

Building momentum for change through the G20: Recommendations for improving the state of NCD financing data across the G20

The Global NCD Action Plan calls for adequate, predictable, sustained, efficient and equitable financing for NCDs. Realizing this vision calls for NCD financing data to track resources invested in the NCD response and the results they achieve. However, a recent NCD Alliance report has found a fragmented and incomplete data landscape on public financing for NCDs, which makes it difficult to set a baseline or establish meaningful NCD financing targets.

The G20 can consider three areas for improving this state of play:

- › Increasing the availability of data on financial resources for NCDs by more analysis of routinely collected data, disseminating more data and, where needed, generating more and better data;
- › Improving the comparability and timeliness of NCD financing data by developing and adopting a uniform reporting standard; and
- › Increasing the adequacy and efficiency of NCD financing by institutionalizing the use of NCD financing data in resource allocation decisions.

Concrete recommendations for governments, researchers and advocates are shared in the Table below.

Area of improvement for NCD financing data	G20 governments	G20 researchers and advocates
Availability	<p>Identify the full spectrum of institutions and financing lines with NCD remit.</p> <p>Ensure routinely collected data on NCD activity and financing are analyzed.</p> <p>Identify alignment between available data and policy objectives, and work to close data gaps including by collecting new data where needed.</p>	<p>Ask governments to publish available NCD financing data across all institutions and financing lines with NCD remit.</p> <p>Broaden the types of domestic data sources they consider, while taking appropriate precautions and resourcing decisions (e.g., time, expertise) to ensure they interpret the available data appropriately.</p>
Comparability	<p>Conduct condition-specific resource tracking as part of National Health Accounts exercises.</p> <p>Share practices on tracking NCD expenditure to fast track the uptake of common solutions and work together to overcome common challenges.</p> <p>Lead an initiative for a global standard on reporting NCD expenditure data, aligned with global NCD targets.</p>	<p>Ask governments to make explicit the methodologies for collecting, analyzing and integrating data.</p>
Granularity	<p>Collect, analyze and disseminate NCD financing data in a way that reflects the organization of the health system and enables policy action.</p>	<p>Ask governments to make available spending data for priority areas e.g., prevention, best buy interventions, priority conditions.</p>
Periodicity	<p>Institutionalize time-bound processes for collecting, analyzing and disseminating NCD financing data.</p>	<p>Ask governments to commit to predictable timelines for making data available.</p>
Use in decision-making	<p>Use data to establish a baseline for NCD spending and to inform targeted increases aligned with policy objectives.</p>	<p>Ask governments for specific, targeted increases in resources for NCDs based on available data.</p>