

A HISTORY OF
INITIATIVES TO REDUCE
THE GLOBAL BURDEN
OF EPILEPSY

COLLABORATION AMONG ILAE, IBE AND
THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
HAS BEEN A LEADING FORCE IN
ADDRESSING THE BURDEN OF EPILEPSY
WORLDWIDE.

1997

[Global Campaign Against Epilepsy](#)
(GCAE) is formed by ILAE, IBE and
[WHO](#) ¹ ²

2000

[Access to essential medicines as a
right to health](#)

2000 – 2003: [Regional
Declarations on epilepsy](#)

2004

The first [Regional Reports](#) on
Epilepsy are produced by the GCAE. ¹
These continue through 2013

2005

[WHO/ILAE/IBE Atlas: Epilepsy Care in the
World](#)

2008

[WHO Mental Health Gap Action
Programme \(mhGAP\)](#) launched, with
epilepsy as a priority condition

2011

[European Written Declaration on
Epilepsy. Pan-American Health
Organization regional strategy and
action plan on epilepsy. \(2011-2021\)](#)

2012

[WHO launches program on reducing
the epilepsy treatment gap. US
Institute of Medicine report published:
\[Epilepsy Across the Spectrum\]\(#\)](#)

2013

[WHO comprehensive mental health
action plan \(2013 – 2020\)](#)

2015

[World Health Assembly resolution on
the global burden of epilepsy](#)
Inaugural [International Epilepsy Day](#)

2017

[WHO Atlas for Neurological Disorders,
2nd Edition](#)

2018

WHO country reports on epilepsy
demonstration projects: [Ghana](#),
[Mozambique](#), [Myanmar](#), [Viet Nam](#)

2019

ILAE, IBE and WHO publish “[Epilepsy: A
Public Health Imperative](#)”
[World Health Assembly Epilepsy Side Event](#)

2020

[The WHO's governing body adopts WHA
73.10, calling for the development of an
intersectoral global action plan for epilepsy
and other neurological disorders](#)

2021

[Draft WHO 10-year Intersectoral
Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and
other Neurological Disorders \[IGAP\]](#)

2022

[WHO's Executive Board approves draft IGAP](#)

