



Primary health care

Draft operational framework Primary health care: transforming vision into action

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Thank you for this opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of UICC, supported by the NCD Alliance.

We congratulate the Director-General on the draft operational framework and welcome the central focus on improving health equity and the identification of political commitment and leadership, governance and policy frameworks, funding and resources and engagement of communities as key levers.

Reflecting on the report, we call on Member States to:

- Ensure a lifecourse approach to health system strengthening activities across the spectrum of services - including promotion, protection, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care – to deliver affordable services of sufficient quality and which are tailored to the needs of populations. This includes ensuring nutrition, tobacco and alcohol control are core components of health promotion and prevention, and the inclusion of effective screening, early detection and diagnostic services at primary health care, linked to strong secondary and tertiary care in order to deliver effective services.
- Ensure people living with NCDs and their carers are meaningfully consulted and engaged in the development, implementation and evaluation of national primary care strategies. In order to deliver effective and efficient health services, the lived experience and perspectives of those who interact with the health system most often must be at the core of health services.

We urge WHO to include civil society and people living with NCDs and other health conditions in the development and implementation of the monitoring and evaluation framework, and encourage independent accountability to accurately track progress and hold governments to account. WHO should identify how this PHC framework will align with existing monitoring frameworks to avoid overburdening governments with multiple reporting mechanisms.

We stand ready to support both Member States and WHO in this.

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¹ https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB146/B146_5-en.pdf