Global Stroke Impact
Latest data on stroke incidence, prevalence and risk key risk factors derived from Global Burden of Disease Stroke Statistics Worldwide 2016

1 in 4 people over the age of 25 will experience a stroke in their lifetimes

5.5m people die as a result of stroke each year
80m people living in the world have experienced a stroke

Stroke Can Strike At Any Age
Stroke is not a disease of the old. It can affect children, young people and adults of any age.

60% stroke survivors are under the age of 70
10% stroke survivors are under the age of 44
39% of people who die from stroke are under the age of 70

116m years of healthy life are lost worldwide to stroke related death and disability each year

Stroke & Disability
Stroke happens when blood supply to a part of the brain is cut off by a haemorrhage or a clot. Strokes can significantly affect cognition, communication, mobility and emotions of survivors.

Recognising when someone is having a stroke and getting immediate emergency medical care makes a big difference to survival and recovery. Act FAST!

F Face – is the face or mouth drooping to one side?
A Arms – is one arm weaker than the other
S Speech is speech slurred or confused?
T Time – to call emergency services!

Stroke is the second leading cause of death and disability in the world. WSO calls for urgent action by decision makers; works to raise public awareness and advocates for improved access to quality stroke treatment and support for all.