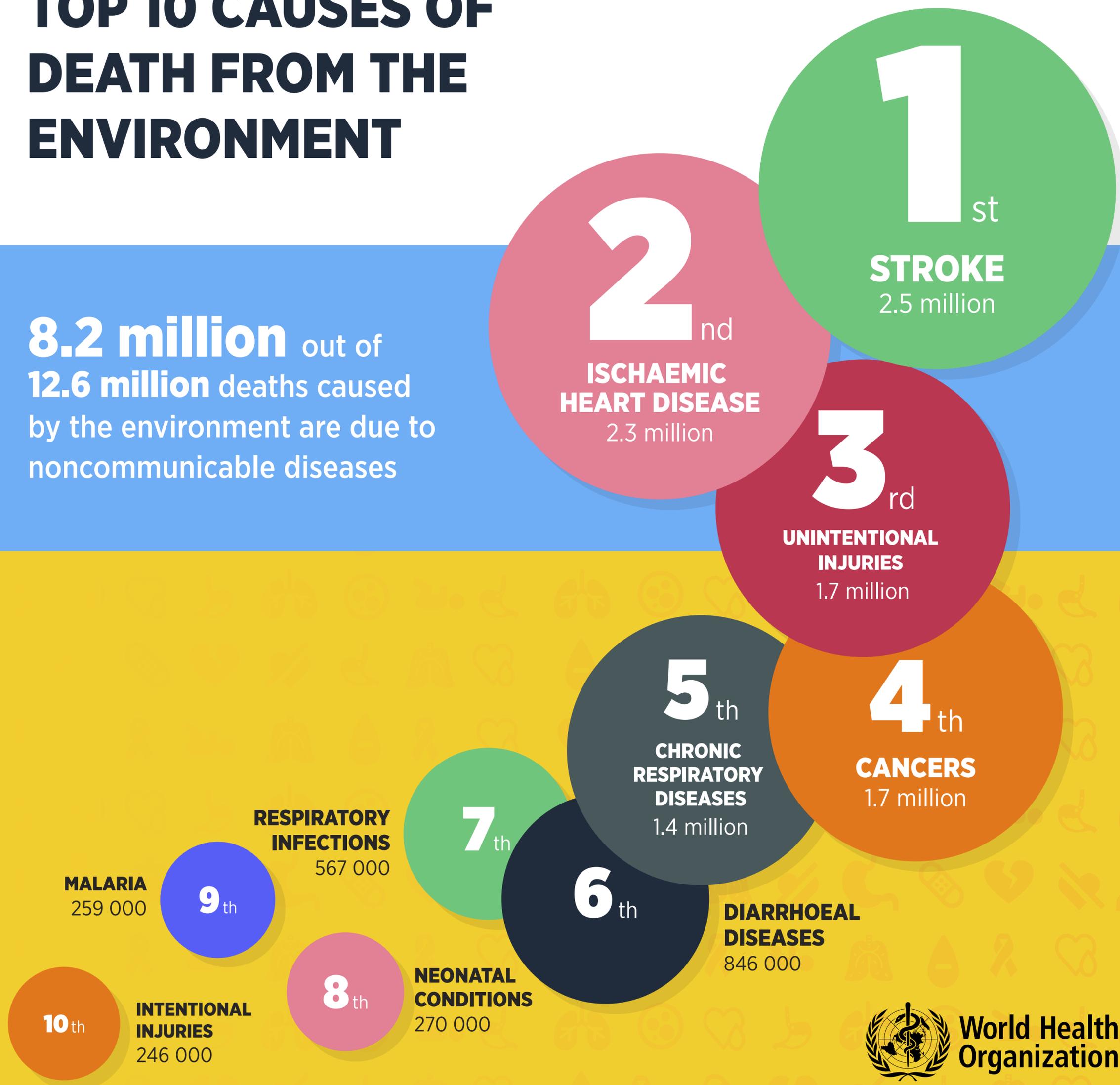


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TOP 10 CAUSES OF DEATH FROM THE ENVIRONMENT

8.2 million out of **12.6 million** deaths caused by the environment are due to noncommunicable diseases



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HOW THE ENVIRONMENT IMPACTS OUR HEALTH

People are exposed to risk factors in their homes, work places and communities through:



AIR POLLUTION
including indoors and outdoors



INADEQUATE WATER, SANITATION
and hygiene



CHEMICALS
and biological agents



RADIATION
ultraviolet and ionizing



COMMUNITY NOISE



OCCUPATIONAL RISKS



CLIMATE CHANGE

BUILT ENVIRONMENTS
including housing and roads



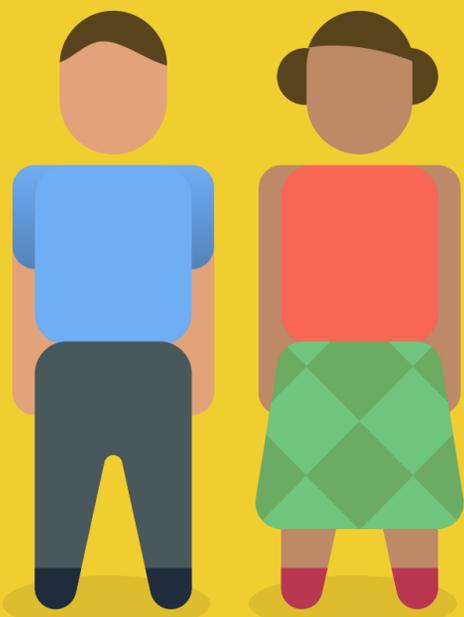
AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES
including pesticide-use, waste-water reuse



WHO IS MOST IMPACTED BY THE ENVIRONMENT

Environmental impacts on health are uneven across age and mostly affect the poor.

Low- and middle-income countries bear the greatest share of environmental disease.



Men

are slightly more affected due to occupational risks and injuries.

Women

bear higher exposures to traditional environmental risks such as smoke from cooking with solid fuels or carrying water.

Children under five and adults between 50 and 75 years old are most affected by the environment.



YEARLY

4.9 MILLION

Deaths in adults

between 50 and 75 years. The most common causes are noncommunicable diseases and injuries.

1.7 MILLION
Deaths in children

under five. The most prominent causes are lower respiratory infections and diarrhoeal diseases.



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WE CAN IMPROVE OUR ENVIRONMENT TO IMPROVE OUR HEALTH

These WIN-WIN
strategies are
fundamental
to achieving the

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



1. Apply low **carbon strategies** in energy generation, housing and the industry.



2. Use more active and **public transportation**.



3. Introduce **clean fuels** for cooking, heating and lighting and clean technologies.



4. Reduce **occupational exposures** and improve working conditions.



5. Increase **access to safe water** and adequate sanitation and promote hand washing.



6. Change **consumption patterns** to lower the use of harmful chemicals, minimize waste production and save energy.



7. Implement interventions that can increase **sun protective behaviour**.



8. Pass **smoking bans** to reduce exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke.



9. Always use a **health in all policies** approach to create healthier environments and prevent disease.

Let's all work towards a healthier
environment for our health.