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NCD Alliance **Partners' report**

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The NCD Alliance Partners's 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

The Global Charter on Meaningful Involvement of People Living with NCDs



24 August



Geneva, Switzerland

The Global Charter on Meaningful Involvement of People Living with NCDs will be launched during the 2021 Global Week for Action on NCDs (6-12 September 2021). Developed through a global and extensive participatory process, the Global Charter aims to establish a shared understanding of meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs and outlines fundamental principles and core strategies for operationalising it. The intended outcome is increased global commitment and multi-sectoral public endorsement of these strategies and principles, to embed meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs in organisational practices. The Global Charter will be available on www.ourviewsourvoices.org following its launch and be open for organisational endorsements on an ongoing basis.

FIND partners with glucose test strip manufacturers to improve the affordability of blood glucose self-monitoring in low- and middle-income countries



18 August



Geneva, Switzerland



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FIND, the global alliance for diagnostics has announced a partnership with [i-SENS, Inc](#) (Seoul, South Korea) and [SD BIOSENSOR, Inc](#) (Suwon-si, South Korea), to increase the affordability of blood glucose test strips in low- and middle-income countries. The partnership will improve access by improving affordability. Irrespective of the volumes ordered, some strips may be obtained as low as US\$0.05 per strip and metres may be provided free of charge.

The announcement follows an open call for proposals issued by FIND in May 2020, in response to the growing challenge of poorly controlled diabetes and the deadly interplay of diabetes and other communicable diseases, especially COVID-19.

NCD Diaries: The experience of living with multiple chronic conditions

 27 July

 Geneva, Switzerland

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As part of the Our Views, Our Voices initiative, the NCD Diaries showcase the stories of people living with NCDs. In our new community-based, multimedia platform, our NCD Diarists share their lived experiences and call for action on NCDs. The theme for this series of diaries is living with multiple chronic conditions.

WHO report on the global tobacco epidemic 2021: addressing new and emerging products

 27 July

 Geneva, Switzerland

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WHO's 8th report on the global tobacco epidemic revealed that "more than four times as many people are now covered by at least one WHO-recommended tobacco control measure as compared with 2007". However, progress in tobacco control remains uneven across countries, as some are not addressing emerging nicotine and tobacco products and are failing to regulate them.

The 2021 report also presents new data on electronic nicotine delivery systems, such as 'e-cigarettes' which are often marketed to children and adolescents by the tobacco and related industries.

NCD Alliance launches the second phase of its Civil Society Solidarity Fund on NCDs and COVID-19 in 2021, supporting 19 NCD alliances worldwide

 13 July

 Geneva, Switzerland

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On 13 July 2021, NCDA launched the second phase of its Civil Society Solidarity Fund on NCDs and COVID-19, building from the achievements of its first phase in 2020 ([check report here](#)) and with a new focus on supporting efforts to build back better and fairer from the COVID-19 pandemic and to promote resilience and recovery.

19 NCD alliances from Africa, Asia, Europe, Eastern Mediterranean and Latin America and the Caribbean have been selected as recipients of Solidarity Fund grants to accelerate the response to COVID-19. The 2021 Solidarity Fund totals US\$335,000 and competitively awards grants of up to US\$15,000, for activities running between July-December 2021.

The 2021 Solidarity Fund has been made possible thanks to the generous financial contributions of NCD Alliance's supporters: The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, Access Accelerated, AstraZeneca, ECOBANK Foundation and Viatrix.

High-Level Political Forum (HLPF 2021)



6-15 July



New York, USA



[Read the Political Declaration](#)



[Read the Voluntary National Review](#)

The High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2021 (HLPF 2021) was held from Tuesday 6 July to Thursday 15 July 2021, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. A three-day ministerial meeting of the forum also took place from Tuesday 13 July to Thursday 15 July 2021.

The theme of this year's forum was “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”. Participants including 10 Heads-of-State and Governments and 160 Prime Ministers, Ministers and Vice-Ministers discussed ways to ensure a sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19 through policies and international cooperation and realise the 2030 Agenda.

The forum covered in depth Sustainable Development Goals 1 on no poverty, 2 on zero hunger, 3 on good health and well-being, 8 on decent work and economic growth, 10 on reduced inequalities, 12 on responsible consumption and production, 13 on climate action, 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions, and 17 on partnerships. It also explored the “integrated, indivisible and interlinked” nature of the Sustainable Development Goals.

