



Healthy Municipalities, Cities, and Communities Movement of the Americas

Who we are

The Healthy Municipalities, Cities, and Communities (HMCC) Movement of the Americas is a regional platform of local governments, including cities, municipalities, mayors, cantons, communes, communities, and associations of municipalities.

Plural, diverse, and committed to governance for health and well-being

This movement, led by mayors, acts as a comprehensive and integrative platform for synergistic implementation of different health initiatives at the local level, including existing networks. It also offers great opportunities to build strategic alliances and partnerships with other actors committed to health and well-being.



More than 30 years strengthening health promotion in the Region

The HMCC Movement has been expanding in the Region of the Americas for more than three decades with the leadership of local governments.



At the same time, ministries of health in the countries of the Region have played a central role in promoting healthy municipalities, cities, and communities, with the creation and strengthening of national and subnational networks of healthy municipalities.

Why join the Healthy Municipalities, Cities, and Communities Movement?

Members of the HMCC Movement:

- are part of a **regional platform** of municipalities and cities that are leaders in health.
- foster **cooperation** among municipalities committed to a common regional vision, promoting the health and well-being of their populations.
- **share experiences** in local governance for health, well-being, and equity.
- are able to **highlight** successfully implemented **local health policies**.
- participate in **annual regional meetings** of the HMCC Movement and other mayors' forums.
- have the **technical support of the Pan American Health Organization** giving visibility to local experiences.
- develop **strategic partnerships** with other relevant international actors for local action on the Sustainable Development Goals.
- **strengthen their institutional capacity** to design, implement, and evaluate policies that have an impact on health and well-being.
- have **access** to publications, courses, and events of interest to municipalities on health issues (local governance, health promotion, determinants of health).
- **share a roadmap** for local action in health, guided by HMCC regional criteria.

How to join the Healthy Municipalities, Cities, and Communities Movement of the Americas

All local governments committed to health and well-being can join the movement.

To become a member of the MCCC Movement, the highest local political authority must send a **letter of adhesion** to the technical secretariat of the movement, stating their commitment to health and well-being.



How the Healthy Municipalities, Cities, and Communities Movement of the Americas is organized

General Assembly:

a decision-making body comprising mayors of municipalities and cities in the Region.

Executive Committee:

composed of a president and three vice-presidents. These positions, elected by the General Assembly every two years, are held by the highest authorities of local governments that are members of the movement. The Executive Committee is the internal technical coordination and management committee, with respect both to the monitoring and strategic planning of the goals of the HMCC Movement.

Liaison committees:

spaces for dialogue and technical support, composed of representatives of healthy municipalities networks in each country of the Region and the focal point of the Ministry of Health, respectively.

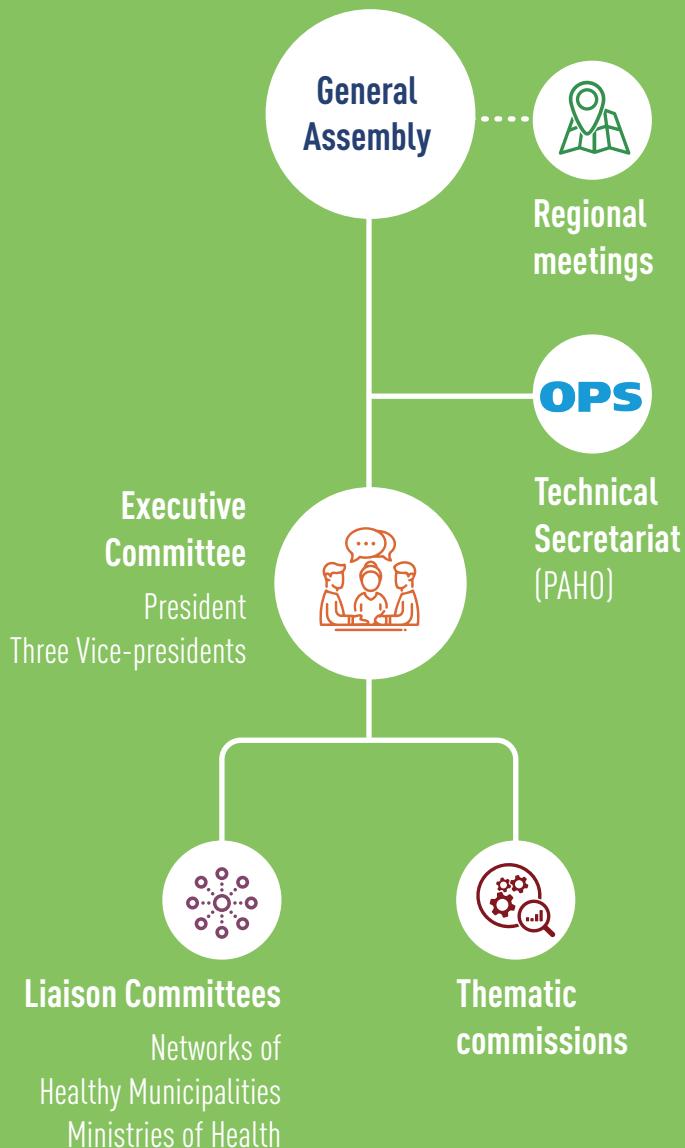
Technical Secretariat:

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) serves as technical secretariat of the movement. It is a member of the Executive Committee and supports the achievement of the HMCC Movement's objectives.

Thematic commissions:

work spaces in which members of the movement are grouped by common interests. They have a defined term to carry out specific tasks and address specific issues.

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The Declaration of Panama (adopted at the regional meeting of mayors held in 2022),
the Statute of the HMCC Movement, the model letter of adhesion,
and more information about the movement are available at:
www.paho.org/en/healthy-municipalities-cities-and-communities-movement

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