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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).



# 1

## Need to Know Global Updates on NCDs

### WHO Global Meeting to Accelerate Progress on SDG target 3.4 on NCDs and Mental Health



9-12 December 2019



Muscat, Oman



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The overarching goal of the Global Meeting is to accelerate the implementation of national responses to address NCDs and mental health conditions with a view to reduce premature mortality and scale up interventions to reach SDG target 3.4 by 2030. The Meeting will focus on sharing success stories and challenges in countries.

The NCD Alliance is coordinating the civil society caucus themed “Maximising the potential and expertise of civil society in national NCD responses”. This side event will highlight examples of successful civil society engagement at the country level, and draw from success stories of civil society engagement for the prevention and control of NCDs. It will also serve as a platform for governments to describe the civil society activities and initiatives that would be useful for them.

### 2019 UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage



23 September 2019



New York, USA



[Link to NCD Alliance advocacy priorities for the UN HLM on UHC](#)



[Link to NCD Alliance's Open Letter to Government Leaders ahead of the HLM on UHC](#)



[Link to final Political Declaration on UHC](#)

The first United Nations High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) was held in New York on Monday 23 September, 2019, under the theme “Universal Health Coverage (UHC): Moving Together to Build a Healthier World”. It was an historic opportunity for world leaders and other stakeholders to reverse the existing marginalization of billions who lack access to healthcare or cannot afford it.

#### The key takeaways from the meeting

- UHC was described by Heads of State and Government (HoS/G) as:
  - I. a driver of equity
  - II. economically sensible and
  - III. a guarantor of economic growth and sustainable development
- Primary health care strengthening was promoted strongly as the foundation for achieving UHC and ensuring equity
- Political will was described as a crucial element for the achievement of UHC
- HoS/G, the United Nations Secretary General and several other stakeholders described the absence of UHC for half of the world's population as a major driver of inequity and poverty, especially in the most vulnerable populations
- A total of 84 HoS/G spoke during the plenary sessions and 49 of them mentioned NCDs and their risk factors, taxes on unhealthy commodities or described the implications of UHC for NCDs.

- Many HoS/G acknowledged the implications that the achievement of UHC has for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and emphasised the need to take urgent action

In contrast to the UN HLM on NCDs, there was limited engagement with the advocacy activities of civil society organisations (CSOs) and patient voice was not captured.

### The adoption of the Political Declaration on UHC

Following several months of negotiations, the final text of the Political Declaration on UHC was adopted by HoS/G at the UN HLM on UHC.

The Political Declaration on UHC has been described as the most comprehensive set of health commitments ever adopted at the highest level of government. It takes a holistic approach to health by emphasising the role of health prevention, promotion, strengthened health systems and an optimised workforce.

The final text of the Political Declaration covers majority of NCDs' key asks, including the prioritisation of primary prevention as a component of UHC, the strengthening of Primary Health Care (PHC), increased access to quality and affordable essential medicines and products.

However, it lacks financial commitments; the monitoring and accountability framework is also significantly weak, and the statement on sexual and reproductive health rights was phrased inexplicitly despite its importance.

## Climate Action Summit 2019



23 September 2019



New York, USA



[Link to the side event's recording](#)



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The Climate Action Summit 2019 was held on the same day as the UN HLM on UHC, bringing together over 100 organisations – including government, private sector leaders, and cities in a bold commitment to accelerate decarbonization of the transport sector. The objective of the meeting was to develop plans to increase funding for green, liveable cities, and to promote sustainable infrastructure and pro-health transport systems. It was an opportunity to showcase new initiatives by government, business and civil society in pursuit of the goals of the Paris Agreement and the reduction of emissions to essentially zero by mid-century.

The NCD Alliance, along with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), WHO, and the International Institute for Sustainable Development co-hosted a Planetary Health Dialogue as a side event on the sidelines of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly. The event built on the links between the Climate Action Summit and the UN HLM on UHC to demonstrate how environment and health are inextricably linked and how these sectors can collaborate to advance sustainable development. The event brought together governments, policymakers, experts, civil society and people from the frontlines of planetary health for mutual learning across sectors about measures that can work to protect the health of people and planet.

