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NCD CIVIL SOCIETY COMPASS THE LEADERSHIP GAP

Global commitments on NCDs are not enough – they must be matched with the highest level of political leadership and transformative action at national level.

Deficits in leadership, good governance, planning and multi-sectoral coordination exacerbate NCDs and inequality. To meet national targets and save lives, a whole-of-government and society response to NCD causes, impacts and solutions is required.



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THE INVESTMENT GAP



Improving health is a long-term strategic investment, yet often seen purely as an expense.

Despite the benefits of acting on NCDs outweighing the costs of inaction, the investment gap remains immense. Investment in reducing the NCD burden has been neglected for too long and demands significant, predictable, sustained and trackable financing at domestic, development and donor levels.

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THE CARE GAP

To achieve health for all, health systems must be reoriented to integrate NCD prevention and care across the lifecourse to ensure adequate and equitable access without incurring catastrophic expenditure.

Many health systems remain underfunded, unprepared and ill-adapted to respond to complex care and treatment needs of people living with noncommunicable and chronic conditions.



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THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GAP



Governments' recognition and meaningful involvement of civil society – including people living with NCDs, organisations and communities – in the NCD response has been too slow and suboptimal.

As change agents, civil society plays a critical role in accelerating progress on NCDs – as demand creators, campaigners, drivers of innovation, in monitoring and surveilling, and holding governments to account.

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THE ACCOUNTABILITY GAP



Accountability – a cyclical process of monitoring, review and action, including data and surveillance systems – is crucial to fill the void between political promises, plans and rights, and effective NCD policy implementation, programmatic change and tangible impact.

In addition to global and national processes, independent civil society-led accountability mechanisms can help close this gap and accelerate effective action.

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