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NCD Alliance Partners Report

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The NCD Alliance Partners Report provides an essential overview of key updates and most recent developments in the NCD space. It has been designed to allow a quick and easy access to topline information you need to be aware of regarding noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).

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Need to Know Global Updates on NCDs

148th Session of WHO's Executive Board (EB148): NCDs and related agenda items



18 - 26 January



Geneva, Switzerland



Read NCDA EB148
advocacy briefing



Read NCDA round-up of
highlights for the NCD
agenda

The 148th Session of the World Health Organization (WHO)'s Executive Board (EB148) was held virtually from 18 - 26 January as a hybrid meeting, with participants from the WHO Secretariat joining from the headquarters in Geneva, while others followed the meeting remotely. In his [opening remarks](#), the WHO Director-General (WHO DG), Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus Adhanom urged countries and vaccine manufacturers to shun vaccine nationalism and ensure that doses are shared more fairly around the world.

NCDs and related items dominated discussions at the EB148, along with sessions on COVID-19 and its aftermath. The meeting kicked off with an in-depth review of the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic, guided by updates from the Review Committee on the Functioning of the International Health Regulations (2005), and the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee, and the [Second report](#) on progress by the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response. The WHO Secretariat also presented an exhaustive report on its emergency response, especially the global COVID-19 response.

Key announcements at EB148

During EB148, the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB), supported by WHO, [reiterated its call for a UN High-Level Summit on Health Security](#). The co-chairs in their report stressed that nations must protect and sustain the financing of their national capacities for health emergency preparedness and response. They also urged the global financing mechanisms to fund health-based public goods and health security.

The WHO DG welcomed an European Union (EU) proposal to negotiate [a global treaty on pandemic preparedness](#) as a way to guarantee countries' political commitment to fighting future disease outbreaks. Describing it as "the first global public health accord since the [2003 tobacco control pact](#)", he urged full cooperation of Member States and encouraged the coordinators to work towards presenting a draft resolution at the next World Health Assembly ([WHA74](#)) this May.

Dr Tedros also announced the theme for World Health Day this year - **health inequality** and the establishment of the "[One Health High-Level Expert Council](#)" which will collect, distribute and publicize reliable scientific information on the links between human, animal and environmental health.

NCD-related items: Key outcomes

The EB148 concluded on a fairly positive note as several key NCD decisions and resolutions were approved. Decision [EB148\(6\)](#), requesting WHO to provide the next session of the World Health Assembly (WHA74) with a report on diabetes as a growing public health issue was adopted.

Resolution [148.R6](#) on “The highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities” was also adopted, and WHO called upon to strengthen work in all areas, including through the development of a global research agenda on disability, and a global report plus technical tools on disability inclusion to support member states. There is a strong reference to people living with chronic conditions such as NCDs and their meaningful engagement in the resolution.

Under discussions on the mid-point evaluation of the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of NCDs 2013–2030, the EB adopted Decision [EB148\(7\)](#), calling on WHO to develop an implementation roadmap for the prevention and control of NCDs that will enable all countries to reach SDG target 3.4 by 2030. The decision also calls for an options paper on the future of the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (GCM/NCD).

In document [EB148/15](#), the EB received the following recommendations on feasible global targets for effective coverage of refractive error and effective coverage of cataract surgery, as part of efforts to bring eye care to all who need it:

- A 40% increase in effective coverage of refractive errors by 2030, and;
- A 30% increase in effective coverage of cataract surgery by 2030.

Countries who have already achieved a baseline effective coverage rate of 60% or higher for refractive error and 70% or higher for cataract surgery are urged to ensure universal coverage.

Resolution [EB148.R1](#) on oral health was adopted, urging Member States to integrate oral healthcare into their plans for achieving universal health coverage (UHC). It also mandates WHO to develop a draft global strategy on tackling oral diseases by 2022 and an action plan on oral health by 2023.

EB148 also adopted Decision [EB148\(3\)](#) - the first-ever decision for addressing mental health needs in the context of emergencies. The decision calls on Member States to prioritize and fund the timely and quality provision of the whole range of comprehensive and integrated mental health services and psychosocial supports.

The negotiations for this important Decision was led by **Thailand** and co-sponsored by 45 Member States.

Finally, EB also received updates from the WHO NCD department on how the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed chronic underinvestment in the prevention and treatment of NCDs, and on the recent United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) resolution acknowledging their linkages.

Listen to NCDA webinar on EB148 Outcomes

Password: EBdbrief

WHO and Bloomberg Philanthropies to launch new “NCD investment case” in 2021



3 February



Geneva, Switzerland




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WHO has announced that Michael R. Bloomberg, Founder, Bloomberg LP and Bloomberg Philanthropies will continue for a third term as WHO’s Global Ambassador for NCDs and injuries. In his role, Bloomberg will build on the achievements of more than 15 years of collaboration and continue to drive change in tobacco control, prevention of NCDs, road safety, injuries and improving health data.

