

TOOL 1**Questions to assess the NCD legal and policy environment¹**

Instructions: Consider the questions in the left column and write your answers in the right column.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Who is responsible for NCDs at the Ministry of Health?	
What NCD laws, policies, programs, and guidelines currently exist? Are they comprehensive, integrated and of good quality? Are they being funded and implemented?	
Is there a multisectoral mechanism for NCDs? What are the opportunities for civil society engagement in decision making processes?	
What NCD-related goals, targets, and indicators is the government currently tracking?	
Is there a national surveillance system that tracks risk factors related to NCDs?	
How engaged is your Ministry of Health in NCD prevention and control?	
How engaged or interested are other relevant ministries and government bodies in NCD prevention and control?	
Who funds NCD prevention and control in your setting?	
How much funding is available for NCD prevention and control and what is it primarily spent on?	
What is the level of awareness about NCDs among the population?	
Among government officials, influential people, organisations and the public in general, what is the level of understanding of, and commitment to, comprehensive prevention and control of NCDs?	
What advocacy activities are currently being undertaken, and which organizations and individuals are involved? What are their goals, objectives and target audiences? What has been their impact to date?	
What are the barriers to and opportunities for advocacy work?	

¹ Adapted from United Patients, "Engaging the Medical Community as Advocacy Partners, Communicating Successfully with Decision Makers and Using Data for Advocacy Purposes: A Step by Step Guide to Advocacy for Patient Groups," https://unitedpatientsacademy.org/upfiles/UnitedPatientsToolkit_4-4-2018_FINAL.pdf