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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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May 2020



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The Lancet Public Health
issue on COVID-19

There is growing evidence, based on data emerging from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, that people living with NCDs (PLWNCDs) and older people are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, and that health systems in rich and poor countries alike are ill-equipped to respond. COVID-19 will inevitably exacerbate inequalities within societies, with vulnerable groups likely to suffer the most.

As a global alliance, the NCD Alliance (NCDA) will do everything within our capacity to raise our voices for the rights of PLWNCDs, the elderly and marginalised groups, and to share information, guidance and good practice to protect each other. In full solidarity and alignment with WHO, and in collaboration with our members, supporters and 65 national and regional NCD alliances, our contribution will be to provide an NCD lens to this fast-moving health security challenge.

NCDA has developed resources and collated guidance and expertise from within our network to help PLWNCDs, and other at-risk populations navigate this crisis.

NEW Results from survey on COVID-19 implications on NCDA members



24 April - 4 May



Global

From 24 April - 4 May 2020, NCDA conducted a COVID-19 short survey to better understand how COVID-19 is impacting our member organisations and alliances, their work, and to understand current needs, challenges and opportunities to more effectively navigate these times.

Main results:

Over the next 6 months, **the 3 most important challenges for members will be:**

- (1) Delaying operations and services – 92.5%;
- (2) Difficulty securing future funding – 62.7%;
- (3) Cancelling operations and services – 46.3%.

60% of all NCD alliances haven't been able to advance on their coalition building due to COVID-19 restrictions.

NCDA members have adapted their advocacy activities by:

Sharing information and expertise on NCDs (79.1%);
Highlighting the needs of people living with NCDs (74.6%).

The top 3 challenges for NCDs that regions/countries are expected to face in the coming months due to COVID-19 are:

- (1) Increased vulnerability of people living with NCDs – 82.1%;
- (2) Disruption of treatment and care for people living with NCDs – 91%;
- (3) Travel restrictions and social distancing measures challenging people living healthy lives – 80.6%.

The most mentioned specific needs of NCDA members in light of COVID-19 are:

- Support with funding or sharing funding opportunities;
- Training platforms and opportunities on various topics;
- Availability of materials on NCDs, PLWNCDs and COVID-19 (including with translation).
- Regional discussions and networking opportunities have also been requested.

NCDA will use the results of this survey to enhance its offering of resources and support to our network, including the new Civil Society Solidarity Fund on NCDs and COVID-19 that will launch in June 2020.

World Health Assembly (WHA73) goes virtual



17-18 May 2020



Geneva, Switzerland



WHA73 homepage

The 73rd session of the World Health Assembly (WHA73) will take place virtually, and will open on Monday 18 May 2020, to close no later than Tuesday 19 May 2020. WHA73 would then reconvene in autumn 2020 to address the other agenda items as adopted by the Executive Board (EB). This second session is expected to cover resolutions on the Cervical Cancer elimination strategy and on eye health, as well as potentially a new resolution on revision of the International Health Regulations in light of COVID-19.

Specific arrangements (including timings and agenda) will be available [here](#) shortly.

The next session of the EB (EB147) is also due to open on 22 May 2020 and to take place virtually.

WHA73 Agenda: Decisions and Resolutions for consideration

The agenda for WHA73 is also expected to cover the election of the WHA President, Vice-Presidents and new EB Members. A draft resolution on COVID-19 Response, led by the European Union (EU) will also be discussed at WHA73. NCDA coordinated intensive mission outreach to ensure the clear inclusion of language on NCDs which was lacking in the zero draft of the document.

Conclusions of negotiations on the final text progressed well into the second week of May.

Overview of United Nations response to COVID-19



March 2020



New York, USA

There are three main components in United Nations' response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Global Humanitarian Response Plan led by OCHA
- Immediate Socio-economic Response to COVID-19 led by UNDP
- Strategic preparedness and Response Plan led by WHO

The WHO-led strategic preparedness and response plan outlines the public health measures to provide to support all countries to prepare for and respond to COVID-19. The document compiles and translates all that is known so far into strategic action that can guide the efforts of all national and international partners when developing context-specific national and regional operational plans.

Resources



A UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19



Global Humanitarian Response Plan COVID-19



WHO information note on COVID-19 & NCDs



Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (Updated version expected this week)

WHO publishes guidance on how to stay physically active during the COVID-19 pandemic



27 March 2020



Geneva, Switzerland



[Read more](#)

WHO has published new guidance to help people without any symptoms or diagnosis of acute respiratory illness stay active during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic has made it more difficult to maintain old or develop new routines of daily physical activity, thus increasing the risk of developing certain diseases, particularly NCDs.