Later this year, in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies, WHO will launch a new “NCD investment case” outlining the value of investing in policies and interventions to prevent NCDs.

World Cancer Day 2021: WHO announces breast cancer is now the most common form of cancer

 3 February

 Geneva, Switzerland


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According to statistics released by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in December 2020, breast cancer has now overtaken lung cancer as the world's most commonly-diagnosed cancer. WHO experts believe that the global cancer landscape is changing and over the past two decades, the total burden of cancer has nearly doubled, with 19.3 million diagnosed cases in 2020, compared to 10 million in 2000.

On World Cancer Day 2021, WHO hosted a consultation, the first of a series, to mobilize relevant stakeholders to establish a new global breast cancer initiative, which will launch later in 2021. This collaborative effort between some United Nations agencies and other multi-sectoral partners, will reduce deaths from breast cancer by promoting breast health, improving timely cancer detection and ensuring access to quality care.

WHO's 10 global health issues to track in 2021 includes NCDs and mental health

 24 December, 2020

 Geneva, Switzerland


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The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended that preventing and treating NCDs and mental health conditions be prioritized in 2021. WHO publishes a list of top health issues to track every year and the list of 10 priorities for 2021 includes access to COVID-19 tests, medicines and vaccines, tackling health inequities and addressing drug resistance.

WHO's latest [Global Health Estimates 2019](#) showed that NCDs now account for 7 of the top 10 causes of death. It also showed that heart conditions remain the top killer, retaining a position they have occupied for the last 20 years while diabetes-related deaths increased by 70% globally between 2000 and 2019, with an 80% rise in deaths among males. This revelation coincides with the centenary of the discovery of insulin in 2021 and calls for urgent action on diabetes and access to diabetes medicines.

WHO publishes new Essential Diagnostics List and urges countries to prioritize investments in testing

 29 January

 Geneva, Switzerland


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The WHO Model List of Essential In Vitro Diagnostics (EDL) is an evidence-based reference point which guides countries to develop their own national lists and choose the most appropriate In Vitro Diagnostics (IVDs). IVDs are essential for advancing UHC, addressing health emergencies and promoting healthier populations, which are the three strategic priorities of WHO's thirteenth general programme of work covering 2019–2023 (GPW13).

Every year since 2018, WHO has published a yearly essential diagnostics list (EDL) to increase timely and life-saving diagnoses. The [latest edition](#) of the EDL includes WHO-recommended COVID-19 tests (PCR and Antigen), expanding the suite of tests for vaccine-preventable and infectious diseases.

There is also an expansion in the range of tests for NCDs, and a new section on endocrinology is introduced. For the first time, the list also includes tests that should not be supplied in countries, either because they are not cost-effective, are unreliable or have been replaced by newer, easier to use technologies.

Year of the Health and Care Workers 2021: "Protect. Invest. Together."

 1 January

 Geneva, Switzerland

 [Explore campaign materials](#)

 [Sign the declaration](#)

WHO has launched a year-long campaign to commemorate the designation of 2021 as the Year of the Health and Care Workers. With the theme "Protect. Invest. Together.," WHO seeks to highlight the urgent need to "invest in health workers for shared dividends" in health, economy and other sustainable development goals.

The challenges of the global health workforce are well known and addressing them has become even more urgent as health workers continue to be at the forefront of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. All stakeholders are encouraged to support this campaign and the call for better investments in the health workforce.

WHO and several other partners are also calling for all countries to start vaccinating health workers and people at highest risk against COVID-19 in the first 100 days of 2021. You can sign and publicize [the declaration](#) to support #VaccinEquity.

Our Views, Our Voices digital platform launch



8 December



Geneva, Switzerland



Explore the website in
**ENGLISH, SPANISH AND
FRENCH**

The [Our Views, Our Voices initiative](#) promotes the meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs in the NCD response by supporting and enabling individuals to unite and share their views in order to take action and drive change. An initiative of the NCD Alliance and people living with NCDs, it seeks to advance the rights of people living with NCDs and combat stigma and discrimination. The new Our Views, Our Voices digital platform is a dynamic hub for resources, information and advocacy to promote the meaningful involvement of people living with noncommunicable diseases in the NCD response. The digital platform, possible thanks to NCD Alliance's partnership with Access Accelerated, will act as a space to consolidate the voices, experiences and expertise of people living with NCDs and support advocacy promoting their key role in the NCD response.

Call for evidence by the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response (IPPR)



Submit your evidence
here

The Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response was established by the WHO Director-General in response to the [World Health Assembly Resolution 73.1](#) on COVID-19 response.

The mission of the Independent Panel is to “provide an evidence-based path for the future, grounded in lessons of the present and the past to ensure countries and global institutions, including WHO, effectively address health threats”. The Panel continues to hear from people on the frontlines of COVID-19, including in a town hall style “Exchange” to capture the perspectives of different actors including on gender, communication of information relevant to pandemic preparedness and response, community engagement, and the experience of midwives and community health workers.