42 countries carried out voluntary national reviews (VNRs) of their implementation of the 2030 Agenda. NCDs were featured as follows:

The twin-island state of **Antigua and Barbuda** highlighted how its people continue to be severely affected by the increasing incidence of NCDs and its inability to obtain access to concessionary financing, emphasising the need for a recognised vulnerability index.

Indonesia reported that a million people have been infected with COVID-19 since March 2020, putting pressure on the health system with consequences for the treatment of communicable and NCDs.

Malaysia also disclosed that its health burdens are rising as a result of an ageing population, demands for better health care, and the increase in NCDs, which are currently responsible for more than 70% of deaths.

Sweden described the growing burden of mental health challenges among young people.

The HLPF adopted the Ministerial Declaration as the outcome of its session. Through the Declaration, the Ministers and high-level representatives “acknowledged with great concern that only a few countries are on track to meet the target on reducing premature deaths from non-communicable diseases by one third by 2030”. They urged “strengthened action to reduce premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment” and assistance for LMICs in their efforts to reduce mortality and morbidity from such diseases.

WHO publishes new recommendations for screening and treatment to prevent cervical cancer



6 July



Geneva, Switzerland



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WHO's [new guideline for screening and treatment of cervical pre-cancerous lesions](#) highlight some important shifts in recognised approaches to cervical screening. In particular, it recommends a Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) DNA-based test as the preferred method, rather than visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA) or cytology (commonly known as a 'Pap smear'), currently the most commonly used methods globally to detect pre-cancerous lesions.

The new guideline recognises the six-fold higher risk of cervical cancer among women living with HIV and includes recommendations that are specific for women living with HIV such as an HPV DNA primary screening test followed by a triage test if results are positive for HPV, to evaluate the risk of cervical cancer and need for treatment.

United Nations High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS: Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS recognises NCDs



8 - 10 June



New York, USA



[Watch the recording of NCDa's event](#)



[Read the Political Declaration](#)

United Nations member states have adopted the political declaration titled “Ending Inequalities and Getting on Track to End AIDS by 2030” at a High-Level Meeting (HLM) on HIV/AIDS convened from 8 to 10 June 2021. The [political declaration on HIV and AIDS focused on ending inequalities and getting on track to end AIDS by 2030](#).

The new political declaration is a significant advancement on the 2016 political declaration, closely aligns with the new Global AIDS Strategy 2021–2026, and includes a set of clear targets. Among these targets is a very important one that commits governments to “investing in robust, resilient, equitable and publicly-funded systems for health and social protection systems that provide 90 per cent of people living with, at risk of and affected by HIV with people-centred and context-specific integrated services for HIV and other communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, sexual and reproductive health care and gender-based violence, mental health, palliative care, treatment of alcohol dependence and drug use, legal services and other services they need for their overall health and well-being by 2025”.

This UN agreement represents the first time that governments have committed to a target to ensure NCD care for any group. This sets a vital precedent for all people living with NCDs worldwide, including too many who currently cannot access essential treatment, medication or care. If reached by the international community, 3.6 million new HIV infections and 1.7 million AIDS-related deaths will be prevented by 2030.

Ahead of the UN HLM on HIV/AIDS, NCDa hosted a roundtable where stakeholders had the opportunity to share experiences and proven strategies to re-imagine health service delivery by exploring opportunities for integration of NCD prevention and care with key communicable disease areas.

WHO launches List of Priority Medical Devices for management of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes

 30 June

 Geneva, Switzerland

 [Read WHO news](#)

 [Access the List](#)

WHO has published a List of Priority Medical Devices for the management of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes. The document includes more than 500 devices and will help policymakers and healthcare providers to prioritise the selection and procurement of medical devices for these health conditions.

The new List also provides clinical guidelines for specific conditions, describes the relevant interventions required (e.g. hospitalisation, cardiac surgery, intensive care, laboratory testing and medical imaging) and subsequently lists all the medical equipment required such as surgical instrument sets, personal protective equipment, and diagnostic and treatment devices.

The List was developed to help healthcare providers implement interventions that are essential for the detection and management of heart conditions and diabetes across the continuum of care, leading to fewer hospitalisations and deaths and the saving of precious health resources.