In response to this, WHO has published answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) around staying physically active in this unprecedented situation.

WHO to accelerate action to reduce the harmful use of alcohol



28 March 2020



Geneva, Switzerland



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[EB146\(14\)](#)

In response to a WHO EB request in February 2020, the WHO Secretariat has published the process it will follow to accelerate action to reduce the harmful use of alcohol.

The Board requested the WHO Director-General to develop a technical report on the harmful use of alcohol related to cross-border alcohol marketing, advertising and promotional activities, including targeting youth and adolescents, before the 150th session of the Board, and also to develop an action plan (2022-2030) to support the effective implementation of the Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol as a public health priority.

Over the next two years, the WHO Secretariat will commission a scoping review, technical expert meetings, regional and global consultations and briefings scheduled to take place between March 2020 and February 2022. There will be several opportunities for non-state actors to engage in this process and feed into a robust action plan.

The United Nations publishes policy briefs on the impact of COVID-19 on the elderly, people living with disabilities and on mental health



May 2020



New York, USA

Read more



Policy Brief: The Impact of COVID-19 on older persons



Policy Brief: A Disability-Inclusive Response to COVID-19



Policy brief: COVID-19 and the Need for Action on Mental Health

The UN has also published a series of policy briefs that provides analysis and recommendations to address the increased risk that the COVID-19 pandemic poses to certain vulnerable populations. The policy brief on the impact of COVID-19 on older persons highlights the increased risk of poverty, discrimination and isolation that older people are exposed to due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new threats and deepened inequalities for people living with disabilities were discussed in the policy brief on a disability-inclusive response to COVID-19.

The policy brief on mental health highlights the need for urgent response and proposes three recommended actions to minimize the mental health consequences of the pandemic.

WHO launches a technical working group on COVID-19 and NCDs

In recognition of the link between the COVID-19 pandemic and poorer health outcomes for PLWNCs, WHO has established a Technical Working Group on COVID-19 and NCDs. The working group seeks to:

1. Improve the global understanding of the relationship between COVID-19 and NCDs.
2. Rapidly enhance global coordination to ensure a whole-of-UN response
3. Strengthen risk communication on COVID-19 and NCDs, raise the priority given to NCDs.
4. Provide timely, high quality technical expertise and guidance to countries and the general public on preventing transmission, testing and treatment options for people.
5. Act as the principal liaison with the WHO WHE/SCI/DDGO coordination mechanism for COVID-19 on NCD related issues.

(WHE-WHO Health Emergencies Department; SCI – WHO Science Division ; DDGO - Deputy Director General's Office)

High-Level Political Forum 2020: applications for virtual side events opened



7-16 July, 2020



New York, USA



More info



Guidelines/Criteria for Exhibitions



Application form for Exhibitions



Guidelines/Criteria for Side-events

The meeting of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on sustainable development in 2020 convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council will likely be held virtually from 7 - 16 July, 2020.

Any potential physical participation would be limited to New York-based delegates only. A formal decision is pending and expected in the coming weeks.

The theme will be “Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.” 51 countries (28 first time presenters, 22 second time presenters and 1 third time presenter) will present their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) to the HLPF. The HLPF Secretariat is exploring mechanisms to enable countries to deliver their VNRs virtually.

All side events and exhibitions will be held virtually, and interested parties are invited to submit their applications to organise an exhibit or a side event during the 2020 HLPF. The application process is open until 29 May 2020.

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On the Ground Country Updates

Cambodia NCD Alliance publishes new policy brief on COVID-19 and NCDs



Cambodia



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The Cambodian NCD Alliance has published a new policy brief highlighting the vulnerability of people living with NCDs, and particularly older people. It summarises the latest evidence on COVID-19 and NCDs, the unique risks and challenges for Cambodia, and many recommendations for healthcare providers and the government to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 for people living with NCDs.