The Independent Panel invites WHO Member States, civil society organisations, researchers, the private sector, and the general public to submit their contributions on all aspects in relation to the Panel's [Program of Work](#). This call for inputs is a unique opportunity to amplify the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people living with NCDs and call for increased and sustained investment in their prevention and control.

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On the Ground Country Updates

Government to establish NCD taskforce, tackle risk factors through new policies



Jamaica



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The Jamaican government will tackle alcohol use, tobacco use, and trans fat through policies within the current financial year as part of ongoing efforts to prevent and control NCDs.

The government has said it will introduce tobacco control legislation in the Parliament before the end of the financial year and table an alcohol policy by way of a Green Paper while also advancing with legislating it ‘front of package labelling’.

Persons living with diabetes and hypertension will no longer pay for any treatment they receive from selected private healthcare providers across the island and a non-communicable disease (NCD) taskforce is being established to support consultation and collaboration as well as research and development in the area of NCD prevention.

Unhealthy snacks to be banned from checkouts at supermarkets in England



United Kingdom



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Restrictions on the display and marketing of unhealthy products will become effective from April 2022 as part of commitments to reduce overweight and obesity in the United Kingdom. Supermarkets in England will no longer display unhealthy food and drinks at checkouts or use them in sales promotional offers.

Although the restrictions will be subject to a consultation process first, several health campaign groups have responded to the idea with enthusiasm, while urging the government and ministers to resist any lobbying efforts by the food industry.

Amref Establishes Independent Commission to Review Progress towards UHC in Africa



Kenya



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Amref Health Africa has established an independent commission to review the continent’s progress towards achievement of UHC targets by 2030.

The Africa Health Agenda International Conference (AHAIC) Commission on the State of UHC in Africa will in addition to reviewing the continent’s progress, provide recommendations on leadership, accountability, technology/innovation and health security, to help guide the continent towards achieving UHC targets.

A new NCD Alliance will combat NCDs in Senegal



Senegal



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Supported by the second phase of the Advocacy Institute Seed Programme starting in 2020, the Alliance nationale de lutte contre les Maladies Non Transmissibles au Sénégal (NCD Alliance Senegal) was officially launched in December, and joined the NCD Alliance network as the 55th member national/regional NCD alliance. The alliance will fight against NCDs and their risk factors and grow collective action on NCD prevention and control. Senegal, like many low- and middle-income countries around the world, faces a double burden of communicable and noncommunicable diseases that account for the largest share of deaths.

How COVID-19 is impacting people living with NCDs in Cambodia



Cambodia



[Watch the video](#)

The Cambodia NCD Alliance has highlighted the impact of the growing NCDs pandemic and how its interconnections with COVID-19 pandemic has affected people living with NCDs in Cambodia. The Hidden endemic”, a video by the alliance shed more light on this deadly interplay and calls for increased actions on NCDs.

Learning from lived experiences of PLWNCDs



Australia



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The Australian Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance has compiled testimonies of people living with NCDs during the COVID-19 pandemic to highlight the importance of learning from these experiences to improve our health system.

Disease prevention, health promotion, access to medicines, and digitalised healthcare are top priorities in EU's 2021-2027 Health Programme



European Union (EU)



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The EU has signed a deal with its member states to significantly strengthen the EU's action in the health sector through a dedicated 5.1 billion EUR “[EU4Health Programme](#)” (worth 5.1 billion EUR), as part of the EU's recently agreed long-term budget.

The EU health policy will prioritize “Health in all Policies”, and evaluate the health impact of all European policies and actions henceforth to allow public health to play a central role in addressing systemic issues. 20% of “EU4Health” programme budget will also be dedicated to tackling health risks, including the use of alcohol and tobacco.

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Your Say Engage with Us

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NCD Alliance's Strategic Plan 2021 - 2026: Looking for your feedback and insights



22-26 February 2021

The NCD Alliance is in the process of developing our new strategy for 2021-2026. **The strategy will define where NCD Alliance is going, why and how, and what we will seek to achieve over the next six years.** To inform the process, we commissioned an independent evaluation conducted by Global Health Visions in July-September 2020 to gather views and perspectives from a wide range of our members, partners and stakeholders on NCD Alliance's performance and impact over the last strategy 2016-2020 and recommendations for strategic directions for 2021 onwards. Based on the evaluation, the NCD Alliance Board has been developing the new strategy over the last six months.

On Monday, 22nd February we shared a draft strategy "at a glance" with our partners and key stakeholders for your valuable feedback and input. The three-pager covers our vision, mission, values, goals and strategic pillars. These have been updated and adapted for the evolving challenges and environment and build on the lessons learnt and NCD Alliance's unique added value.

An explanatory note is provided on page 2, along with three questions that we would value your feedback and insights on by Friday 26th February.

- Does our new strategy meet your expectations of what NCD Alliance should do in the future?
- What do you think are the strengths of the strategy?
- Please share suggestions for improvement - have we missed anything?

