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Country Profile of Capacity and Response to Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs)

MODULES:

- I PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, PARTNERSHIPS AND MULTISECTORAL COLLABORATION FOR NCDs AND THEIR RISK FACTORS**
- II STATUS OF NCD-RELEVANT POLICIES, STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS**
- III HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS, MONITORING, SURVEILLANCE AND SURVEYS FOR NCDs AND THEIR RISK FACTORS**
- IV CAPACITY FOR NCD EARLY DETECTION, TREATMENT AND CARE WITHIN THE HEALTH SYSTEM**

Purpose

- The purpose of this survey is to gauge your country's capacity for responding to noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). It will guide Member States, WHO Regional Offices and WHO HQ in planning future actions and technical assistance required to address NCDs and their risk factors. This is also the basis for ongoing assessment of changes in country capacity and response. Responses to the survey enable reporting against NCD Global Action Plan process indicators and UN High Level Meeting national commitment progress indicators.
- The information collected through this survey will also be used to produce some of the indicators that Member States have agreed to monitor and will be held accountable to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and World Health Assembly (WHA);
- Use of standardized questions allows comparisons of country capacities and responses. We have divided this survey into four modules, assessing key aspects of NCD prevention and control.
- The four main types of noncommunicable diseases are cardiovascular diseases (like heart attacks and stroke), cancers, chronic respiratory diseases (such as chronic obstructed pulmonary disease and asthma) and diabetes. The survey also captures information on policies related to other NCDs of importance to countries such as oral health, diseases of eyes or ears and sensory impairments including hearing or vision impairment.
- The main risk factors for NCDs are harmful use of alcohol, tobacco use, unhealthy diet, and physical inactivity. Capacity assessment related to some specific risk factors is also captured in other topic-specific assessments such as tobacco, alcohol, and nutrition, which may be used to cross-validate some survey items.

Process

- The survey is intended to assess national level capacity and response to NCDs. If responsibility for health is decentralized to sub-national levels, it can also be applied at sub-national levels.

- A focal point or survey coordinator will need to be identified to coordinate and ensure survey completion. However, in order to provide a complete response, **a group of respondents** with expertise in the topics covered in the modules will be needed. Please use the table provided to indicate the names and titles of all of those who have completed the survey and which sections they have completed. Please also add any additional information on other sources you may have consulted in developing your response.
- Please note that while there is space to indicate “Don’t Know” for most questions, there should be very few of these. If someone is filling in numerous “Don’t Knows”, another person who is more aware of this information should be found to complete this section.
- In order to validate responses, documentation will be requested for affirmative responses throughout the questionnaire. Please make every effort to provide electronic copies of the requested documentation. If documentation has been provided previously and is available in the NCD Document Repository (<https://extranet.who.int/ncdccc/documents>), please indicate this. If you are unable to provide electronic copies through the provided links, please ask your regional focal point for an alternative means to submit documentation.