Ghana NCD Alliance high-level advocacy on needs of PLWNCDs during the COVID-19 pandemic



Ghana



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[Link to todaygh.com](https://todaygh.com)

The Ghana Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance (GhNCDA) on behalf of alliance members and its network of people living with NCDs appealed to the President of Ghana Nana Akufo-Addo to address the needs and challenges of people living with NCDs, amidst ongoing efforts and restrictions to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. The appeal made on April 20, 2020, called for specific actions to ensure access to essential NCD medicines during the outbreak as well as scaling up NCD prevention efforts. In a follow-up response, the Ministry of Health reached out to GhNCDA to gather specific needs of PLWNCDs to complement and inform government efforts. On April 27, the Ghanaian President highlighted NCDs in his 8th COVID-19 response address to the nation (see [here](#)) and announced the need for investment in health infrastructure (see [here](#)).

NCD Alliance Kenya issued a statement calling on the government to protect the needs of PLWNCDs



Kenya



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Media coverage on the public statement

On March 28, the NCD Alliance of Kenya, on behalf of its members and network of people living with NCDs issued a public statement calling on the government to protect the needs of PLWNCDs during the COVID-19 pandemic. The statement highlighted the increased risk of PLWNCDs to severe infection and disruptions in access to essential NCD treatment and care.

NCDAL is conducting a social media campaign to accompany their NCDs and COVID-19 advocacy efforts. Five individuals representing a range of lived experiences of NCD conditions (sickle cell disease, mental health, dementia, kidney disease, type 1 diabetes) are members of the NCD and COVID-19 Community Engagement Sub-Committee of the Kenyan Ministry of Health and have articulated specific challenges faced during COVID-19 pandemic in Kenya including barriers to NCD treatment and care following closure of NCD clinics and restricted access to Nairobi as part of government measures. In response to a request by people living with NCDs, the acting Director General of Health clarified the authority mandated to issue letters to facilitate access to treatment and care in Nairobi for those living with NCDs outside the Nairobi metropolitan area.

Young leaders mobilised during the COVID-19 lockdown in Sri Lanka to deliver life-saving treatment



Sri Lanka



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NCD Alliance Lanka (NCDAL) mobilised its network to assess the needs of people living with Type 1 diabetes in the country to ensure uninterrupted access to essential medicines. Based on its registry of people living with Type 1 diabetes, NCDAL in collaboration with Young Leaders in Diabetes identified over 100 individuals in need and prepared individual kits containing insulin doses and test strips.

Healthy Caribbean Coalition (HCC) advocates for the needs of people living with NCDs in the Caribbean region



Caribbean



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[Read more](#)

In light of COVID-19 and its implications in the Caribbean, the HCC has engaged in a series of advocacy efforts to position NCDs and the need of people living with NCDs in the region's COVID-19.

In March 2020, the HCC released an open letter to Caribbean Community (CARICOM) heads of State and government calling for urgent action to protect those living with NCDs from COVID-19. The letter recognises the efforts taken by governments to date, highlighting that more needs to be done to safeguard the health of people living with NCDs, and that the region is prepared to assist them with a multi-sectoral, whole-of-society response.

The HCC and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission issued a statement in April 2020 stating their concerns on the challenges to regional food security and accessing safe and nutritious food during, and beyond, the COVID-19 pandemic. The statement also mentions their commitments in this issue, highlighting the need to strengthen food and nutrition security in the Caribbean as a legacy response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mexico Salud-Hable Coalition- shadow report on alcohol



Mexico



[Access the full report in Spanish](#)

The Executive Summary is available to read in [Spanish](#) and [English](#)

The Mexico Salud-Hable Coalition launched its first Civil Society Report on Harmful Use of Alcohol in March 2020. This report is the first on the topic in Mexico and Latin America, representing an important example and guide to assess the status of alcohol control policies. The report was supported by the NCDA, as part of the alliance's participation in the NCDA's Advocacy Institute Accelerator Programme (2017-2019).

The report is structured around the five pillars of recommended alcohol control policies included in WHO-led initiative SAFER, and the analysis of alcohol control policies emphasises that the country is off-track in meeting the recommendations of the WHO's Global Strategy on Harmful Use of Alcohol.

The report highlights the importance of policies and regulations focused on availability, advertising and taxes on alcohol products, measures which are 'best buys' for NCDs which were also reinforced as the most effective in reducing harmful use of alcohol in the 2018 'Trouble Brewing' report by Vital Strategies, NCDA, Movendi International and Global Alcohol Policy Alliance (GAPA).

The Iran NCD Alliance (INCDA) joined the Corona Combat Command Headquarter in Tehran, Iran



Iran



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INCDA has mobilised its resources and membership to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak in Iran. INCDA developed different evidence-based materials, such as posters and educational clips to counter the spread of false information on the global pandemic and raise awareness about the importance of complying with government's guidelines on physical distancing and staying at home.