Resolution adopted on the work of the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs

 23 July

 New York, USA

 [Read a briefing paper on the 2021 ECOSOC Resolution](#)

 [Complete the poll](#)

The latest Resolution of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations on the work of the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs “welcomes the establishment of the new United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund by UNDP, UNICEF and WHO to catalyse action on NCDs and mental health”. It urges the Task Force to scale up its support for member states, especially in their efforts to implement the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

The Trust Fund will respond to locally identified needs in low- and middle-income countries, and engage individuals living with NCDs to “catalyse action and increase domestic funding”. The NCD network is invited to participate in a poll to help find the most suitable name for the Trust Fund. Click [here](#) to vote!

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On the Ground Country Updates

The Mexico Salud-Hable Coalition moves forward towards the elimination of industrially-produced trans-fatty acids (iTFA)



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On May 28, the Mexico Salud-Hable Coalition organised the virtual forum “Public policies towards the elimination of industrially-produced trans-fatty acids in Mexico”, co-hosted with Senator Lilia Valdez Martinez, member of the Senate’s Health Commission, and the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO). The event was attended by high-level national health authorities, legislators, local and international civil society representatives, and PAHO health and nutrition experts.

The virtual meeting exposed the need for the country to move forward in eliminating iTFAs via regulation to both ban partially hydrogenated oils (PHO) and limit to no more than 2 grams/100 grams (2%) of total fat in all food products.

The advocacy work of the Mexico Salud-Hable Coalition, including the organisation of this virtual forum, is supported by the NCD Alliance, mainly through its partnership with Resolve to Save Lives, a Vital Strategies initiative to promote global and national advocacy actions.

Alliances in the Caribbean, Colombia, Mexico and South Africa conduct UHC consultations supported by the CSEM for UHC2030

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The NCD Alliance, as a global partner of the [Civil Society Engagement Mechanism \(CSEM\)](#) for [UHC2030](#), collaborated with alliances in the Caribbean, Colombia, Mexico and South Africa to conduct civil society-only consultations to assess the state of UHC in their countries/regions. These consultations, in the form of focus groups, were organised by local teams during June - July and will complement others facilitated by CSEM partners across different countries, such as Kenya, Vietnam, Cambodia, India, and many others.

These consultations included participants from diverse health conditions and sectors beyond NCDs, including organisations and people with lived experience of HIV, TB, and others. The results of these consultations will serve as input for the CSEM’s State of the UHC Commitments Report to be launched around UHC Day in December 2021, as a civil society accountability tool to show the civil society perspective on the progress and recommendations to advance towards achieving UHC in the world.

NCD Alliance Kenya supports the launch of Kenya's new National Strategic Plan for Prevention and Control of NCDs



Kenya



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Kenya's newly launched [National Strategic Plan for Prevention and Control of NCDs 2020/21-2025/26](#) presents a framework to guide the implementation of NCD interventions in Kenya. Non-communicable Diseases Alliance Kenya (NCDAK) members including two representatives of its Caucus of People Living with NCDs were involved in the Ministry of Health's technical working group that developed the Strategy and that was launched on 27 July 2021. The process provided a clear opportunity for people living with NCDs to be involved in this critical NCD decision-making.

In addition to the major NCDs, Kenya's NCD Strategy recognises the less common NCDs; "upstream" modifiable risk factors like environmental pollutants and agrochemicals that need to be controlled; and people living with NCDs as key partners in strengthening NCD advocacy, communication and social mobilisation at national, county and community level as part of its strategic areas of investment. The Strategy provides for strong multi-sectoral linkages that will build a concerted effort towards prevention and control of NCDs in Kenya; a monitoring and evaluation framework with clear indicators that will facilitate harvesting of results; and a costed implementation plan.

Africa NCDs Network calls on stakeholders to address the priority actions on NCDs at WHO's Regional Committee Meeting for Africa

WHO regional offices schedule their Regional Committee Meetings (RCM) between the months of August and October, to discuss and monitor progress on regional commitments. The first RCM for 2021 was the **71st Session of the Regional Committee for Africa**, which took place on 24-26 August, and it held virtually for the second time.

Africa NCDs Network (ANN), supported by the NCD Alliance thanks to its partnership with the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, actively engaged in the meeting by mobilising its regional network for a side event held in advance, discussing key messages and priority agenda items. The event, held on 12 August, brought together over 80 civil society advocates from the region, with speakers including some of the key civil society leaders as well as a representative from the Ghana Ministry of Health.