## High-level Dialogue on Financing for Sustainable Development



26 September 2019



New York, USA



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The UN General Assembly convened its first High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development since the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The objective of the meeting was to assess progress since the adoption of the Addis Agenda in 2015 and provide leadership and guidance on the way forward to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Several countries including Sweden, Luxembourg, Morocco and Finland described the initiatives prioritised by their governments to manage challenges and consolidate on the progress of the Addis Agenda.

## High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the UN General Assembly



24-25 September 2019



New York, USA



[Read more](#) about the Summit

Heads of State and Government met to follow up and comprehensively review progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The event was the first UN summit on the SDGs since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in September 2015. The SDG Summit resulted in the adoption of the [Political Declaration](#), and world leaders called for a decade of action to deliver the SDGs by 2030.

## ENOUGH: 2019 Week for Action on NCDs



2-8 September 2019



Global



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[Access the ENOUGH campaign website](#)

Timed to coincide with the final preparations for the UN HLM on UHC, the second global week for action on NCDs focused on demanding increased accountability on the right to health for populations. With over one hundred inputs from “voices of change” and more than fifty high-impact activities logged in from 223 cities spread across 88 countries, the ENOUGH 2019 campaign set new records for the annual event, and is an example of the impactful momentum the global NCD community can generate. The campaign saw advocates drawing out the implications that true UHC has for the global burden of NCDs and an estimated 2.4 million people were reached.

## WHO Mental Health Forum 2019: Enhancing country action on mental health



14-15 October 2019



Geneva, Switzerland



[Read more](#) about the Forum

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The WHO Mental Health Forum, held at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva, provided an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss country progress on WHO's Mental Health Action Plan under the theme "Enhancing Country Action on Mental Health". The Forum was an opportunity for WHO to launch several new resources and consult on ways forward to respond to mental health challenges worldwide, as required by the recognition of mental health and neurological conditions as an additional priority for the NCD response in the political declaration of the 2018 UN HLM on NCDs.

17 governments made statements, and there were interventions from several civil society organisations for mental health. Highlights of the Forum included the launch of WHO's mhGAP community toolkit (field testing version), the unveiling of WHO's Special Initiative for Mental Health (2019-2023) which was discussed in detail with participants, and a recap of WHO's month-long campaign on suicide prevention. In-depth sessions during the Forum included the Minimum Services Package for mental health and psychosocial support in humanitarian settings, WHO QualityRights initiative, and WHO's integrated approach to brain health.

As required by the 2018 HLM political declaration, WHO is preparing a set of recommended policy interventions in relation to mental health, to be proposed for consideration by the WHO Executive Board at its next meeting in February 2020.



[Link to Mental Health Action Plan](#)



[Link to mhGAP community toolkit \(field testing version\)](#)



[Link to WHO's Special Initiative for Mental Health \(2019-2023\)](#)



[Link to WHO's campaign on suicide prevention](#)



[Link to WHO QualityRights initiative](#)

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## World Health Summit 2019



27-20 October 2019



Berlin, Germany



[Link to the MoU](#)



[Link to the M8 Alliance Statement](#)

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The World Health Summit 2019 brought together key actors from academia, politics, civil society, and the private sector to address the most pressing health-related challenges on the planet. The discussions focused on three major themes:

1. Climate Change and Health,
2. Universal Health Coverage: Expanding Rights and Access
3. Digital Health: Shaping Society and the Modern Economy

The discussions on NCDs focused on access to sustainable NCD treatment and care, and the role of partnerships in finding solutions to the NCDs epidemic.

WHO signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Global Health with Charité, Europe's largest university hospital and the organiser of the Summit. Both parties committed to working together to accelerate progress on health-related SDGs through promoting and supporting WHO's five-year strategic plan (2019-2023) during the World Health Summit.

