World Diabetes Foundation

Dear organizers of the ‘Interactive Hearing as part of the preparatory process toward the third HLM of the UNGA on NCDs’ held on 5 July 2018 at UN New York.

Please receive below statement made by World Diabetes Foundation during panel 3 session:

1. Taking into account that the HLM overall theme is the scale-up of multisectoral partnerships to implement NCD responses, the World Diabetes Foundation appeals that the HLM preparatory process and the Outcome Document consider the inclusion of more operational and implementation oriented aspects, in particular concerning partnerships and multisectoralism, both domestically and with international agencies, and, with particular emphasis on LMICs;

2. Given the requirements for an efficient NCD response, partnerships to implement such responses should be based on long term commitments and government ownership;

3. Noting the limited traditional funding streams available to support national NCD responses, in particular in LMICs, further private sector and philanthropy/foundation engagement can be incentivised by well-defined and operationalised/costed NCD response action areas, which would then stimulate larger public-private partnerships at different levels and within the different chapters of NCD responses;

4. Country level coordination mechanisms (incl national NCD committees and similar) should hence be defined and supported as essential structures for national authorities to manage and govern partnerships appropriately and according to country needs, and ensure alignment of financial flows and technical support with the national NCD response framework;

5. Noting that numerous successful long-term public-private partnerships supporting national NCD response already exist, and have existed for several years, the Outcome Document and HLM could advocate the analysis and codification of these existing partnerships, which would reveal that implementation of NCD responses is not necessarily costly and can be scaled-up if available resources are mobilised proactively, in particular from private sector, philanthropy and public-private partnerships, through direct costing and partnership modalities under government auspices.

Thank you

Regards

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