How to realize governments’ commitment to provide financing for NCDs

The WHO GCM/NCD Working Group 5.1 provided recommendations on ways and means of encouraging countries to realize their commitments to “explore the provision of adequate, predictable and sustained resources, through domestic, bilateral, regional and multilateral channels, including traditional and voluntary innovative financing mechanisms”.

The five recommendations from the Working Group are:

- Mobilize and allocate significant resources to attain the NCD-related targets included in the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, and the nine global voluntary NCD targets included in the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013–2025.
- Effectively and efficiently utilize and expand domestic public resources to implement national NCD responses, including by making greater use of revenue from tobacco and other health-related taxes to achieve national health objectives.
- Complement domestic resources for NCDs with official development assistance (ODA) and catalyse additional resources from other sources to increase health expenditure on the prevention and control of NCDs, consistent with country priorities.
- Promote and incentivize financing and engagement from the private sector to address NCDs, consistent with country priorities on NCDs.
- Enhance policy coherence across sectors in order to ensure that the expected outcomes of national NCD policy are achieved, including by assessing the health impact of policies beyond the health sector.

A tool for assessment and implementation of national NCD financing options that highlights an additional level of guidance from WHO to countries and a preliminary approach to the development of a framework for NCD financing. The tool is a five-step process of assessment (Figure. 1) and is complemented by three scenarios of policy options based on country development (low-income, lower middle-income and upper middle-income).

Figure. 1 A five-step process for assessing NCD financing options

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