

Non-Communicable Diseases

There is an urgent need for better education and awareness, prevention, and care strategies that will lead to sustainable improvements in health and quality of life.

Rationale



Research indicates that chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are the most important drivers of population health in the world. In Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), there is a significant need to address health systems, effective messaging strategies, and economic barriers to healthcare. PAHO Foundation works to improve health outcomes in the region by working with instrumental partners to identify challenges and implement long term, impactful solutions.

Current Areas of Focus



The Foundation is tackling the burdens caused by NCDs with an integrated approach that brings impactful changes. Our current focuses in non-communicable diseases are:

- Adolescent Health
- Diabetes
- Health and Wellness
- Women's Cancers

Goal

The overall goal is to increase and change public perception and strengthen health systems to prevent complications associated with NCDs and improve the health, social, and economic stability in LAC.

PAHO Foundation Approach

The Foundation's approach asserts that optimum public health exists within the interactions of complex systems that create conditions conducive to healthy and productive lives. Our framework highlights the existence of these systems and the intractability of challenges within sectors ranging from family/community practices, culture, nutrition, and the environment to policies and responsive capacities. Each sector contributes to the complexity and challenges that constrain the development of effective and sustainable solutions. Below is the Foundation's approach to NCDs.



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