

**“Together we have the unique opportunity
to improve the lives of patients around the globe.”**



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WHO WE ARE

The World Patients Alliance (WPA) is a nonprofit umbrella organization of patients, patient organizations and stakeholders from around the globe. The WPA provides the platform to empower and raise the patients' voice for the provision of and access to safe, quality and affordable healthcare.

WPA works to ensure patients have an active role to play in all the stages of healthcare that including planning, provision, monitoring, research and evaluation of health services.

There are no fees for Patient Advocacy Organizations to become members, and our programs and initiatives are at no-cost to our Patient Advocacy Organization members.

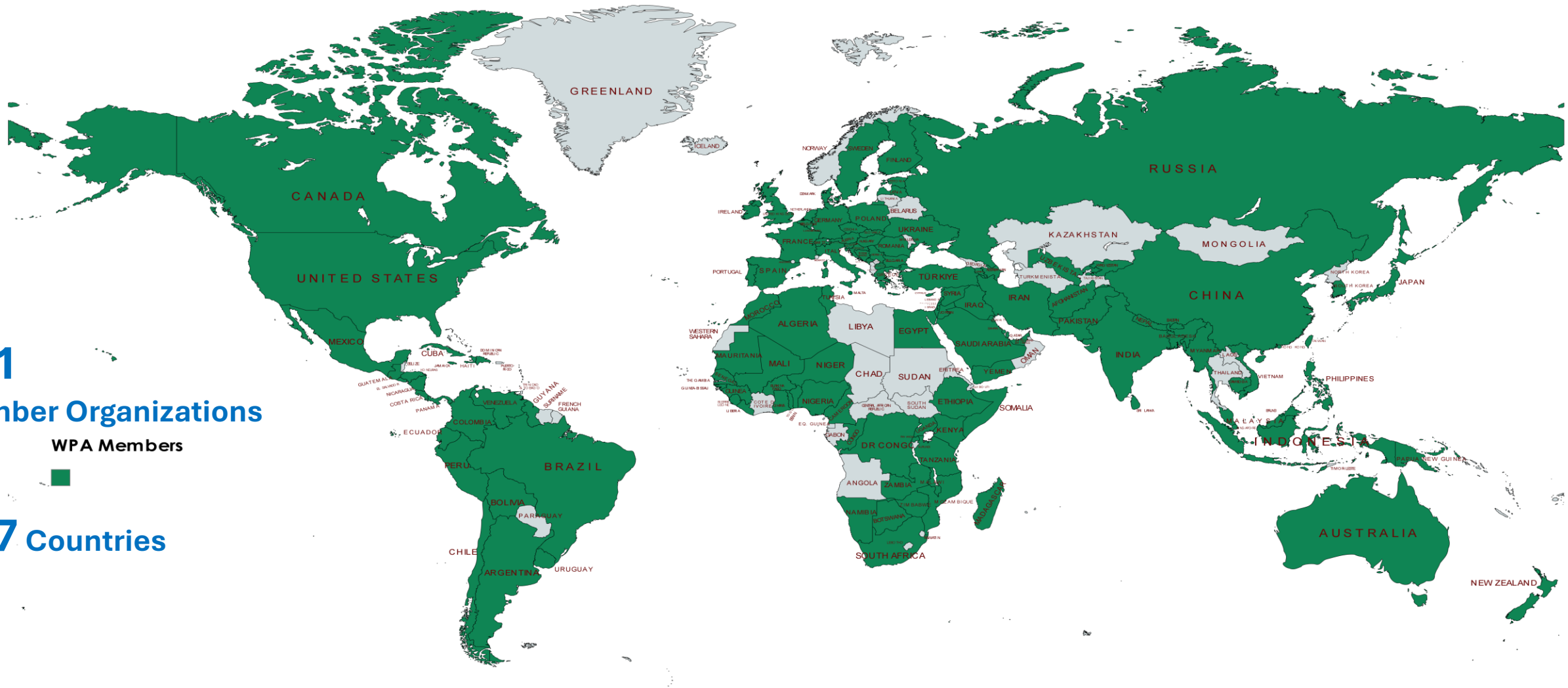


WORLD LARGEST PATIENTS' ORGANIZATION ACROSS ALL DISEASE AREAS

701
Member Organizations

WPA Members

137 Countries



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Europe 173, Americas 159, Africa 216, Asia 137 and Australia 16



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THE URGENCY OF COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN ORGANS

- Global Financial Integrity (2017): illicit organ trade worth US\$840 million–1.7 billion yearly.
- WHO (2019): Up to 10% of transplants involve trafficked organs.
- UNODC (2020): About 12,000 illegal transplants yearly.
- ICAT (2021): Only 300 victims identified from 2010–2018.
- Council of Europe (2015): Santiago de Compostela Convention criminalized organ trafficking.



EMBEDDING PATIENT VOICES: A CRITICAL COMPONENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ORGAN TRAFFICKING

- ICAT (2021): Notes networks exploit weak systems, making patient input vital.
- WHO (2024): Stresses involving civil society and patients to curb unethical organ trade.
- WHO (2024) Patient Safety Report: Patient engagement builds trust and spots risks early.
- WHO (2024) Transplantation framework: Urges cooperation with NGOs and patient groups for oversight.
- OECD (2023): Shows patient participation strengthens systems and accountability.



HOW CAN WPA CONTRIBUTE?

- Through partnerships with its global healthcare stakeholders, WPA can promote ethics and transparency in transplantation and clinical practice.
- WPA can use its global campaigns to raise awareness on organ trafficking and promote the Convention's goals.
- WPA's Patient Safety and Quality Council can ensure oversight and accountability in line with observer duties on ethical transplantation and donor protection.



HOW CAN WPA CONTRIBUTE?

- WPA's regional governance model, through its four Regional Committees, enables structured monitoring and dialogue on ethical transplantation and organ trafficking prevention.
- WPA's global conferences and events provide a platform for collaboration on ethics, transparency, and patient protection.
- WPA's training and capacity programs provide global forums to promote the Convention's standards, build advocate capacity, and share regional feedback.

WORLD PATIENTS' ALLIANCE: THE STRATEGIC CHOICE FOR OBSERVER STATUS

GRANTING WPA OBSERVER STATUS WILL ENABLE:

- The Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs to benefit from an experienced and committed patient partner.
- Organ trafficking issues to be highlighted across major global health platforms.
- Greater global awareness among patients and communities, advancing the Convention's objectives.
- Continued commitment to the Convention's principles of criminalization, ethical oversight, victim protection, and transparency in transplantation.

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