Close partnership with WHO on program guidelines and monitoring
ICCIDD – Technical advisory group in formal relations with WHO since 1988

Since 1993, ICCIDD partners with WHO to write and disseminate global and regional program guidelines and indicators.
Salt iodization and salt reduction

WHO promotes both the implementation of programs to reduce salt intake and universal salt iodization to prevent and control iodine deficiency disorders.

Luxembourg 2007 and Sydney 2013:
Joint technical meetings convened by WHO in collaboration with ICCIDD GN
IDDs are an important cause of preventable cognitive impairment. In 1990, the World Health Assembly aimed at eliminating them as a public health problem and has reaffirmed that goal in resolutions since then, most recently at the 66th WHA in 2013. Advocacy by ICCIDD national coalitions within Member States has played a key role in these resolutions.

- **WHA60.21** Sustaining the elimination of IDD
  - Geneva, 14-23 May 2007
- **WHA58.24** Sustaining the elimination of IDD
  - Geneva, 16-25 May 2005
- **WHA49.13** Prevention and control of IDD
- **WHA52.24** Prevention and control of IDD
  - Geneva, 17-25 May 1999
- **WHA43.2** Prevention and control of IDD
  - Geneva, 7-17 May 1990
- **WHA39.31** Prevention and control of IDD
  - Geneva, 5-16 May 1986
Part of WHO's mandate is to assess the iodine status of populations, monitor and evaluate the impact of strategies and to track related trends over time. To do this, WHO works in close collaboration with the ICCIDD GN Secretariat.

**Objectives of the VMNIS Database on Iodine Deficiency**

- Systematically collect data on iodine status of populations.
- Provide Member States with up-to-date assessments.
- Track progress towards the goal of eliminating iodine deficiency.
- Provide tools to support efforts of for assessing iodine status in populations.
Number of iodine deficient countries has fallen dramatically

- 2003: 54 countries
- 2007: 47 countries
- 2014: 31 countries
Data covers 97% of the global population

Number of countries

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- Subnational
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41 countries with no data, but only 3% of the global population