Africa NCDs Network also registered a delegation to attend, track and report back on the Regional Committee meeting itself, and submitted a joint statement with the NCD Alliance on the newly proposed regional framework to eliminate cervical cancer. The statement calls on member states to prioritise cervical cancer elimination through cost-effective, evidence-based interventions, including HPV vaccination of girls, screening and treatment of precancerous lesions, and improving access to diagnosis and treatment of invasive cancers. The joint statement was fully endorsed by the ANN board.

As part of our post-World Health Assembly regional advocacy efforts, the NCD Alliance also compiled an Advocacy Briefing for the meeting, synthesising the priority agenda items relevant to NCDs and UHC, and sharing key messages and recommendations.

You can access NCDA's Advocacy Briefing for the AFRO RCM [here](#), and the statement submitted [here](#).

Increasing the capacity of established NCD alliances to drive effective in-country advocacy through the Advocacy Institute's NCDs and UHC Accelerator Training

The NCDs and UHC Accelerator Programme Virtual Training 2021, a component of the NCD Alliance's flagship [Advocacy Institute](#) took place between June and July 2021, training 28 representatives of the 11 alliances participating in the NCDs and UHC Accelerator Programme from Ethiopia, Egypt, Ghana, India, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Rwanda, Tanzania and Vietnam. This training aimed to increase the capacity of established NCD alliances to drive effective in-country NCD and UHC advocacy by increasing their knowledge and skills on conducting strategic advocacy for UHC and NCDs, building on the introductory curriculum of the first year of the training held in November 2020. In light of prevailing travel restrictions, this interactive training was delivered virtually and included four modules: 1) Conducting strategic advocacy for achieving UHC for NCDs; 2) Integrating NCDs with broader health agendas under UHC; 3) Advocacy for financing for NCDs and UHC and 4) Promoting good governance for NCDs and UHC.

Coordinated by NCDAs Capacity Development team, the training involved several members and supporters as faculty and expert speakers, including representatives of the Civil Society Engagement Mechanism for UHC 2030, The George Institute, NCD Child, International Diabetes Federation, Union for International Cancer Control, O'Neil Institute, World Diabetes Foundation, Rare Disease International, WHO Health Finance Policy Team, representative of the Ministry of Health from Philippines and Rwanda, member NCD alliances, and advocates with lived experience. Overall, 96% participants rated their experience of the training as good or excellent. Furthermore, after completing the training, 96% of the participants strongly agreed/agreed feeling confident in their knowledge of conducting strategic advocacy and advocacy planning NCDs and UHC. This gives a positive signal that the objectives of the training were met and that participants found it useful for their in-country and regional advocacy efforts. For more information on the Advocacy Institute and the NCDs and UHC Accelerator Programme, please visit [here](#). The participation of alliances in this programme is made possible thanks to NCDAs partnership with Access Accelerated, The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, and Viatrix.

Nigeria NCD Alliance launches weekly newsletter for people with NCDs

 Nigeria

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The Nigeria NCD Alliance have launched a brand new newsletter for people living with NCDs. Executive Director of Nigeria NCD Alliance, Professor Akin Osibogun told tbiAfrica, "By engaging and involving people living with NCDs, we will be able to get a better understanding of their experiences."

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Have Your Say Engage with Us

The Global Week for Action on NCDs campaign

The Global Week for Action on NCDs campaign will take place from 6-12 September with a focus on **community engagement**. The 2021 theme focuses on the **power of participation - of people living with NCDs, civil society, youth and diverse community members - to shape decisions that affect their health and drive change for progress.**

Please find hyperlinked below a sample of some of the easy and engaging ways everyone in the diverse NCD movement can leverage this unifying week to elevate visibility, awareness, and action:

- **Be a Voice of Change** - create your voice of change card, encourage colleagues and networks of followers to also be agents of change for NCDs. **Youth climate advocate, Alejandro Daly, is first to set the tone.**
- **Find inspiration, activate your organisation and put it on the map** - host an event, launch a publication, for activities throughout September and particularly related to the theme of **community engagement**.
- **Generate Momentum and Go the Extra Mile** - write a blog (for your own organisation or NCD Alliance), speak to media or a Minister, and elevate the call for communities to participate.
- **Amplify and use** - **news, toolkit 'how to' guides, videos,** and other handy campaign **resources** for NCD organisations - share the **www.ActOnNCDs.org** website with your communications team.
- **Download merchandise files** and find a local supplier to order something for your team to use - maybe lapel badges to wear in zoom calls, or branded facemasks or t-shirts for public activities?
- **Get active on social media** with interactive tools - use the **toolkit, campaign logo and assets, GIFs, stickers and frames.** You can also create **vertical posters** and a **Week for Action poster branded with your logo.** Remember to **use the hashtag #ActOnNCDs** on all social media posts.

