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Description

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The Uganda Heart Association (UHA) was established in 2006 with the objective of bringing together clinicians caring for patients with heart diseases in Uganda. At the time, the country had limited cardiac specialists. Over years, the number of specialists has increased. The UHA emphasizes the prevention, promotion, and treatment of cardiovascular disease and aims to support the Uganda health system by addressing the looming non-communicable disease challenge. The UHA is committed to working with all stakeholders and is willing to offer its expertise and skills in improving access to healthcare.

The UHA is a member of the Pan African Society of Cardiology (PASCAR) and, since December 2018, of the World Heart Federation.

Uganda currently has 45.4 million inhabitants (2019 estimates), with an average life expectancy of 62.5 years (60.2 males; 64.8 females).¹ Forty-eight percent of the population is in the age range of 0–14 years, with just 2% of the population being older than 65 years. This age pyramid influences the current Uganda cardiovascular health challenges which include hypertension and coronary artery disease, particularly in urban areas. However, Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) and heart failure due to cardiomyopathies remain enormous challenges. Untreated RHD results in a mortality rate of 17.1% per annum.²

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