



## Priorities for the UN High-Level Meeting on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) 2018

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The George Institute for Global Health calls on governments to commit to:

### 1 Universal health coverage



Prioritise the achievement of **universal health coverage**, making appropriate national investments supported by **transparent, evidence-based processes for setting health priorities**, in order to ensure:

- **equitable access** to quality health services
- availability of **essential medicines and technologies**
- integrated models of healthcare to address the prevention and management of **multiple health conditions**, focusing on patients and not isolated diseases

### 2 A focus on women's health



Recognise that NCDs impose a particular burden on **women's health**, and prioritise closing **unacceptable health disparities** between genders, by:

- **disaggregating data** to understand the roles that sex and gender play
- adopting a **life-course approach to women's health and NCDs**
- **integrating** the prevention and treatment of NCDs into reproductive, maternal, child and adolescent health services

### 3 Address unhealthy environments



Adopt a **wide-ranging, enforceable, health-in-all-policies approach**, focusing on solutions that **address the unhealthy environments** which engender obesity, physical inactivity and the harmful use of tobacco and alcohol, including by:

- **increasing taxes** on tobacco, alcohol and processed foods high in salt, fat or sugar
- prioritising **salt intake reduction**

### 4 Address the burden of mental health



Address the enormous burden of **mental health conditions** on all segments of society, and the strong interaction between mental health conditions and other NCDs

### 5 Identify implementation strategies



Convene researchers, implementers, policymakers and funders to identify effective, evidence-based **strategies to implement and scale-up solutions**

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