You can find more information on the regularly updated (and recently refreshed) campaign website: **www.ActOnNCDs.org**! Sign up for the campaign newsletter to receive regular updates.

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Partners Corner Supporters News

World Obesity Federation (WOF)

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 [Learn more](#)

World Heart Federation (WHF)

 [Learn more](#)

Global Obesity Forum: Changing the obesity narrative

Building on the momentum of previous high-level events, World Obesity Federation is joined by WHO and UNICEF for the first time as co-organisers to convene this year's Global Obesity Forum. This hybrid event will bring together key players from across the global obesity community to discuss the Global Obesity Coalition's priorities and progress around three main workstreams: changing the narrative, advancing work on healthy environments, and addressing the role of primary care. This year's Global Obesity Forum will take place on Monday 20 September from 16:00-19:15 CET. Should you be interested in attending, please contact mneveux@worldobesity.org.

The role of food systems in addressing the triple burden of malnutrition

On Monday 26 July, World Obesity, the Public Health Foundation of India and Mothers First held an event at the pre-UN Food Systems Summit 2021. Together, they explored the interactions between food systems, different forms of malnutrition, and gender, highlighting some of the key double and triple duty actions that must be elevated by the UN Food Systems Summit.

Weight Stigma Survey

Following the launch of its new Weight Stigma & Bias Working Group, World Obesity is inviting members, partners and advocates to take part in a consultation to share national and regional experiences on the prevalence, nature and role of weight stigma and bias. The survey is available in Mandarin, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. Suggested related links and resources:

[Mandarin](#) / [English](#) / [French](#) / [Spanish](#)

World Heart Day 2021: Use Heart to Connect

This year, World Heart Day is about connecting with our own hearts and using the power of digital to connect every heart, everywhere. On 29 September, WHF is asking the world to USE  TO CONNECT. Check out the new campaign playbook, print out our leaflet on CVD prevention, and download the social media graphics to help us reach as many people as possible.

International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA)



[Read more](#)

IFPA's new strategy: Unleashing our community's full potential

IFPA has launched a new strategy to unite, strengthen, and lead diverse stakeholders towards a common goal. Over the past 50 years, IFPA has fought to gain political support and recognition for people living with psoriatic disease. Together, we have achieved tremendous breakthroughs. Now, it is time to act. IFPA unites the global community to speak up for the unmet needs of people affected by psoriatic disease, and insist on national implementation of the recommendations set out in the WHO Global Report on Psoriasis.

AstraZeneca (AZ)



[Learn more](#)

Apply for AstraZeneca's Scholarship to attend the One Young World Summit in Tokyo 2022!

This year, AstraZeneca is collaborating with One Young World (OYW) to offer scholarships to inspiring young leaders to attend the One Young World Summit 2022 in Tokyo, Japan. In addition to attending the Summit, YHP scholars will participate in a pre-Summit skills-building workshop to meet the delegation, share information about their background and get prepared for what will be an incredible experience in Tokyo. Check the OYW Scholarship page for more information. The application for AstraZeneca's scholarship is due to open the first week of September!



[Learn more and apply](#)

Apply for AstraZeneca's Lead2030 Challenge: A \$50,000 Grant Opportunity

For this Challenge, AstraZeneca is seeking innovative, youth-led non-profit organisations which tackle the causes of air pollution and focus on the long-term health of young people. Applications are open now through 23 September 2021.



[Learn more](#)

UNICEF Releases Healthy Eating Learning Module for Youth

In partnership with AstraZeneca's Young Health Programme, UNICEF has released a new module called "Let's Talk About Eating" on their Voices of Youth platform. This learning module is available online, with PDFs for download, and can be shared globally with young people, educators and youth champions. It was designed BY young people, FOR young people, with small steps for a healthier lifestyle--starting with food!

