

Urgency of accelerating solutions to air pollution and short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs)

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Air Pollution – The Silent Killer

Every year, around

**7 MILLION
DEATHS**

Are due to exposure to both outdoor and household air pollution

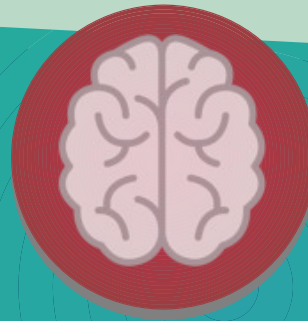


More than
2 MILLION
DEATHS

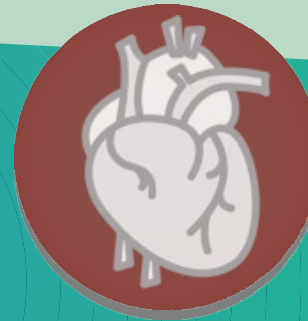
in the WPRO
region

Air pollution, mainly arising from **inefficient energy** use, is a major environmental risk to health.

By reducing air pollution levels, countries can reduce:



Stroke



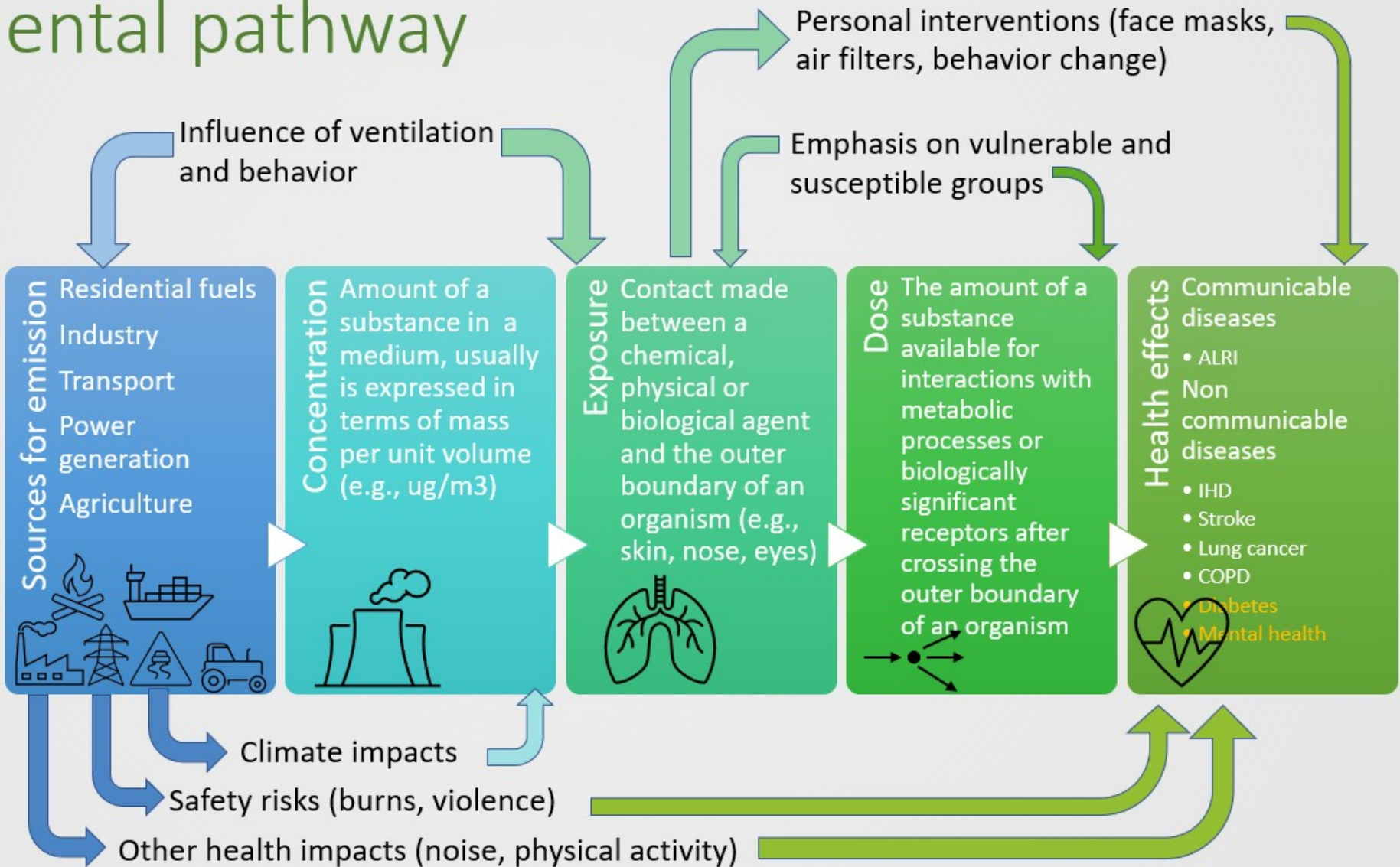
Heart disease



Lung cancer, chronic
obstructive pulmonary
disease, pneumonia and
asthma

Environmental pathway

Sectoral interventions



WHO Global Air Quality Guidelines

- AQGs can help to update standards and add more pollutants to the list.
- **WHO is ready to support Member States and in implementing the guidelines**
- Science-policy dialogues within and among Member States and with sectors and stakeholders
- Advocacy to support the uptake of AQGs and how to apply them
- Capacity building in the health and other sectors



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Comprehensive
assessment of the
evidence

Thank you

