



NCD
SYMPOSIUM

Translating global NCD commitments into action at country level:

Lessons learnt from two decades of partnerships

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Agenda

- The problem
- The global response to the rising burden of NCDs
- Introduction of World Diabetes Foundation
- Our strategy
- Field level experiences

NCDs – the global picture

- NCDs cause 41 million deaths per year globally
- 77% of all NCD deaths occur in LMICs
- NCDs is a major driver of premature deaths



The numbers speak for themselves

81%

of people with diabetes live in low- and middle-income countries

435M

people living with diabetes where financial and human resources are scarce



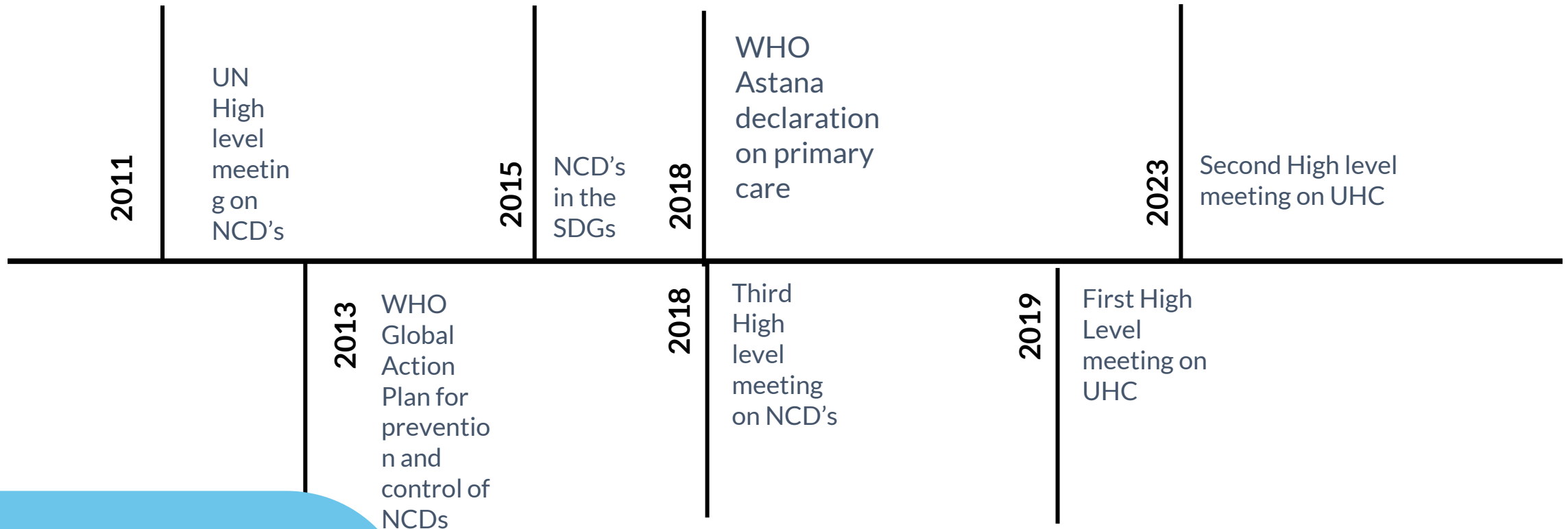
Untreated diabetes is associated with serious complications and premature death¹

- Stroke
- Blindness
- Kidney disease
- Depression
- Cardio-vascular disease
- Amputation



1. International Diabetes Federation. *IDF Diabetes Atlas, 10 ed.* Brussels, Belgium: International Diabetes Federation;2021.

The global response



World Diabetes Foundation

- Private independent foundation established in 2002
- Strong advocate for the NCD agenda
- Support diabetes prevention and care in LMICs
- To date close to 600 projects supported across 119 countries to the tune of almost EUR 200 million



