Chairperson, Excellences’, private sector representative, Colleagues

The Children’s Cancer Center of Lebanon (CCCL) appreciates the efforts of the World Health Organization (WHO) on trying to influence the final outcome of the Zero Draft elements’ paper and the co-facilitators on developing it.

In support of the NCD Alliance’s statement and emphasizing on the need to act immediately, CCCL proposed to have the following actions and statements stated in the draft documents or in any future plans for the international community.

1. Simplified awareness communication on NCDs; causes, prevention measures, symptoms and the risk on lives and economy to various categories of the public.
2. Organize regular interactive meeting in order to share national responses, experiences and actions taken;
3. Rotation of the meeting to different regions in order to raise awareness on the work done and to be done subsequently engaging high level governmental representations;
4. To urgently form an independent agency which role is to support governmental institutes and civil societies to better understand, respond and act to comply with the NCDs agenda. This agency will report on the progress and will hold accountable countries lacking behind on responding, developing and strengthening their health system.
5. A clear roadmap and guidelines for countries to change their responses to NCDs and to act positively and quickly in order to reduce by 2/3 all NCDs related premature mortalities by 2030;
6. Continuously promote the 17 Best BUYS and its positive effect financially and socially by adopting and implementing its recommendations;

There is no correct or wrong path to combat NCDs, there is only a fight that we must win. Together hand in hand we will reach a better life to our children, men, women and elderly by promoting better and healthy lifestyle.