VIATRIS

 **New NCD Academy course on mental health**

 **New publications**

Viatriis continues to advance NCD management and prevention via access, leadership and partnership

Viatriis empowers people worldwide to live healthier at every stage of life. We provide access to medicines, advance sustainable operations, develop innovative solutions and leverage our collective expertise to improve patient health.

Recently we evolved NCD dialogue by sharing peer-reviewed publications investigating NCD management across regions and analysing patient-centric approaches to improving care. Publications include the results of a multi-market patient survey developed in collaboration with partners underscoring the physical/mental impact of COVID-19 on people living with NCDs.

Further, as the founding sponsor of the NCD Academy, we proudly support the launch of a new course focused on mental health.

The George Institute for Global Health (TGI)

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The George Institute call for recognition of unheard voices at the UN Food Systems Summit

The George Institute for Global Health has partnered with the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service and Dharriwaa Elders Group, and the Pacific Research Centre for the Prevention of Obesity and Non-Communicable Diseases, on a report calling for traditional knowledge and first nations and Pacific Island priorities to be recognised at the UN Food Systems Summit this September. The report highlights challenges these communities face in engaging with the Summit, including a lack of consideration of what different paradigms of health and food and water systems mean. It also includes recommendations for organisers of multilateral summits, health systems, governments, and researchers.

World Dental Federation (FDI)

 **Read more**

Join the FDI-IADR-NCDA joint session on the new WHO resolution on oral health

From words to action: What does the new WHO resolution on oral health mean for populations, the oral health community, and health systems? Ahead of the 2021 World Dental Congress (26-29 September), this joint virtual session, co-hosted by FDI World Dental Federation, International Association for Dental Research and NCD Alliance, will discuss the opportunities of this new resolution to improve people's oral and overall health outcomes. We will hear from WHO's NCD Department about what is next, and we will learn how FDI's Vision 2030 can support the implementation phase of the resolution.

Novo Nordisk

 [Watch previous CCD Rounds](#)

Knowledge sharing webinar from Cities Changing Diabetes to showcase community foodscapes in cities

Cities Changing Diabetes introduced ‘CCD Rounds’ at the beginning of 2021 to facilitate global knowledge-sharing. It is a series of bimonthly curated, topic-specific webinars which inspire and show how to drive public health interventions. Three webinars have already taken place, covering community engagement for health promotion, and featuring cases from Houston, Leicester, and Copenhagen. The fourth live broadcast took place this month 30 August and showcased the topic of ‘foodscapes’ research in Bogotá, Colombia. The Foodscape research is relevant and widely applicable to cities seeking to understand their local food and health systems at eye level. You can watch the recordings here: CCD Rounds (citieschangingdiabetes.com).

 [Watch recording](#)

 [Explore teaching case](#)

Business as Unusual – Cross-Sector Collaboration for NCD Care in Humanitarian Settings

Since 2018 Novo Nordisk, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the Danish Red Cross have been collaborating in Partnering for Change (P4C) to find ways of improving chronic care in humanitarian crisis settings. Copenhagen Business School has developed a teaching case, which invites students to reflect on the special nature of business-humanitarian partnerships, the strategic motivations behind them, and the challenges faced. The case was launched at a webinar on 24 August 2021, featuring Prof. Andreas Rasche/CBS, the Danish Red Cross, Novo Nordisk and the UN Principles for Responsible Management Education.

Fred Hollows Foundation (FHF)

Paving the way for Australian health innovations in Vietnam

Vietnam has the fastest growing rate of diabetes in Southeast Asia, resulting in an increasing burden of vision loss from diabetic retinopathy (DR). Screening for DR is cost-effective, but only if high coverage can be achieved. This is challenging and solutions are needed to increase the accessibility of screening and improve diagnostic efficiencies and management of DR in Vietnam.

Working with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and the Vietnamese Ministries of Health and Science and Technology, The Fred Hollows Foundation will create a roadmap on how to improve efficiencies in the screening and management of DR using telehealth and AI.

