Feedback on the Draft

WHO INDEPENDENT
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NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Two comments on the document

**Comment One**
I particularly welcome the recommendation

**RECOMMENDATION 2: Increase engagement with the private sector.**
a) Governments should develop multi-sectoral NCD responses, including “health-in-all-policies”

Engagement however should not be limited to the PRIVATE sector. I think the public sector/public services should all respond with "health in all policies". There is a need for improved planning of more green infrastructure - parks, playgrounds, communal sports facilities etc. The benefits in terms of reducing obesity and improving mental health and well being, promoting social inclusion are well documented.

Educational curricula should include education and skills development in healthy eating, cooking, the importance of exercise, don't smoke, reduce or limit alcohol intake.

These services are provided by the public sector in most countries and particularly for those in lower socio economic groups. The public sector must be included in the "health in all policies" approach.

**Comment Two**
The recommendations do not include making available funding for further research into reducing the risk factors for NCD. Research funding must be made available so that we can develop more effective strategies to encourage healthy lifestyle choices particularly for those in lower socio economic groups.

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