New NCD Advocacy Institute Seed Programme partners announced



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The NCD Alliance's Advocacy Institute is a newly launched initiative designed to support and strengthen national and regional NCD civil society action.

Over the coming three years, it will cultivate NCD civil society networks via the *Seed Programme* and accelerate and fast track advocacy efforts via the *Accelerator Programme*.

We are very pleased to announce the selected Seed Programme partners from emerging NCD alliances and CSOs in the following countries:

- Ghana <u>Vision for Alternative Development</u> [1]
- The Philippines <u>HealthJustice Inc.</u> [2]
- Myanmar People's Health Foundation [3]
- Nigeria NCD Alliance Nigeria (comprised of the <u>Nigerian Cancer Society</u> [4], <u>Diabetes Association of</u> <u>Nigeria</u> [5], <u>Nigerian Thoracic Society</u> [6], and <u>Nigerian Heart Foundation</u> [7])
- Vietnam Vietnam NCDs Prevention Alliance (an alliance of 16 organisations and individuals, which includes the Research and Training Centre for Community Development [8], HealthBridge Foundation of Canada Vietnam Office [9], NGOs Information Center [10], Centre for Media in Educating Community [11], and Vietnam Public Health Association [12])
- Indonesia: NCD Alliance Indonesia (comprimsed of <u>Alzheimer Indonesia</u> [13] and <u>Smoke Free Agents</u> [14], <u>Smoke Free Jakarta</u> [15], and <u>Indonesia Heart Foundation</u> [16]).

In the cases of The Philippines, Myanmar and Ghana, organisations were selected via a competitive RFP process while for the remaining countries, emerging NCD alliances were invited to join the Seed Programme.

Partners have been selected on the basis of their convening power, advocacy experience, project management skills, and potential for impact.

Cristina Parsons Perez, NCDA Capacity Development Director, said: *"The NCD Advocacy Institute's Seed Programme will promote and support national NCD coalition building and establish the foundations for effective NCD*

advocacy. It aims to strengthen the knowledge and skills required to run effective and sustainable NCD alliances, nurture national NCD civil society with seed grant opportunities and technical assistance, and promote peer support and CSO networking to exchange information, best practice, and lessons learned".

Stay tuned for upcoming news regarding additional programme partners and the programme activities in store for 2017, including a three day training on coalition-building with representatives from the different countries.

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