The report brings together 10 years of research and data from countries around the world.

WHO will call for coordinated action to reduce suicides worldwide. Embargoed data in the report includes:

- Over 800 000 people die by suicide every year – around one person every 40 seconds. Some 75% of suicides occur in low- and middle-income countries. Pesticide poisoning, hanging and firearms are among the most common methods of suicide globally.
- Evidence shows that suicide is preventable. Limiting access to means can help prevent people dying by suicide, as can the commitment by national governments to the establishment and implementation of a coordinated plan of action. Currently, only 28 countries are known to have national suicide prevention strategies.
- Suicide occurs all over the world and can take place at any age. Globally, suicide rates are highest in people aged 70 years and over. In some countries, however, the highest rates are found among the young. Notably, suicide is the second leading cause of death in 15-29 year-olds globally.
- The report includes details of numbers, rates and trends by age, sex, country, regions and the world.