

# PROTECTING PLANTS, PROTECTING LIFE

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PLANT HEALTH (IDPH)

### THEME: "PLANT HEALTH INNOVATION FOR FOOD SECURITY"

Healthy plants can help to end hunger, reduce poverty, protect the environment, and boost economic development.

Both our health and the health of our planet depend on plants. Plants make up 80% of the food we eat and 98% of the oxygen we breathe and yet they are under threat. Up to 40% of food crops are

lost due to plant pests and diseases every year. This is affecting both food security and agriculture, the main source of income for vulnerable rural communities.

## Why an International Day of Plant Health?

The United Nations designated 12 May the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) to raise global awareness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect biodiversity and the environment, and boost economic development.

The Day is a key legacy of the International Year of Plant Health 2020

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