INCDA is also advocating for the particular needs of people living with NCDs by highlighting the increased constraints to accessing essential NCD care.

The Iranian Academy of Medical Sciences and INCDA have published a joint statement regarding observing Ramadan during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Indonesian civil society calls for urgent action on tobacco control to reduce impact of COVID-19



Indonesia



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[Read more](#)

The Union mobilized 42 prominent Indonesian organisations – representing civil society, academic and professional organisations to call on the President to impose tobacco product restrictions in response to the pandemic. The letter highlighted the emerging evidence that smokers are more likely to be infected by COVID-19, and are more likely to experience a more severe or deadly form of the virus. The increased risk of infection and fatal outcomes from Coronavirus for people with pre-existing conditions such as non-communicable diseases was also highlighted.

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Your Say Engage with Us

Help us promote the launch of the NCD Academy!



Our Global Partners:

 Our Founding Sponsor:



18-22 May 2020

[Link to NCD Academy](#)

Access the first CVD & Stroke Prevention course already

Learn more about ACC's Global Prevention program

Resources
 Protecting Populations, Preserving Futures: Optimising the health workforce to combat NCDs and achieve UHC

NCD Academy is a first-of-its kind partnership to equip primary care providers –including clinicians, nurses, and community health workers– with **education available whenever, wherever, and at no cost on fundamental** skills for the prevention and basic management of major NCDs. NCD Academy is led by the American College of Cardiology (ACC) in collaboration with global partners including the World Heart Federation (WHF), NCD Alliance (NCDA) and Pfizer Upjohn.

NCD Academy will be launched from Monday 18 May, 10 am EST throughout the week with a first course in cardiovascular disease (CVD) and stroke prevention. With an integrated NCD approach, courses from other leading societies in clinical education will follow soon.

The NCD Academy courses will be primarily targeted for: **general practitioners and nurses based at community clinics** who act as the main source of care for patients seeking medical guidance and treatment in rural and remote areas; **internists and nurses at hospitals** who are tasked with assessing newly-admitted patients and providing non-critical care; and **community health workers** who support preventive efforts and early detection in underserved communities through health promotion and disease screening.

Please note all this content and materials are **EMBARGOED UNTIL MONDAY, 18 MAY at 10 am EST**

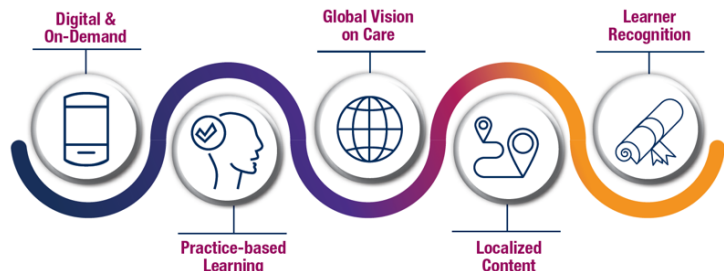
We encourage NCD Alliance supporters to access these materials already to get a sense of NCD Academy (download the App, register & test it!) and arrange any social media support you may want to provide or further dissemination with your network from 18 May, 10 am EST.



ACC GLOBAL PREVENTION PROGRAM



KEY FEATURES OF THE NCD ACADEMY



Actions you can take to help promote from Monday, 18 May at 10 am EST

60 seconds

Cut and paste the text below into your social media or [CLICK HERE TO TWEET DIRECTLY](#).

If you are a frontline health worker check out the #NCDAcademy led by @AccinTouch @worldheartfed @ncdalliance @pfizer - providing free and online education with courses on prevention & basic management of noncommunicable diseases #NCDs 🧑🏻‍⚕️ Find out more at ncdalliance.org/ncd-academy



5 minutes

Create posters [HERE](#) for one or more organisational leaders by uploading a photo and personalised caption to remind about the importance and need for better and accessible education among healthcare professionals to acquire fundamental and updated skills for the prevention and basic management of major NCDs.

Got more time?

Read and share

["Protecting Populations, Preserving Futures: Optimising the health workforce to combat NCDs and achieve UHC"](#) – report recently launched by NCD Academy with the support of Pfizer Upjohn aiming to understand approaches that empower the health workforce, including the need to facilitate access to training opportunities and seek innovative care models, such as leveraging multidisciplinary care teams and exploring digital health solutions.

Like what you read?