The academic backbone of the World Health Summit, the M8 Alliance, also issued a declaration at the World Health Summit, outlining major take-aways and policy recommendations. They called on all stakeholders to cooperate across nations and sectors to draw from the key learnings at the Summit as they scale up their commitments to the achievement of the SDGs.

# 2

## On the Ground Country Updates

### Italy to make climate change study compulsory in schools



Italy



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Italy will next year become the world's first country to make it compulsory for school children to study climate change and sustainable development. All state schools would dedicate 33 hours per year, almost one hour per school week, to climate change issues from the start of the next academic year in September. Many traditional subjects, such as geography, mathematics and physics, would also be studied from the perspective of sustainable development. The entire ministry is being changed to make sustainability and climate the centre of the education model.

### Ireland: Alcohol advertisements to banned near schools



Ireland



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Ireland has banned the advertisement of alcohol within 200 metres of a school, creche or a local authority playground. The measures came into effect on Wednesday 13 November, 2019 and are aimed at “changing the culture of drinking in Ireland”.

The ban will also be extended to advertisements on public service vehicles including buses, trains, at bus stops and train stations. Advertisements for alcohol products will also be banned in cinemas except where films are for those over 18 or where cinemas have licensed premises.

The ban was introduced by Minister for Health, Simon Harris, who is expected to seek Cabinet approval before the end of the year for the introduction of minimum unit pricing on alcohol. Restrictions on the visibility of alcohol sales in supermarkets are to follow next year.

### Mexico implements clear front-of-pack (FOP) labelling despite industry opposition



Mexico



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Mexico has introduced a comprehensive policy on fair, healthy and sustainable agri-food system, beginning with the implementation of a clear, frontal labelling on processed foods. Dr Hugo López-Gatell Ramírez, Undersecretary of Health Prevention and Promotion, described this new development as an example of simple measures that work, citing the success recorded for front-of-package (FoP) labelling in Chile, Peru and Ecuador.

## Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) approves regional plan of action on trans-fat elimination



30 September-  
4 October 2019



The Americas



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Read joint statement

The 71<sup>st</sup> Session of WHO's Regional Committee for the Americas and the 57<sup>th</sup> Directing Council of PAHO took place in Washington D.C., USA. Member States discussed progress on several NCD-related issues, such as on adolescent and youth health, primary health care and universal health coverage in the region. In this meeting, the regional Plan of Action for the Elimination of Industrially Produced Trans-Fatty Acids 2020-2025 was approved. The meeting had a strong civil society participation, NCD Alliance and World Heart Federation (WHF) supported the attendance of Dr Beatriz Champagne, coordinator of the Health Latin American Coalition (CLAS) and Director of Advocacy for the InterAmerican Heart Foundation (IAHF), an organisation in official relations with PAHO. Dr Champagne submitted a joint statement in support of PAHO's proposed regional Plan of Action.

## Iran NCD Alliance calls to scale up regional action on NCDs



Iran



14-17 October 2019



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The 66<sup>th</sup> Session of the WHO Regional Committee Meeting for the Eastern Mediterranean was held in Tehran, Iran. Health ministers and high-level representatives of the 22 countries and territories of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean region, partner organisations and civil society, took part in the meeting. The Iran NCD Alliance delivered a statement calling Member States to scale up NCD action in the region.

## NCD Alliance supported the renewal of NCD Alliance Japan



Japan



13 November 2019



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The renewal of NCD Alliance Japan was celebrated at a global forum organised by the Health and Global Policy Institute (HGPI) in Tokyo, Japan, on 13 November 2019. To further advance comprehensive, cross-cutting NCD measures in Japan and abroad, HGPI decided to renew the NCD Alliance Japan and to reinitiate its activities. The alliance will be working to support the development of lived experience leadership as well as policy-making which reflects and elevates its voice, among other objectives. A special address was delivered by NCD Alliance's CEO Katie Dain at the forum, highlighting the importance of meaningfully involving people living with NCDs in the global NCD response.