Please send your inputs via email to Jackie Romoff (jromoff@ncdalliance.org). Please note that as the strategy is still draft and under-development, we would appreciate your discretion in not sharing the document further. If you haven't received the draft, please let us know at partnerships@ncdalliance.org.

Following your inputs, the new Strategic Plan 2021-2026 will be finalised in April 2021 and formally launched during the week of the World Health Assembly in May 2021.

Stimulate intelligence sharing

Overview of NCDA-led events for supporters in 2021

Global Updates on NCDs Webinar	12 January 2021
Supporters meeting #1	11 February 2021
Global Updates on NCDs Webinar	17 February 2021
Partners' Report (Q1)	February 2021
NCDA Leadership Session (health security)	March 2021 (date TBC)
3rd COVID-19 & NCDs Webinar (vaccine hesitancy)	25 March 2021
Event on NCD financing	April 2021
Thematic Webinar (NCDs and health emergencies)	April 2021 (date TBC)
Pre-WHA Advocacy briefing (for member/partner NGOs only)	18 May 2021
NCDA General Assembly (for member/partner NGOs only)	19 May 2021
Supporters meeting #2 (dial-in details to be shared)	20 May 2021
WHA74: NCDA virtual side event (topic TBC)	May 2021 (date TBC)
Partners' Report (Q2)	May 2021
Thematic Webinar (community engagement)	14 June 2021
Global Updates on NCDs Webinar	1 July 2021
NCDA Event on integration of NCDs in other health areas	July 2021 (date TBC)
Partners' Report (Q3)	August 2021
Global Updates on NCDs Webinar	2 September 2021
Global Week for Action on NCDs (W4A) (global campaign)	6-12 September 2021

NCD Event on health workforce (on the sidelines of the W4A)	September 2021 (date TBC)
Supporters call #3 (dial-in details to be shared)	17 September 2021
NCD Event on social impact (on the sidelines of the UNGA)	September 2021 (date TBC)
Global Updates on NCDs Webinar	14 October 2021
Thematic webinar (NCDs and PHC: 3rd Anniv. of the Astana Declaration)	26 October 2021
Supporters call #4 (dial-in details to be shared)	25 November 2021
NCD Event on UHC (on the sidelines of UHC Day)	December 2021 (date TBC)

Our Views, Our Voices Regional Meetings 2021 and ‘Putting People First’ dialogues

The Our Views, Our Voices virtual regional meetings and ‘Putting People First’ dialogues will convene people living with NCDs, national and regional NCD alliances, NCDA member organisations and key regional stakeholders to identify and agree on the priorities for regional NCD action and to promote the meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs in NCD related decision-making processes.

The ‘Putting People First’ dialogues will focus on regional progress on NCDs and UHC and address the value of the meaningful involvement of PLWNCDs from a multistakeholder perspective highlighting examples and good practice, including how to achieve social impact.

The civil-society only “Our Views, Our Voices” meetings will cover regional advocacy to “Build Back Better and Fairer”, and gather inputs to develop a Global Charter on Meaningful Involvement of People Living with NCDs, accountability strategies and advocacy opportunities. The Global Charter, to be launched during the Global Week for Action on NCDs in September 2021, will seek to mobilise organisations around a shared understanding of meaningful involvement, committing to put people first, mainstream and embed involvement in organisational practices, recognising the value and contribution of the lived experience and strategies to implement it. Regional meetings and dialogues are proposed in Africa, South-east Asia, Western Pacific, Latin America and the Eastern Mediterranean regions (TBC).

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Partners Corner
Supporters NewsUnion for International
Cancer Control (UICC)[Read more](#)[Learn more about
cancer care and
COVID-19](#)

Championing cancer heroes on World Cancer Day

On World Cancer Day (4th February), UICC shined a light on the heroic responses to the pandemic by the cancer community around the world. A survey conducted with over 100 UICC members in 55 countries revealed that their income and organisational activities are under significant pressure. While facing these issues, organisations and healthcare workers are rallying across the globe to support patients, resume screenings and diagnostics, maintain cancer prevention awareness, and provide a safe environment for treatment. “Their stories are inspiring and these organisations need all the support we can provide to keep doing their incredible work,” Prof. Anil D’Cruz, UICC President.

International Diabetes
Federation (IDF)[Read more](#)

IDF’s Guide for Diabetes Epidemiology Studies

The IDF Guide for Diabetes Epidemiology Studies will enable researchers to conduct high-quality studies that generate robust data, thereby providing the information needed to develop evidence-based strategies for improving care and strengthening healthcare systems.

World Obesity
Federation (WOF)[Visit the campaign
website](#)[Explore the campaign
assets](#)[Watch the recording of
the meeting](#)[Access all EB148 WOF
statements](#)

World Obesity Day 2021: 4th March

World Obesity Day is celebrated on 4th March to increase awareness of obesity, encourage advocacy, improve policies and share experiences. It will be a day where the global health community, the public, people living with obesity, civil society organisations and NCD advocates get together to raise awareness of the [Roots of Obesity](#) and actions needed to address obesity at community and global levels! Join WOF this 4th March for [#WOD2021](#) to galvanise support and build awareness!