Share a highlight through social media and tag with #NCDAcademy #NCDs.

For support with any of these suggestions, or for more information on NCD Academy, feel free to contact the ACC Program Manager, Bryson Childress (bchildress@acc.org) & NCD Academy Communications Director, Jimena Marquez (jmarquez@ncdalliance.org)

New webinar series: Special Update on COVID-19 & NCDs

NCDA has hosted some webinars to facilitate shared expertise and experience on the impact of the COVID19 pandemic on people living with NCDs and health systems:

Special Update on COVID-19 and Health Systems

Slides

Password: COVIDUpdate2

This NCD Alliance webinar focused on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health systems and highlighted how essential health services for NCDs have been affected for different population groups. *Speakers included a representative of Our Views, Our Voices Advisory Committee; The George Institute in India & International Society of Nephrology; Direct Relief; American College of Cardiology; The Fred Hollows Foundation; and the Tanzania NCD Alliance.*

Special Update on COVID-19 and PLWNCDs

Slides

Password: COVIDUpdate1

This NCD Alliance webinar focused on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people living with NCDs (PLWNCDs). *Speakers included a representative of PLWNCDs; The Union; the Healthy Caribbean Coalition; Alzheimer's Disease International; Cancer Warriors Foundation-Philippines; the International Diabetes Federation; and the World Health Organization.*

More webinars within this series to follow in the next few months!

Find more information, recordings and slides of all NCDA webinars at '[My NCDA Hub](#)'.

Help map unhealthy commodity industries' responses to the COVID19 pandemic




Link to
**NCD SPECTRUM
MAPPING TOOL**





Learn more

NCD Alliance and the SPECTRUM research consortium have launched a tool to collect examples of activities undertaken or presented by unhealthy commodity industry businesses (where core products and activities are harmful to health - such as tobacco, alcohol, ultra-processed food and beverages, gambling, and fossil fuels) as a response to the COVID-19 crisis - including corporate social responsibility initiatives, philanthropy, new marketing campaigns, and engagement in policy debates - which members of the NCD Alliance network around the world have been raising concerns about since the start of the pandemic response.


The information collected will form part of a database that will be used to map industries' responses to the COVID-19 pandemic across countries and across industries, develop publications and to inform policy debates in the coming months nationally and globally.



HELP MAP
**UNHEALTHY COMMODITY
INDUSTRY
RESPONSES**
during the
COVID-19 pandemic

 NCD Alliance  SPECTRUM
Shaping public health policies
to reduce inequalities & harm

ncdalliance.org



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Partners Corner Supporters News

International Diabetes Federation

Welcome and introduction of IDF representative on the NCDA board: Professor Stephen Colagiuri, IDF Vice President

NCDA is delighted to re-engage with IDF as a founding member and to welcome Professor Stephen Colagiuri, IDF Vice President to the NCDA board as IDF's representative. Professor Colagiuri comes to the NCDA board with many years of experience with the IDF, having served in various roles, as a board member, as chair of board sub-committees and task forces, and as editor in chief of IDF's journal. He also has good knowledge of NCDA as an organisation, having been involved with IDF when NCDA was being founded 10+ years ago and throughout the subsequent years. As a clinician, academic and researcher, Stephen will bring critical expertise and knowledge to the NCDA board.

Takeda



[Link to announcement](#)

NCDA announces new partnership with Takeda

NCDA is pleased to announce a new partnership with Takeda to improve access and availability of care for NCDs within the context of UHC, promoting the priorities and involvement of people living with more neglected and rarer NCDs.

By partnering together, NCDA and Takeda will seek to develop a better understanding of the needs and priorities of people living with these neglected NCDs in LMICs, to help shape effective policies, responsive health systems and access to quality care. In addition to facilitating a global dialogue on these issues, the partnership will build upon the NCD Alliance's [Our Views, Our Voices](#) initiative, which seeks to promote the voices and meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs at all levels of the NCD response, from policy development, advocacy, healthcare design and delivery, and accountability.

International Federation of Psoriasis Associations

Related links and resources



psoprotect.org



globalpsoriasisatlas.org

International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA) collecting data and supporting people living with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis during COVID-19

IFPA is promoting multiple initiatives to support people living with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis during the COVID-19 pandemic. IFPA joined PsoProtect (psoprotect.org) to support data collection on psoriasis and COVID-19, and will continuously update its communication channels with resources related to the outbreak for people living with psoriasis.

