



Statement from the NCD Alliance

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The NCD Alliance commends the co-facilitators for their dedicated efforts in developing this draft Political Declaration, recognising the immense complexity of this task.

We welcome the declaration's explicit recognition that pandemics have a disproportionate impact on people living with comorbidities, underlying chronic conditions, and noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). As seen during COVID-19, extra strain on health systems undermines the continuity of essential services, leaving people living with NCDs stranded and at higher risk of severe illness and death.

We cannot build resilient pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response on a fragile foundation. True PPPR requires integrating NCDs directly into our core health security frameworks and recognising the importance of maintaining continuity of essential health services throughout pandemics and other health emergencies.

Integration ensures sustainability. When we strengthen primary care to handle both chronic conditions and acute infectious threats, we create a dual-use health system. The infrastructure, supply chains, and healthcare workforce that deliver routine care are the exact same mechanisms needed to deploy vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics during a surge.

Integration also delivers predictability. Funding NCD care as a core component of PPPR moves us away from panic-and-neglect financing. Predictable, dedicated financing mechanisms allow countries to build domestic capacities long before a crisis hits, ensuring uninterrupted access to essential, life-saving medications and care when emergencies occur.

Finally, this Political Declaration must be matched by concrete, measurable commitments and sustained political will across all levels. We call on Member States to adopt the Declaration and begin its implementation without delay.

Thank you.