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Coming Up Events for your Diary

2021 Events and Platforms

Global Week for Action on NCDs Global campaign	6-12 Sept
UN Food Systems Summit	23 Sept
UN General Assembly Debate New York, United States (Virtual)	14-30 Sept
FDI World Dental Congress Sydney, Australia (Virtual)	26-29 Sept
Global Alcohol Policy Alliance event (Virtual)	12-13 Oct
World Health Summit Berlin, Germany (Hybrid format)	24-26 Oct
World Cancer Leaders' Summit Boston, USA (Hybrid format)	25-26 Oct
World Stroke Congress Virtual	28-29 Oct
UN Climate Change Conference Glasgow, UK	1-12 Nov
Global Fund Board Meeting Geneva, Switzerland	9-10 Nov
AHA's Scientific Sessions Boston, USA (Hybrid format)	13-15 Nov
IDF Virtual Congress 2021	6-11 Dec
Nutrition for Growth Summit Tokyo, Japan (format TBC)	7-8 Dec

76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA76)



14 – 30 September



New-York, USA

UNGA76 will be held from Tuesday 14 September to Thursday 30 September 2021, and it is expected to be a hybrid event with only a few of the delegations travelling to New York. The high-level debate will open on Tuesday 21 September and the President-elect, Abdulla Shahid, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Maldives, has suggested to Member States the theme: “Building resilience through hope - to recover from COVID-19, rebuild sustainability, respond to the needs of the planet, respect the rights of people, and revitalize the United Nations”.

Some of the agenda items of interest are:

- Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences.
- Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS.
- 2001–2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, particularly in Africa.

Participation at UNGA76 would be mostly virtual, and no side are events allowed within the UNHQ premises.

“Facing Forward” audiovisual series



28 September

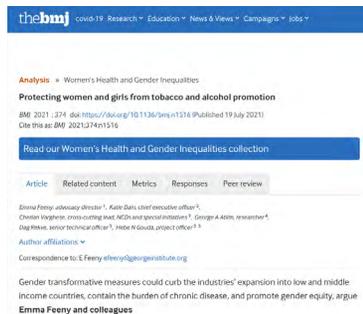


Online event. [Register here](#)

A landmark new short documentary series produced by BBC StoryWorks for NCDA and partners, will be launched on Tuesday 28th September. Made of 25 mini-films, “Facing Forward” aims to amplify the voices of those shouldering the global burden of NCDs, putting a spotlight on the much-needed work of civil society, institutions, private sector, and communities across the globe in the NCD response. Join us on 28th September at 14:00 pm CEST. [Register here](#). Stay tuned to #FacingForward for more updates.

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Latest Publications Useful Readings and Resources

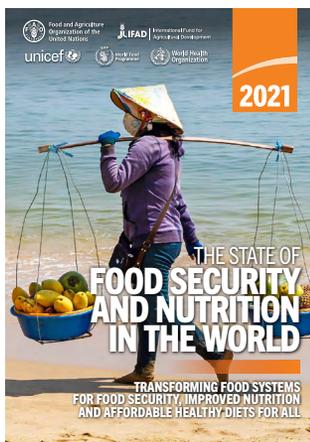


Protecting women and girls from tobacco and alcohol promotion

This new paper from WHO, the NCD Alliance, and the George Institute for Global Health proposes several transformative measures that could curb tobacco and alcohol industry expansion into low- and middle-income countries, contain the burden of chronic disease, and promote gender equity.



Read the paper



The state of food security and nutrition in the world 2021

This new report from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP) and WHO presents the first global assessment of food insecurity and malnutrition for 2020. It offers some indication of what hunger might look like by 2030, and further adverse complications from the enduring effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Read the report



Long Overdue, Investments in NCDs are Vital to Reach SDG 3

This article discusses how and why health financing for NCDs can benefit governments, global financial flows, and the health of the commons.

It draws on examples from within and beyond the UN system to identify how existing tools, evidence and best practice can be deployed to help prevent and treat more NCDs in an effective, cost-effective, and equitable way.



Read the article

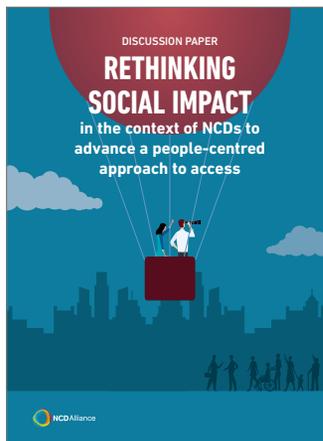


WHO “NCD Hard Talk” Department Webinar: COULD POOLED PROCUREMENT IMPROVE ACCESS TO MEDICINES?

This NCD Department webinar included a series of deep-dive discussions, in which experts explored key lessons on building sustainable and reliable procurement mechanisms to deliver NCD medicines to all.



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Rethinking social impact to put people at the centre

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