IFPA is also happy to announce that the Global Psoriasis Atlas (globalpsoriasisatlas.org), the leading epidemiological resource on psoriasis, has just entered its next phase of expansion, and will include data on economic impact and burden of comorbidities in psoriasis as well as more epidemiological data.

Medtronic Foundation



[Link to announcement](#)

Medtronic Foundation Commits an Additional \$10M to Global COVID-19 Efforts

The Medtronic Foundation has committed an additional \$10M in contributions to COVID-19 relief efforts across the globe to address:

- Training and supervising frontline health workers
- Ensuring the safety and well-being of frontline health workers, including provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) and critical supplies
- Supporting preparedness efforts for the health workforce, including surge capacity; caring for chronic, at-risk patients; and remote patient monitoring
- Offering local community support of health, economic and food assistance for vulnerable populations
- Providing flexible support to nonprofit partners working in underserved communities

World Heart Federation



[Link to announcement](#)



[Link to Roadmap](#)



[Link to video](#)

World Heart Federation - Chagas Disease: Breaking the Silence

The World Heart Federation (WHF), in partnership with the Inter-American Society of Cardiology (IASC), has published a new Roadmap on Chagas disease, a Neglected Tropical Disease which can cause irreversible damage to the heart and other vital organs.

Although it occurs principally in Latin America, Chagas is being increasingly detected in the US, Canada, many countries in Europe and some countries in the Western Pacific. Only one in ten people with Chagas are diagnosed, and only a small percentage have access to treatment.

The WHF-IASC Roadmap on Chagas Disease is an essential guiding document for healthcare professionals, health authorities and governments.

World Heart Federation



[Learn more](#)



[Image](#)

World Heart Federation (WHF) launches “Use ♥ to Fight COVID-19” campaign

WHF has launched a campaign to raise awareness of the increased risk of COVID-19 among people with cardiovascular disease, as well as the importance of remembering to take care of our hearts during these trying times.

The campaign, “Use ♥ to Fight COVID-19”, encourages people to eat healthy, exercise, and take precautions to protect themselves from COVID-19, among other recommendations. WHF has also developed an extensive Resource Hub on the link between CVD and COVID-19, as well as stories from people working in the front lines of the pandemic.

USE ♥ TO FIGHT 

Union for International Cancer Control



Link to announcement

Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) joins COVID-19 and Cancer Task Force

UICC has joined a COVID-19 and Cancer Task Force to help assess the impact of COVID-19 on cancer outcomes and strengthen collaborations between infectious disease and cancer modellers.

The cancer community requires a better understanding of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic for future prevalence and mortality rates, the short- and long-term impact on the oncology workforce and, most importantly at the present time, what coronavirus means for patients with cancer.

The global taskforce has three core priorities:

1. To assess the impact of COVID-19 on cancer outcomes, with an emphasis on real-time analysis.
2. To strengthen the collaboration between infectious disease and cancer modellers in the immediate and longer-term.
3. To assess the national impact on frontline healthcare workers as the pandemic progresses

UICC members are invited to contribute directly or share the survey with colleagues, using the survey on SurveyMonkey ([here](#)). Contributions are highly appreciated and should be submitted before **Friday 15 May 2020**.

Priority two will be addressed by a modelling consortium. Please see here the call for Expressions of Interest for researchers interested in [joining the consortium](#).

World Obesity



Suggested related links
and resources



Webinar Series

World Obesity (WOF)'s COVID-19 response

WOF is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and the impact on people living with obesity. WOF has issued a number of statements related to our policy, science and education expertise, and led three webinars on the implications of the current situation on obesity. These webinars focused on obesity and COVID-19, a patient perspective on obesity and COVID-19 and the impact of COVID-19 on childhood obesity and had >5000 viewers from >100 countries. We continue to monitor the emerging evidence on the link between COVID-19 severity and obesity, and how government responses to COVID-19 are adapting to reflect this.

American Heart Association World Obesity



News announcement



Newsroom

American Heart Association (AHA) develops new COVID-19 CVD Registry

To better understand the COVID-19 pandemic, the AHA has developed a new registry for hospitals and health systems caring for COVID-19 patients.

The AHA's COVID-19 CVD Registry powered by Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG) builds on 20 years of successful hospital quality improvement efforts. The no-cost registry will help inform the larger medical community and the aggregated, de-identified data set will be available to researchers through the Association's Institute for Precision Cardiovascular Medicine in coming months.

