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Agenda item 13.4. Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems

NCD Alliance, supported by WSO and IDF, welcomes Member State initiatives to strengthen rehabilitation services given the increasing demand due to rising prevalence of NCDs. On average, one person living with diabetes loses a lower limb to amputation every 30 seconds and 1 in 4 people will have a stroke in their lifetime. Barriers to long-term rehabilitation persist due to limited workforce, poor infrastructure, and high costs.

We call for:

- Inclusion of rehabilitation services in UHC benefit packages;
- Meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs in developing policies and services to enable cost-effective, locally relevant, and timely interventions;
- Alignment of requested targets with other global health priorities, including the 2025 UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs and the 3rd Global Disabilities Summit.