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## Your Say Engage with Us

### NCD Supporters Call

Join the next Supporters Call on **Thursday 5 December** (08:00-09:30 EST, 14:00-15:30 CET) which will provide a recap of 2019, updates for the Oman meeting on NCDs and mental health, more details on the upcoming Global NCD Alliance Forum and an outlook for priorities in 2020. Dial-in details have been shared via a calendar invitation. For those who cannot join, we will share slides with the NCD Supporters Group.

### NCD Webinars

#### Upcoming webinars

##### Noncommunicable diseases in humanitarian settings

This webinar on **Tuesday 3 December** (09:00-10:30 EST, 15:00-16:30 CET) builds on the outcomes of the last two high-level meetings of the United Nations to bring attention to the risk factors, prevalence and burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and the fragile and crisis-affected contexts in humanitarian settings, where health systems have significant difficulties in addressing NCDs. The webinar will stimulate discussions of what works, and facilitate shared experiences for the prevention and control of NCDs in humanitarian settings from the perspective of different actors.



[Register here](#)

##### December webinar

NCD will host a last webinar in 2019 on **Wednesday 18 December** (09:00-10:00 EST, 15:00-16:00 CET) to provide a post-Oman meeting update, recap of 2019, outlook on WHO's Executive Board session in February and more updates, including on the upcoming Global NCD Alliance Forum 2020.



[Register here](#)

## Past webinars

### October webinar (post-UNGA)

NCDA's webinar on **10 October** included a recap on the UN HLM on UHC and the 74th UNGA week, update on the Regional Committee Meeting for PAHO, and presentation of "Cut Stroke in Half: Polypill for primary prevention in stroke" by World Stroke Organization, among other updates.

**Password: post-UNGA74**



[Link to recording](#)

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### Optimising the health workforce to combat NCDs and achieve UHC

The objective of this webinar on **31 October** was to present the recently launched report "Protecting Populations, Preserving Futures: Optimising the health workforce to combat NCDs and achieve UHC". This webinar featured examples of strategies that have proven effective for developing an optimum health workforce in some countries.

**Password: healthworkforce**



[Link to recording](#)

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## Global NCD Alliance Forum 2020



9-11 February 2020



Sharjah, UAE



Access the current  
programme



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## Bridging the Gap

The third Global NCD Alliance Forum will be held from 9-11 February 2020 in Sharjah, UAE, under the theme 'Bridging the Gap.' It will gather over 400 representatives from the global NCD movement to exchange knowledge, share good practice, and build capacity for prevention and control of NCDs globally. Forum delegates will include NCDA supporters and members, national and regional NCD alliances, youth, people living with NCDs, global NCD stakeholders, and recognised champions representing cross-cutting areas relating to NCDs.

The Forum is organised by the NCD Alliance in partnership with local host organisation, Friends of Cancer Patients (FoCP).

### NCD Alliance Supporters Group-led Workshops

Workshops are a major feature of the Forum, and they serve as the primary forum platform for knowledge exchange, discussions and good practice dialogue. Supporters group members were invited to submit proposals under the three sub-themes around which the Forum programme is organised (one workshop per sub-theme). As a joint contribution of the Supporters Group to the forum, these workshops will bring together several supporters to discuss the agenda, scope, desired outcomes and speaking roles for the following three selected workshops:

*Please note that the exact title and description of each workshop is subject to change.*

## SUB-THEME 1

**SAVING LIVES** through transformative policies and solutions



### WORKSHOP 1

#### **Partnering for impact in the SDG era: Saving lives through equitable access to essential NCD medicines and technologies**

The promise of Universal Health Care to ensure comprehensive access by all to affordable and high-quality medicines and technologies remains a distant reality in many countries, despite numerous political commitments and targets being set at the global level. Today, at least half of the world's population still do not have full coverage of essential health services, and two billion are living without access to basic medicines and technologies or robust health systems. Barriers to access to NCD care in LMICs are complex and multifaceted, including inadequate health system infrastructure, weak supply chains and inefficient procurement practices, inadequate human resources for health, challenges of affordability, and lack of patient education. As a result, multiple approaches to improve access to the products and technologies required to manage NCDs are required, as no one sector - government, private, or non-profit - can do this alone.