The registry will focus on real-time data from acute care hospitals to better help clinicians and researchers understand and provide feedback to healthcare organizations on how to best treat COVID-19 patients.

Resolve to Save Lives



Related document:
Protecting Chronic Disease Patients During COVID-19

Resolve to Save Lives (RTSL) addresses impact of COVID19 on CVH

RTSL is promoting measures to protect NCD patients from exposure to COVID-19 whilst ensuring access to ongoing essential services for chronic disease care.

“Protecting Chronic Disease Patients During COVID-19” recommendations have been translated in 18 languages so far, and disseminated globally. A primary health center re-design guide for low-and-middle income settings recommends practical steps for screening and triaging of suspected COVID-19 cases outside of facilities so chronic disease patients may safely access medical and pharmacy services. RTSL has developed a guide to implementing telemedicine in countries and has programmed telemedicine features into the mobile Simple hypertension app.

The George Institute

[+ More information](#)

The George Institute joins the fight against COVID-19

The George Institute is mobilising staff across its offices to contribute to the COVID-19 response. The range of projects includes, in Australia, establishing a register for mass engagement in research; support for drug therapy trials; and work with indigenous communities around a culturally appropriate response.

In India, the team is conducting rapid evidence syntheses; using creative ways to spread awareness of COVID-19 in urban slums; and contributing to guidelines on dialysis services.

In China, researchers have been examining evidence on COVID-19 and cardiac injury, while in the UK, they are analysing the sex and gender impacts of the pandemic.

Teva

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Sustainable Supply Chain: Teva Drives Positive Impact in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Teva has put measures in place to ensure supply continuity and sustainability, together with the safe transportation of our medicines and active pharmaceutical ingredients (API). Our supply chain remains largely uninterrupted and there is an adequate inventory of products across our network. COVID-19 Community Support
Teva has continuously worked since the early days of the pandemic to support the efforts of governments and health services to curb the impact of the virus. We have donated nearly 18 million units of hydroxychloroquine, 500,000 units of azithromycin, and over 22,000 masks and gowns to more than 26 countries.

National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

 [Register here](#)

Webinar Invitation: Vaccinating Adults with Chronic Conditions

CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) is hosting a webinar about vaccination of adults with chronic health conditions on **May 28, 2020 at 3:00pm ET**.

It is especially important for adults with chronic health conditions to be up-to-date on recommended vaccinations, as they are at increased risk for complications from certain vaccine-preventable diseases.

Objectives: By the end of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Explain why vaccines are important for adults with chronic conditions.
- Describe adult vaccination coverage rates and vaccines recommended for adults with chronic conditions.
- Effectively communicate with adult patients about the importance of getting recommended vaccines to help manage their chronic condition.
- Analyze office procedures to reduce missed opportunities to vaccinate.

The speakers are:

1. **Tara Jatlaoui, MD, MPH**, Medical Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases
2. **Sarah Coles, MD**, Family Physician and Assistant Professor, Department of Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine, University of Arizona School of Medicine
3. **Sandra Adamson Fryhofer, MD, MACP, FRCP**, Internal Medicine Physician and Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine

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Coming Up Events for your Diary

UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF)

7-16 July 2020
Expected to be virtual

This year the HLPF will focus on some of the megatrends that were identified in the Political Declaration of the 2019 UNGA SDG Summit as relevant to sustainable development, and Member States will discuss how to accelerate progress in order to achieve the SDGs by 2030.

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2020>



Global Week for Action on NCDs

7-13 September 2020
Worldwide

The Global Week for Action on NCDs is recognised as a rallying moment for the NCD community. It is a week to stand together in solidarity, in any way we can, to highlight the importance of action on NCDs. In September 2020 the Global Week for Action will focus on accountability, and we will encourage our network to look at this theme through different lenses including the emerging issues relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://enoughncds.com/event/actonncdssept2020/>



75th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 75)

15-30 September 2020
New York, USA

All 193 Member States of the Organization are represented in the General Assembly - one of the six main organs of the UN - to discuss and work together on a wide array of international issues covered by the Charter of the United Nations.

<https://www.un.org/en/ga/>



16th World Congress on Public Health

12-17 October 2020

Virtual

This year the World Congress will follow the theme *Public Health for the Future of Humanity: Analysis, Advocacy, and Action* to reflect the global public health community commitment to respond to the new circumstances, make visible the threats to health and challenge those with the power to make a difference.

