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And yet, almost ten years after the first UN HLM on NCDs and five years after adoption of the SDGs, leaders have not yet followed up on their international commitments. The promises made at the UN to meet targets for 2025 and 2030<sup>1</sup> have not translated to necessary action at home.

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