In response, an increasing number of stakeholders are developing new strategies to improve access to NCD medicines in the poorest and hardest to reach communities. If developed, piloted and evaluated effectively, such approaches have the potential to significantly improve access to essential medicines and technologies in LMICs. However, innovative models in the field of NCD access are still relatively new, as are the ways these models are being measured for outcomes and impact. It is essential to engage an inclusive dialogue on models that have proved successful for improving access to care for NCDs in LMICs, from a multi-stakeholders' vantage point not limited to private sector to better under changes in mindset required to shape the future of access to healthcare, in particular in low-resource settings.

## SUB-THEME 2

**BUILDING DEMAND FOR ACTION** through transformative social movements and voices of change



### WORKSHOP 2

#### **Building coalitions and social movements to address NCD multi-morbidities: Health systems for people, not siloes for diseases**

With five years until the Next High-Level Meeting on NCDs, and one third of the way into the 2030 Agenda, the world is facing an uphill struggle to meet health and development commitments. The perception of NCDs as a prohibitively complex challenge has been a major barrier to progress. The recent recognition of mental health and air pollution as core components of the NCD response reflects the reorientation towards a '5 x 5' approach and a signal towards a growing, more inclusive, NCD agenda.

Because of their inherent complexity, NCDs require support outside of the traditional health system, extending into the communities in which people live their lives, with strategies that recognise the interactions between different diseases. People suffering from multiple diseases require complex, ongoing, holistic care, and yet health systems are ill-equipped to respond. Effective mobilisation of key stakeholders, such as people living with NCDs and youth, is needed to work towards a shared vision that requires a Universal Health Coverage approach, the application of the WHO "Best Buys", and the addressing of the underlying social, commercial, and environmental determinants of NCDs.

**SUB-THEME 3**  
**ENHANCING**  
**ACCOUNTABILITY**  
through transformative  
and inclusive  
governance



### WORKSHOP 3

#### **The power of data to fuel systems reform for NCDs: Leveraging evidence to achieve Planetary and Human Health**

The first cycle of the 2030 Agenda implementation ends with the year 2019, and recent reports revealed that many countries are not on track to achieve the sustainable development goals, especially the health-related targets. Although progress has been reported on some of the goals over the past four years, for others, progress has been slow or reversed. The most disadvantaged populations and vulnerable groups continue to bear the greatest brunt. If we are to achieve the 2030 Agenda objectives on basic health and human well-being, putting data at the heart of advocacy will be key to inform action on NCDs and broader inter-connected agendas in the era of sustainable development.

Given the critical role of diet as a risk factor for NCDs and the current global spotlight on protecting the environment and addressing climate change, there are many examples in the NCD field that showcased the relevance of such approaches to empower consumers, fuel advocacy, drive policy decisions and ensure governments and industry can be held to account in order to improve both the healthiness and environmental sustainability of household food purchases and diets.

Data to inform policy comes from many sources and can be translated in innovative ways to drive change. Leveraging data in advocacy has also the potential to reveal critical gaps, and support the crafting of tailor-made solutions. This workshop will explore the cross-cutting themes of food, health and environmental sustainability, and will demonstrate the power of data to fuel advocacy and hold governments and private sector accountable for how complex systems impact our health. Examples of innovative and effective use of data at local national and global levels will be shared and demonstrated, with opportunities for participants to engage with valuable tools and resources, and discuss how they may be adapted and used in their own contexts for supporting healthy and sustainable consumer behaviour, influencing policy and holding governments to account. The workshop will end with an open question-and-answer session.

