EXPERIENCES OF CIVIL SOCIETY MONITORING: SOUTH AFRICA

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Stopping the epidemic of non-communicable diseases

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Founding Members

[Logos of various organizations]
WHY?
• NCD Alliance support & Medtronic Philanthropy grant
• Progress on Global Action Plan
• Bewildered –”get a journalist”

HOW?
• 1 country 9 provinces
• Template through consultation
• Parliamentary & government documents
• Inclusive methodology WHO
• Input from stakeholders every stage
• Including government
LESSON LEARNED 1: FIND THE REASON WHY

• Advocacy
• Getting fobbed off & being taken seriously
• Another epidemic.
• Personal
EQUITY BUDGETS

PROVINCIAL PLANS
LESSON LEARNED 2: EVIDENCE IS PARAMOUNT AND IS NOT JUST ABOUT RANDOMISED CONTROL TRIALS

• Benchmarking/shadow reporting
• Transparent
• Inclusive
• Public sources
• There isn’t one way
LESSON LEARNED 3: IT’S NOT OBVIOUS DON’T REINVENT THE WHEEL

Learn from others

• Liberation struggle

  Discipline and dialogue

• Culturally appropriate

• HIV activism

• Strong primary sources

• Success stories from successful reforms
RECOMMENDATIONS

• Advocacy also includes the tough bits like accountability
  this is what all worthwhile struggles have taught us

• Benchmarking is essential if there is a lack of equity
  Evidence is needed

• View it as a marathon
  get sponsors, a team, buddies and supporters

• Ongoing messaging and get personal stories

• Journeys are different.
Tobeka Daki, HER2 positive breast cancer patient

“I strongly believe that if I can get Herceptin I can live longer, see my two sons growing, see my grandson growing.”

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