Policy Dialogue with the World Health Organization

WOF is working closely with WHO, UNICEF and FAO to mobilise a global response to the pandemic of obesity. Ahead of the 148th session of WHO's Executive Board, WOF and WHO convened a policy dialogue to discuss opportunities and strategies for fast-tracking action on obesity throughout 2021. Over 30 representatives from UN agencies, civil society and member state missions attended.

Moreover, as an organisation in official relations with the WHO, WOF was able to participate and contribute to the WHO's Executive Board in January 2021 by delivering a number of statements on key agenda items. The evidence on the close association between COVID-19 and underlying obesity provides a new urgency, and opportunity, for global action.

FDI World Dental Federation (FDI)



Visit the campaign website



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World Oral Health Day 2021 "Be Proud of Your Mouth"

With this empowering call to action, the World Oral Health Day 2021 campaign aims to motivate people to value and take care of their mouths and understand that by doing so, they can also help protect their general health and well-being. Join FDI this [#WOHD21](#) on 20th March making a commitment to your [#OralHealth](#) and taking action to protect it, and use the hashtag [#MouthProud!](#)

Vision 2030: Delivering Optimal Oral Health for All

Coinciding with the 148th session of the WHO's Executive Board, where the resolution [EB148.R1](#) on oral health was adopted, FDI released **Vision 2030: Delivering Optimal Oral Health for All**, a timely report that offers a comprehensive, inter-disciplinary roadmap on how to impact health policies and tackle challenges to improve oral health and reduce oral health inequalities over the next decade.

Novo Nordisk



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Novo Nordisk and EAT launch 'The Healthy Food Challenge'

On 27 January 2021, Novo Nordisk and EAT announced the launch of 'The Healthy Food Challenge' that calls for innovative solutions to prevent obesity by advancing healthy and sustainable food environments for vulnerable people. Addressing systemic food challenges is one way to contribute to preventing obesity, and the world must collectively do more to create more healthy and sustainable food environments. 'The Healthy Food Challenge' invites community stakeholders and private businesses with good ideas to collaborate and submit proposals through an online platform. The three most innovative ideas will receive up to USD 100,000 to pilot their solution.

Accelerating public health interventions with the launch of the Urban Diabetes Action Framework

The Cities Changing Diabetes programme is sharing a new framework to guide the development of strong interventions to fight urban diabetes. Designed to guide the development of public health interventions, the Urban Diabetes Action Framework helps you take your intervention from the drawing board to the target population. The Six Steps to Action, combined with the rich toolkit and an inspiring case catalogue, will help drive impactful and sustainable interventions on urban diabetes and obesity. The framework supports decision makers, public health project managers, researchers and other practitioners who work in the field of prevention and health promotion.

The George Institute for Global Health (TGI)

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Food and water security, autonomous vehicles and child restraints: bright ideas attract funding

Three leading TGI researchers have together scored just over AU\$2.5 million for innovative projects in the latest round of National Health and Medical Research Council Ideas Grants. The funding will help drive solutions to preventable health challenges, including the disproportionate burden of NCDs borne by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Lack of access to fresh and healthy food, exacerbated by low-quality water supplies, are some of the biggest contributors. The 'Food and Water for Life' project will use community-led processes that take account of Indigenous rights and knowledge to implement and evaluate sustainable community solutions.

Other projects will focus on the incorrect use of child car restraints, and the potential impact of autonomous vehicles on factors contributing to the risk of NCDs.

World Stroke Organization (WSO)

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First ever mapping of stroke support organizations globally

Over the past 18 months the World Stroke Organization has undertaken a mapping project of all stroke support organizations (SSOs) known to us globally. SSOs are non-governmental organizations focused on advocacy and long-term stroke support. The mapping report includes data on the profile and activities of 92 organizations from 58 countries, including all geographical regions of WSO membership. The report highlights a number of key messages about the potential of SSOs, the challenges they face and proposed solutions to enhance their work. The report will be available at the end of February.

International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA)



June 30-July 3, 2021



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World Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Conference

From June 30 to July 3, IFPA will host the virtual 6th World Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Conference. Leading experts will share insights with an international audience of dermatologists, rheumatologists, allied health professionals and patient leaders, in a unique cross-specialty forum. The latest scientific and clinical developments will be shared during scientific sessions. Daily life problems of people living with psoriatic disease, psychosocial aspects, health care professional-patient relationship, and policy will be the focus of the complementary program, [me](http://ifpaworldconference.com). Find out more at ifpaworldconference.com.