# 4

## Partners Corner Supporters News

### World Heart Federation (WHF)



[Access CVD Roadmaps](#)



[Access the CVD & Diabetes Roadmap](#)



[Access the Heart Failure Roadmap](#)

### WHF launches new Roadmaps on Heart Failure and CVD among people living with diabetes

The World Heart Federation recently launched two new Global CVD Roadmaps: Roadmap for the prevention of cardiovascular disease among people living with diabetes & Roadmap on Heart Failure. The WHF Global CVD Roadmaps are essential documents designed to help identify challenges and suggest potential solutions on specific topics impacting cardiovascular mortality. At the national and regional level, they offer a framework to bring together stakeholders with the objective of determining, prioritizing and implementing solutions to reduce premature CVD deaths in a specific context, in a collaborative and consultative approach.

### Healthy Budgets, Healthy People

WHF's 2019-2022 Advocacy Strategy provides an overview of the context in which we work and outlines our key objectives and activities. The Strategy's first specific objective is to advocate for fiscal policies – such as increased taxes on tobacco, alcohol, sugar-sweetened beverages, and fossil fuels – to support UHC. To this end, WHF hosted a discussion with Ministries of Finance on fiscal policies for health and financing UHC at UNGA 2019, “walking the talk” by bringing Ministers of Finance to the same table with high-level representatives of the global health community. The discussion served as the foundation for ongoing dialogue.

## Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)

### 2019 World Cancer Leaders' Summit: Cancer and Universal Health Coverage



15-17 October 2019



Nur-Sultan (Astana),  
Kazakhstan



[Link to call to action](#)

The 2019 World Cancer Leaders' Summit was hosted by the Kazakh Institute of Oncology and Radiology (KazIOR) in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. The Summit aimed to focus attention on expanding access to quality preventive, early detection, treatment and care for cancer in the achievement of Universal Health Coverage. In his closing speech, Dr Cary Adams, CEO of UICC called on governments to fulfil their commitments, build strong people-centred health systems, and increase their investments in health. In this call to action, he also reaffirmed the commitment of the cancer community to support governments around the world to implement UHC, and encouraged members to draw from the community's expertise, passion and resources to make UHC a reality and ensure that no cancer patient is left behind.

## International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA)

### World Psoriasis Day 2019



29 October 2019



[Read more](#)

IFPA celebrated World Psoriasis Day on October 29. This year's theme was "Let's get connected". IFPA member associations organised a wide range of awareness-raising initiatives, spanning from awareness walk to flash mobs to photo exhibitions. Seminars for people living with psoriasis were organised from Asia to America. Mobile clinics were put in place in Asia and South America and were welcomed with great interest. Many IFPA partner organisations supported us on social media. Every activity and social media post contributed to give psoriasis the visibility it deserves. Thank you all for your support!

## FDI World Dental Federation

### World Oral Health Day 2020



20 March 2020



[Access the campaign  
material](#)

World Oral Health Day, organised by FDI World Dental Federation, is celebrated every year on 20 March. The theme for the 2020 campaign is "Say Ahh: Unite for Mouth Health". Half the people in the world suffer from oral diseases such as tooth decay and gum disease, which can affect all the things we take for granted, like eating, speaking and smiling. So, this World Oral Health Day, make a pledge for oral health.

## The George Institute for Global Health

### Low-cost mobile technology shifts the dial on cardiovascular risk in rural Indonesia


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A mobile device-based clinical decision support system developed by The George Institute that helps health systems identify and better manage people at high risk of cardiovascular disease has been shown to improve the use of appropriate medications and lower blood pressure in rural Indonesian communities. A study showed that 15% of high-risk patients in villages where the system was used were taking medications to manage their risk factors at follow up, compared to just 1% receiving usual care. The district government is now aiming to scale up SMARThealth to around 400 villages over the next three years.

## Medtronic Foundation

### Hypertension with community-based care delivery

 [Read full programme  
report](#)

 [Access main take-aways  
and infographic](#)

In 2014, Medtronic Foundation and its partners launched HealthRise, a five-year global effort to expand access to care for cardiovascular disease and diabetes among underserved populations in Brazil, India, South Africa, and the United States. HealthRise focused on two objectives: 1) increased detection of hypertension and diabetes, and 2) improved disease management and control through integrated, community-based care delivery. Ultimately, HealthRise screened nearly 65,000 previously undiagnosed people for hypertension and/or diabetes; identified 9,004 cases of previously undetected high blood pressure and/or high blood sugar; and helped 3,139 patients achieve blood pressure control and 1,034 patients achieve blood sugar control.

