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

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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