Viatrix



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[NCD article in Scientific American](#)

Viatrix portfolio is uniquely positioned to support evolving healthcare needs via Access, Leadership and Partnership

In November 2020, Upjohn, a former division of Pfizer and long-term NCD alliance partner, announced the combination of Upjohn and Mylan N.V. to launch a new kind of global healthcare company: Viatrix. Viatrix' mission is to empower people worldwide to live healthier at every stage of life by expanding access to medicines regardless of geography or circumstance; advancing responsible, sustainable operations and targeted innovation to improve patient health; and leveraging its collective expertise to connect people to products and services. Since November, Viatrix has contributed to the NCD dialogue by providing research-based NCD insights, publishing literature and educational content.

American College of Cardiology (ACC), World Heart Federation (WHF) & NCD Alliance



Learn more



Access the NCD Academy

NCD Academy: New clinical courses on NCDs to support the health workforce

Following the courses Cardiovascular Disease & Stroke Prevention and COVID-19: Protecting Patients at Greatest Risk, the course **NCD Academy: A Call to Action for Primary Healthcare Teams** was launched earlier in January 2021 with a series of overarching foundational lessons on NCDs explaining the rationale behind primary health care (PHC) and its relevance in LMICs. Lessons aim to provide an overview of NCD epidemiology, introduce the consequences of NCD multimorbidity, and present proven models for team-based and integrated care.

Developed by an international team of experts from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the NCD Academy has also launched a course on basic cancer management: **Cancer Care: Insights for Primary Care Providers**. Curative therapies for cancer are widely available in fewer than 30% of LMICs as of 2016. However, governments are scaling up their capacity quickly, and frontline health workers will be pivotal to connecting patients with specialised services early as they become more prevalent. This course aims to provide the necessary skills for PHC providers to be an active participant in cancer prevention and management.

World Diabetes Foundation (WDF)



RIIF website



More information at WDF



Learn more from WDF by signing up to its newsletter



Link to WHO website

WDF supports development of 'indigenous diabetes reduction bond'

Indigenous populations worldwide are among those most severely affected by the ever growing burden of diabetes, and innovative solutions are urgently required. In Canada, First Nations communities have launched a process under the leadership of the 'Raven Indigenous Impact Foundation' (RIIF), and with involvement of national and regional health authorities including the Department of Indigenous Service of the Canadian government, seeking to establish and roll out a new public-private partnership model towards financing of diabetes interventions.

WDF has confirmed a USD 500,000 grant in of support RIIF and its partners to further catalyse the development of such 'diabetes reduction bond' approach which ideally would promote community-driven, culturally adaptable and permanently viable changes to address structural and social determinants of health, whereby diabetes and its risk factors hopefully will be significantly reduced.

This is the first time ever that WDF supports a project in Canada, the country where insulin was discovered exactly 100 years ago.

WDF supports the WHO Global Diabetes Compact

Recent reports released by WHO have revealed that global prevalence of diabetes is showing the most preoccupying upward trend among the major NCDs. As many as 700 million people worldwide could have diabetes by 2045, compared with 420 million today, unless radical action is taken immediately.

Through the new 'Global Diabetes Compact, WHO will support countries to implement effective programmes for the prevention and management of diabetes, and set ambitious global targets. WDF has supported the response towards diabetes and other NCDs in LMICs for the past two decades and has confirmed its full engagement into the Global Diabetes Compact. The Compact will be officially launched at a high-level event on 14 April to be held in Canada and hosted by WHO and University of Toronto, the place where insulin was discovered 100 years ago.

Vital Strategies



[Read the report](#)

The Sobering Truth: Incentivizing Alcohol Death and Disability

A new report from Vital Strategies, *The Sobering Truth: Incentivizing Alcohol Death and Disability*, uncovers these “perverse incentives,” and also examines how the industry interferes in government policies that are aimed at reducing consumption of alcohol products. The report proposes key recommendations for countries to strengthen their health systems against the harmful use of alcohol.

Resolve to Save Lives & Vital Strategies



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Building Resilient Populations in the Face of COVID-19

In Building Resilient Populations in the Face of Covid-19, we outline key evidence-based policy actions that governments can take to address risk factors and protect their populations from NCDs and ultimately COVID-19.

Resolve to Save Lives



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Action Framework on Public Food Procurement

Resolve to Save Lives launched the Action Framework for developing and implementing public food procurement and service policies together with WHO. This report outlines effective nutrition standards and examples for serving, selling, and subsidizing foods in public spaces.

