



INTER AMERICAN TASK FORCE on Noncommunicable Diseases

MEMBERS of the Task Force:

- ▶ Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization
- ▶ Organization of American States
- ▶ Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- ▶ Inter-American Development Bank
- ▶ Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
- ▶ The World Bank Group

WHAT is the Inter-American Task Force on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs)?

The Task Force is a strategic alliance of Inter-American organizations and associated international institutions and agencies led by the Pan American Health Organization, to promote the prevention and control of NCDs in the Americas through collaboration across various sectors of government. The Task Force will facilitate a comprehensive response at the regional, sub-regional, and national levels, and aim to achieve the goals outlined in the regional Plan of Action on the Prevention and Control of NCDs.

STRATEGIC Vision:

- Reinforcing collaboration and knowledge across government sectors to reduce the burden of NCDs and their risk factors, while promoting healthier communities and environments.
- Sharing information, experiences and best practices to prevent and control NCDs.



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WHY is it important?

In the Americas, NCDs are responsible for 5.2 million deaths each year, and hundreds of millions more live with an NCD and require on-going care. NCDs have a debilitating impact on individuals, labor force, health systems, and social and economic development. NCDs can be prevented if all stakeholders take part in creating multi-sectoral policies and programs to promote health and to improve health care.

This Task Force brings together the capacity and expertise of partner organizations working with different government sectors to reduce the burden of NCDs in the Region of the Americas.

The Inter-American Task Force on NCDs aims to:

- ✓ Align the relevant NCD activities of individual Inter-American organizations and associated international institutions and agencies to support Member States in implementing actions to prevent and control NCDs.
- ✓ Harmonize interagency efforts to strengthen the national capacities for NCD policies and programs, within the mandates of the individual agencies of the Task Force.
- ✓ Facilitate the optimal deployment of resources, collaboration, networking, and exchange of information among the organizations of the Inter-American system and associated international institutions and agencies to support Member States in the prevention and control of NCDs.
- ✓ Coordinate the regional multisector NCD actions with related global initiatives, to ensure complementarity of purpose and optimal use of resources, and to contribute to the NCD-related targets included within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

THE IMPACT OF NCDs

NCDs—principally, cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases—are responsible for approximately 80% of all deaths in the Americas; 35% of which occurred among people 30 to 70 years of age. NCDs are characterized by long duration and slow progression, causing disabilities and substantial impact on the economy of families and communities.

Reducing modifiable risk factors (tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet, and physical inactivity) as well as tackling the social determinants that particularly impact populations in vulnerable situations will improve the quality of life of people in the Americas.