<https://wcp2020.com/index.php>



51st Union World Conference On Lung Health

21-24 October 2020

Virtual

The Union World Conference on Lung Health is the world's largest gathering of clinicians and public health workers, health programme managers, policymakers, researchers and advocates working to end the suffering caused by lung disease, with a focus specifically on the challenges faced by low-and lower-middle income populations.

<https://seville.worldlunghealth.org/>



World Health Summit

25-27 October 2020

Berlin, Germany

Every October, the World Health Summit draws international experts from academia, politics, the private sector, and civil society to Berlin. During the three-day summit, stakeholders and decision-makers from 100 countries and every field in healthcare work together to find solutions to global health challenges and set the agenda for a healthier future. The spread of COVID-19 this year shows how essential the improvement of global health is and how crucial the strengthening of international and interdisciplinary cooperation is.

<https://www.worldhealthsummit.org/>



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Latest Publications Useful Readings and Resources

Recommended reading

ACC.20/WCC Goes Virtual

ACC and WHF's free ACC.20/WCC Virtual experience, which replaced the in-person meeting in Chicago, kicked off on Saturday, 28 March and attracted thousands of CVD professionals from around the world for three days of science and learning. All the sessions, including Late-Breaking Clinical Trials, Featured Clinical Research, Young Investigator Awards, and Keynotes, are now available on demand.



[Suggested related links and resources](#)



Global Heart journal goes Open Access

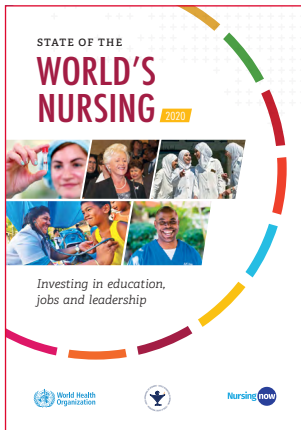
The toolkit provides background on the concept of accountability to the NCD civil society community, and resources to support civil society monitoring initiatives.



[Read more](#)

GLOBAL HEART

Official Journal of the World Heart Federation



State of the World's Nursing Report - 2020

World Health Organization

The State of the world's nursing 2020 report provides the latest, most up-to-date evidence on and policy options for the global nursing workforce.



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Position paper on COVID-19 and dementia

Alzheimer's Disease International

Guidance on the difficult decisions people with dementia, their families and carers are having to make about hospital admission and triage during COVID-19.



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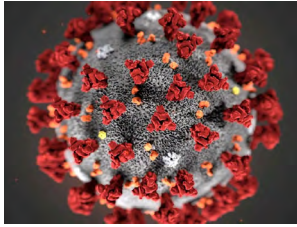
Expanding access to essential, quality services for cancer patients as part of Universal Health Coverage

Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)

This paper discusses the UICC World Cancer Leaders' Summit on Cancer and Universal Health Coverage highlighting three themes that are drivers for the prevention and management of cancer within UHC plans.



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Multilingual guidance on COVID-19 for the NCD Community

Resolve to Save Lives

Guidance for both health care providers and chronic disease patients to help minimize exposure to coronavirus while ensuring continuity of care.



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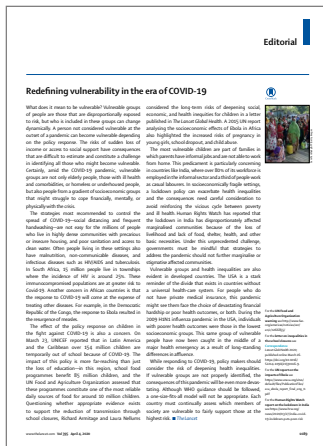
Redefining vulnerability in the era of COVID-19

The Lancet

This editorial examines the issue and definition of vulnerability in the political response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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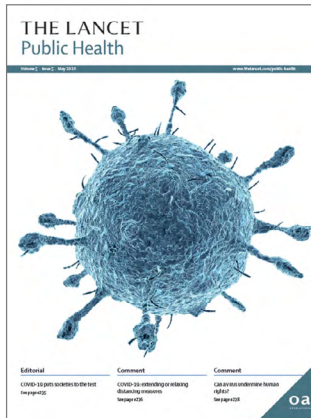


The Lancet Public Health issue on COVID-19

The Lancet



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Opportunity to subscribe - WHO Newsflash on NCDs (Weekly newsletter)

WHO has published the first issue of its weekly newsletter created to provide the global NCD community with regular updates on WHO's work on NCDs. Subscribe to the newsletter by completing the following form here.



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