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Coming Up Events for your Diary

2021 Events and Platforms

International Stroke Congress Virtual	17-19 March 2021
World Cardiology Congress Virtual + Yokohama, Japan	26-28 March 2021
WHO Global Diabetes Compact Virtual + Geneva	April 14 2021
World Bank/IMF Spring Meeting Washington DC, USA (format TBC)	5-11 April 2021
ACC.20 Scientific Session Virtual + Atlanta, United States	15-17 May 2021
WHO World Health Assembly Geneva, Switzerland (format TBC)	24 May - 1 June 2021
World Psoriasis Conference (WPPAC) Virtual + Stockholm, Sweden	1-3 July 2021
UN High-Level Political Forum New York, United States (format TBC)	6-15 July 2021
WEF Meeting Virtual + Singapore	August 2021
Global Week for Action on NCDs Global campaign	6-12 Sept 2021
UN General Assembly Debate New York, United States (format TBC)	21-30 Sept 2021
UN Food Systems Summit Format TBC	Dates TBC (Sept?)
FDI World Dental Congress Sydney, Australia	26-29 Sept 2021

Global Alcohol Policy Conference Cape Town, South Africa	11-14 Oct 2021
World Health Summit Berlin, Germany	24-26 Oct 2021
World Cancer Leaders' Summit Boston, USA	25-26 Oct 2021
World Stroke Congress Virtual	28-29 Oct 2021
UN Climate Change Conference Glasgow, UK	1-12 Nov 2021
Global Fund Board Meeting Geneva, Switzerland	9-10 Nov 2021
AHA's Scientific Sessions Boston, USA	13-15 Nov 2021
IDF Congress Bangkok, Thailand	6-9 Dec 2021
Nutrition for Growth Summit Tokyo, Japan (format TBC)	Q4 2021 (dates TBC)

WHO's informal consultation for people living with diabetes on March 9-11

WHO is inviting people living with diabetes to an informal consultation to share their views on the new Global Diabetes Compact due for launch on April 14, 2021. This collaborative meeting seeks to connect PLWD from around the world with the community of PLWNCDs convened in December and apply insights gained to date to the concrete involvement of PLWD in the Global Diabetes Compact.

People living with diabetes can apply for participation through this [form](#).

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Latest Publications Useful Readings and Resources

NCD Alliance Resources

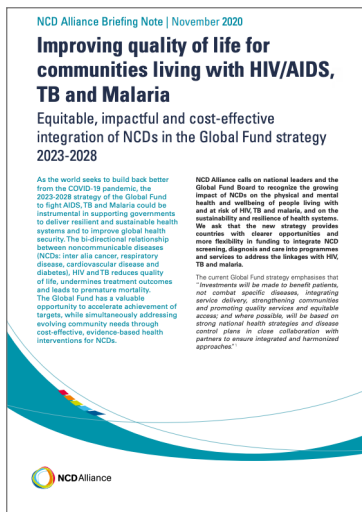


The Need for a Person-Centred, Inclusive NCD Agenda

Discussion paper exploring how to support advocacy calling for a Person-Centred, Inclusive NCD Agenda.



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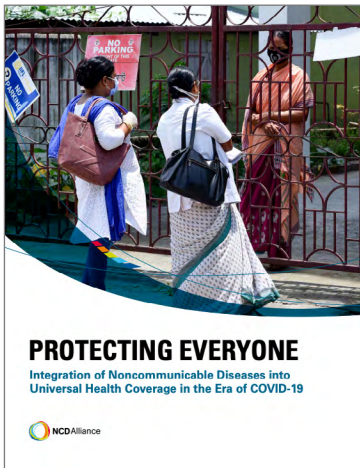


Improving quality of life for communities living with HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria

Briefing note calling on national leaders and the Global Fund Board to recognize the growing impact of NCDs on the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people living with and at risk of HIV, TB and malaria, and on the sustainability and resilience of health systems.



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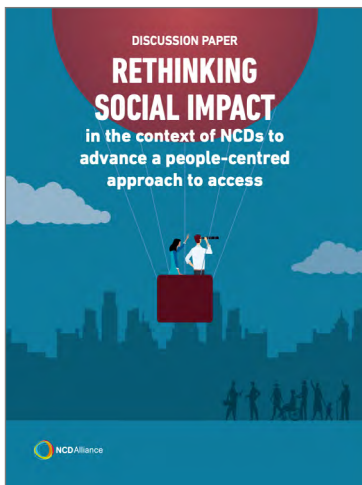


Protecting Everyone – Integration of Noncommunicable Diseases into Universal Health Coverage in the Era of COVID-19

This policy research report outlines global progress towards integration of NCDs into UHC benefit packages to date whilst brokering knowledge by showcasing country-level examples and exploring the role of NCD prevention and care in improving health security during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.



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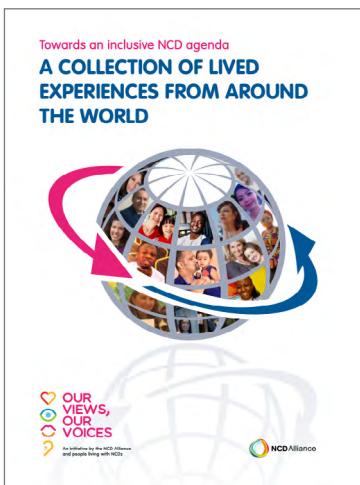


Rethinking Social Impact – in the context of NCDs to advance a people-centred approach to access

This discussion paper aims to provide a better understanding of how putting a people-centred lens to the concept of social business models can help drive progress towards sustainable and equitable access to NCD care for all.



