

NCD HARD TALKS

How COVID-19 has affected NCD control in cities



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About

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on noncommunicable disease (NCD) control around the world. Many NCDs are themselves risk factors for more severe cases of COVID-19, putting current patients at greater risk. At the same time, health services have struggled under a double burden of COVID and non-COVID health needs.

Nowhere have the effects of the pandemic been felt more strongly than in cities. Local health system capacity has been severely strained, and the pandemic has put people's health at risk far beyond COVID-19. At the same time, it has created opportunities for changing current practice and exploring new ideas to promote better health in cities. It has also fostered strong collaboration between cities within existing networks.

How have cities addressed these issues, and what are the implications for urban health in the future? Join us as we explore key learnings on protecting citizens from NCDs during a global pandemic.

Participating networks:

- ❖ [WHO EURO Healthy Cities network](#)
- ❖ [Partnership for Healthy Cities](#)
- ❖ [City Cancer Challenge](#)

Agenda

The session will include:

- An overview of why NCD control matters at the city level, and what successful urban responses can look like;
- Real-world examples of how cities have responded to the double burden of NCDs and COVID-19;
- Insights from high-level city representatives from **Kampala**, Uganda; **Kumasi**, Ghana and **Utrecht**, the Netherlands.

Hard Talk Panel

The panel will discuss key questions such as:

- What has been the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on urban NCD programs and policies?
- How have cities managed to protect people from both infectious and non-infectious diseases?
- What might be the longer-term implications of the pandemic be for NCD prevention and management?

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