## Teva

### Advancing the understanding, prevention and treatment of Multiple Chronic Conditions

 [Read more](#)

As part of its continued commitment to addressing Multiple Chronic Conditions (MCC), Teva announced a new initiative with Global HOPE and Direct Relief to provide access to life-saving medicines for children with cancer and blood disorders in Africa. Through Teva's partnership with Mount Sinai's Arnhold Institute for Global Health, a new study offers a novel method for identifying patterns in frequency and cost of MCC. Teva also continues to advance global conversations about MCC, including at the 2019 NHS Health and Care Innovation Expo, 72nd WHA and NCD Café at the 2019 European Society of Cardiology Congress, along with NCDA.

## AstraZeneca

### AstraZeneca renews commitment to youth health and disease prevention

 [Read more](#)

On 22 October 2019, AstraZeneca announced that it will extend funding for its award-winning Young Health Programme for a further five years with a pledge of \$35m (£28m) to help to educate young people on the steps they can take to reduce the risk of noncommunicable diseases. Young people and disease prevention continues to be a core focus for the company and it hopes to reach an additional 5 million youth with this commitment.


# 5

## Coming Up Events for your Diary



### DECEMBER 2019

1 December	World AIDS Day	
2-13 December	UN Framework Convention on Climate Change COP 25	
Madrid, Spain		
7 December	Patient Solidarity Day	
9-12 December	WHO Global Meeting to Accelerate Progress on SDG target 3.4 on NCDs and Mental Health	
Muscat, Oman	The World Health Organization is organising this Meeting is hosted by the Government of the Sultanate of Oman to accelerate the implementation of national responses to address NCDs and mental health.	
10 December	Human Rights Day	
12 December	Universal Health Coverage Day	

### JANUARY 2020

28 January-2 February	Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC) 2020	
Bangkok, Thailand	PMAC 2020 will focus on UHC with three subthemes: implementation challenges and innovative solutions; sustainable financing; and fostering UHC-based solidarity to drive towards SDGs.	

### FEBRUARY 2020

3-8 February	146th session of the Executive Board	
Geneva, Switzerland		
9-11 February	Global NCD Alliance Forum 2020	
Sharjah, UAE		



# 6

## Latest Publications Useful Readings and Resources

### NCD Alliance resources

#### Protecting Populations, Preserving Futures



Link to **report**



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#### Fueling an unhealthy future



Link to **report**



Available in

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#### Burning problems, inspiring solutions



Link to **report**



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### Expanding Access to Care, Supporting Global, Regional and Country level NCD Action - Programme report

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Link to **report**



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## Recommended reading

### WHO 2019 Monitoring Report

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#### Primary Health Care on the Road to Universal Health

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Link to

#### Global Monitoring Report on Financial Protection in Health 2019

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Link to

#### Breaking Barriers: Towards more gender-responsive and equitable health systems

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Link to

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### Health Taxes: A Primer

The WHO health taxes primer summarizes the current evidence on the health and economic impact of health taxes, lists considerations for tax design, and includes recent updates from countries.



Link to

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### Healthy budgets and healthy people

Finance ministry views on the importance, strengths and limitations of tobacco tax revenue and its uses.



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### Attitudes to dementia - World Alzheimer Report 2019

The World Alzheimer Report 2019: Attitudes to dementia analyses findings of the world's largest survey on attitudes to dementia, as well as expert essays and case studies from across the world.



Link to

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### The State of the World's Children 2019

This 2019 edition of *The State of the World's Children* (SOWC) examines for the first time in 20 years, the issue of children, food and nutrition, providing a fresh perspective on a rapidly evolving challenge.



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### Country Nutrition Profiles

The recently launched Global Nutrition Report's interactive Country Nutrition Profiles capture the burden of malnutrition at the global, regional, sub regional and country level.



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