**Partnering to defeat NCDs**

**VISION**
Our vision is of a world where there is universal health coverage for all people with NCDs.

**MISSION**
Our mission is to enable and assist all low-resource countries to scale up sustained action on NCDs.

**PARTNERSHIP**
The Defeat-NCD Partnership is a ‘public–private–people’ partnership anchored in the United Nations. We partner with governments, multilateral agencies, civil society, academia, philanthropic foundations and the private sector. The Partnership aims to gather and mobilise global and national knowledge, tools, capacities and finances to benefit low-resource countries.

**ACTION**
- **NCD NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING:** Help governments to strengthen key institutions and develop practical costed action plans
- **NCD COMMUNITY HEALTH SCALE-UP:** Increase the provision of NCD services through community action and health system strengthening
- **NCD MARKETPLACE:** Expand the consistent availability of affordable essential medicines, diagnostics and technologies for NCDs
- **NCD FINANCING:** Support low-resource countries in securing financing to achieve universal health coverage for NCDs

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**THE NCD CHALLENGE IN LOW-RESOURCE COUNTRIES**

The burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are on the rise in low-resource countries due to rapid demographic, sociocultural and economic transitions.

The impacts of these transitions and their health and economic consequences are already evident.

- In 2016, NCDs were the leading cause of death and disability globally, accounting for 40.5 million or 71% of all deaths.¹
- Adults in low-resource countries face the highest risks of dying before reaching the age of 70 from one of the four main NCDs – almost double the rate for adults in high-income countries.²
- Significant barriers exist to accessing essential medicines and technologies for the diagnosis and treatment of NCDs in LMICs.³⁴
- Availability and affordability of essential medicines and technologies are impacted by several barriers at the national level, including weak supply chains, insufficient financing, inadequate health systems, overburdened regulatory structures and conflicting national essential medicine lists.⁴
Four areas for achieving sustainable impact on NCDs at national level

Diabetes and hypertension, as exemplar diseases, are the initial focus of the partnership. These two conditions are closely related and significantly contribute to the burden of premature mortality and disability from NCDs. The partnership will drive action across four areas:

**NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING**

Help governments to strengthen key institutions and develop practical costed action plans
The overall objective is to ensure that partner countries have credible action plans, and unified and nationally coordinated financing frameworks, to tackle NCDs in a sustainable manner.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SCALE-UP**

Increase the provision of NCD services through community action and health system strengthening
The overall objective is to ensure that more people receive earlier diagnosis of and quality treatment for NCDs, avoiding costly complications and enabling them to lead healthy and productive lives.

**MARKETPLACE**

Expand the consistent availability of affordable essential medicines, diagnostics and technologies for NCDs
The overall objective is to help countries improve procurement and distribution of essential medicines and technologies, to ensure consistent availability and optimise affordability.

**FINANCING**

Support low-resource countries in securing financing to achieve universal health coverage for NCDs
The overall objective is to establish a long-term sustainable business model for improving access to treatment and care for NCDs in low-resource countries, recognising that these are lifelong conditions requiring ongoing attention.

“Despite global commitment there has been a lack of progress in combating NCDs and there is a very real possibility that SDG target 3.4 (reducing premature mortality from NCDs by one third by 2030) will not be met.


**REFERENCES**