

GLOBAL SURGERY 2030: EVIDENCE AND SOLUTIONS FOR ACHIEVING HEALTH, WELFARE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A summary of the key messages from the landmark Lancet Commission

Key Message 1: 5 billion people lack access to safe, affordable surgical and anaesthesia care when needed

Barriers to availability and access include lack of trained personnel and equipment, geographical variability in services, and financial costs

Key Message 2: 143 million additional surgical procedures are needed each year to save lives and prevent disability

Western, eastern, and central sub-Saharan Africa & south and southeast Asia have the highest proportion of unmet needs for surgical procedures

Key message 5: Surgery is an indivisible, indispensable part of health care

Lack of safe, timely, and affordable surgical access results in unnecessary deaths, disability, and suffering

Key message 3:

33 million individuals face catastrophic health expenditure due to payment for surgery and anaesthesia yearly
50% of the global population is risk of catastrophic health expenditure if they were to require surgery

Key message 4: Investment in surgical and anaesthesia services is affordable, saves lives, and promotes economic growth

\$420 billion is required to scale up surgical services in 67% of countries with unmet needs vs. \$20.7 trillion in losses to the global economy due to surgical conditions between 2015-2030