[Link to resource](#)



Towards an inclusive NCD agenda – A Collection of Lived Experiences from Around the World

This publication seeks to illustrate the lived experiences and realities of people living with a wide range of NCD conditions – within the four major NCDs (cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases) and beyond, to include rarer conditions – and living with multiple NCD.



[Link to resource](#)

New Publications



State of commitment to universal health coverage: synthesis, 2020

UHC2030 has launched the first ever [synthesis of the state of commitment to universal health coverage \(UHC\)](#), as well as complete country profiles illustrating progress toward Health for All for all 193 UN member states.

The review is based on diverse stakeholder perspectives that reflect current country situations and asks a simple question: *are governments taking action towards meeting their UHC commitments?*

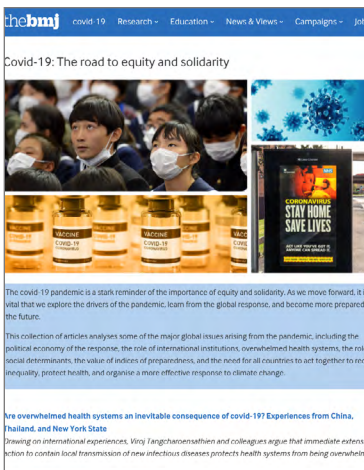
Findings show in many countries, poor and vulnerable groups, are once again being left behind, and inequities are widening due to the COVID-19 crisis. The pandemic is also exposing and exacerbating weaknesses in health systems.



[Explore the synthesis](#)



[UHC Data Portal](#)

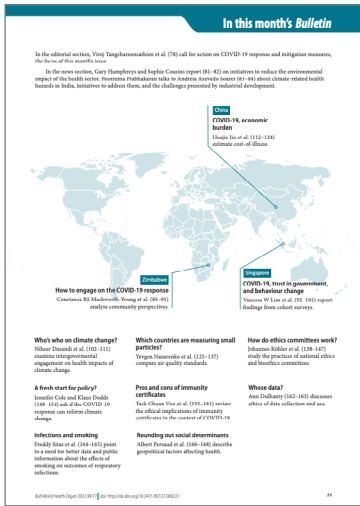


Prince Mahidol Conference 2021: BMJ-PMAC 2021 Collection of Papers

Focusing on the PMAC 2021 theme: *COVID 19: Advancing Towards an Equitable and Healthy World*, the collection analyses the major challenges countries are tackling due to the pandemic, including the political economy of the response, the role of international institutions, overwhelmed health systems, the role of social determinants, the value of global indices of preparedness, and global megatrends and solidarity.



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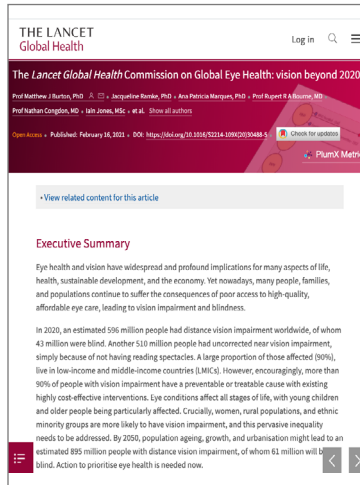


WHO Bulletin: Special Collection for PMAC2021

This WHO Bulletin Feb 2021 is a special collection of COVID-19 for PMAC2021. Many papers in this WHO Bulletin February 2021 are extremely useful to drive the global agenda on better control of COVID19.



Read Bulletin

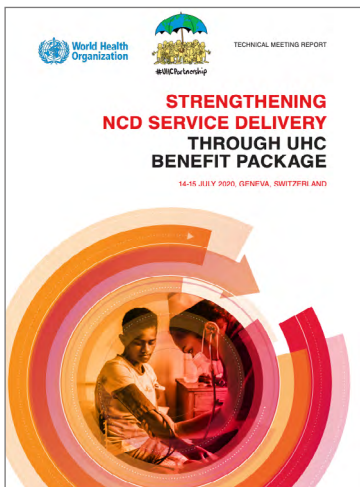


Lancet Global Health Commission on Global Eye Health Report

According to the commission report, an estimated 1.1 billion people lived with untreated vision impairments in 2020. The Commission harnesses lessons learned from over two decades to present the growing evidence for the life-transforming impact of eye care, and provides a thorough understanding of rapid developments in the field.



Read the report



Strengthening NCD service delivery through UHC benefit package: technical meeting report, Geneva, Switzerland, 14-15 July 2020

In 2019, WHO held a strategic roundtable on strengthening NCD service delivery through UHC benefit packages. The meeting brought together health experts from Ministries of Health, WHO, and other partners including RTI International, The World Bank and the Health Finance Institute, and concluded with the creation of a roadmap of strategic steps to develop global guidance for how NCDs can be included in UHC benefit packages. This report features country case studies, expert guidance and detail about developing the roadmap.



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