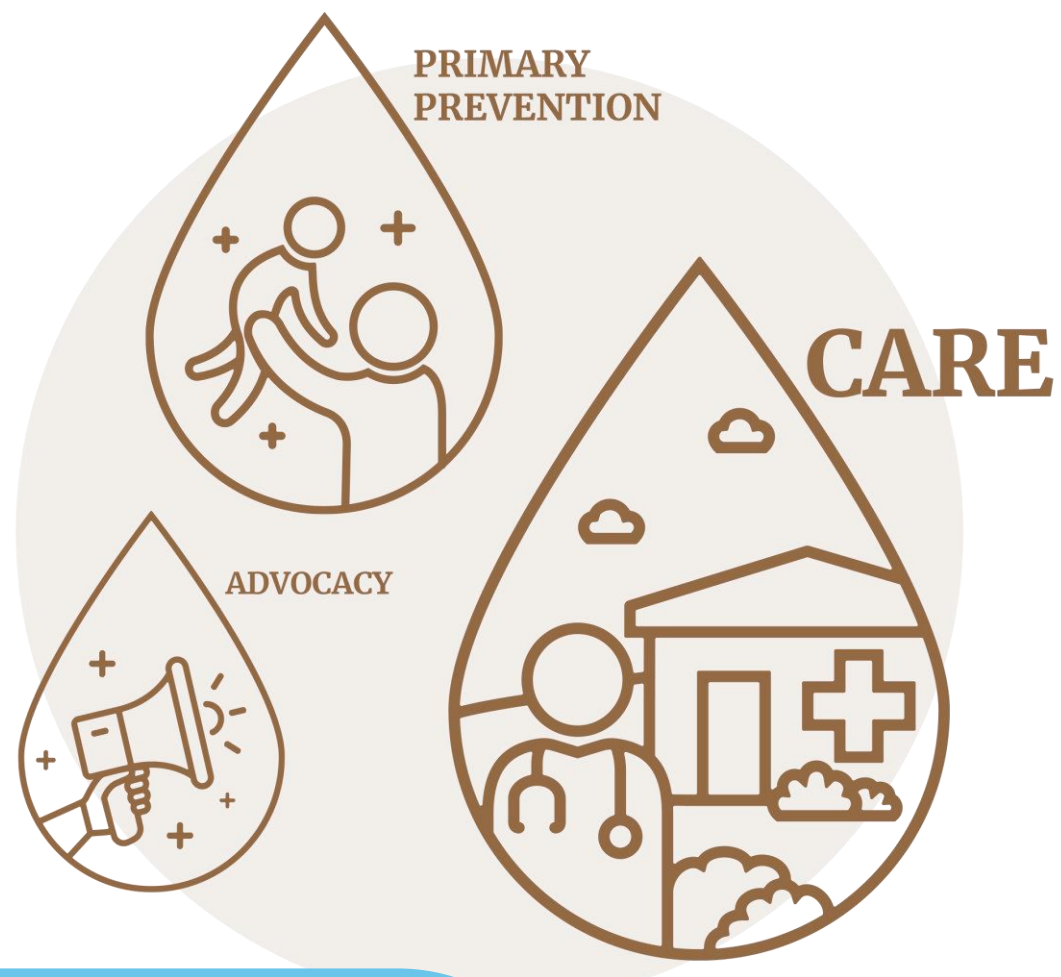
WDF's Approach

WDF's work is divided into two intervention areas: **Care and Primary Prevention** - supported by Advocacy






CARE: Strengthen national health systems to sustainably improve diabetes care and prevent diabetes complications via integrated care

PRIMARY PREVENTION: Address the determinants of health and diabetes risk factors

ADVOCACY: Raise the priority of NCD prevention and control within global, regional and national agendas



Improve diabetes care at primary level through strengthened health systems

-  primary care and community health
-  national policy and protocols
-  capacity of HCPs
-  health information systems
-  supply chains



Improving access to NCD prevention and control in primary care: Uzbekistan and Kyrgystan

WHY

Diabetes rates of up to 11% of the population with many yet undiagnosed, and a high rate of premature deaths from NCDs.

WHAT

Piloting and scaling implementation of WHO NCD 'Best Buys' to improve the control of NCDs and prevent complications

HOW

Leverage WHO and WDF efforts in the region



Promote healthy environments to address determinants of health and diabetes risk factors



healthy diets and physical activity



policy & structural changes



health literacy



pre- and post-partum health



Promoting healthy lifestyle throughout the life course

Georgia and Armenia

WHY

High rates of risk factors and low level of awareness

WHAT

Scaling up community health models for diabetes prevention and care in collaboration with regional authorities and MoH.

HOW

Partnering with NGOs, CSO, diabetes associations and the Red Cross Societies





Thematic focus areas



Diabetes and eyecare: How Armenia meets the challenge



Approaches:

- Strategy
- Diagnosis and treatment
- Equipment and supplies
- Knowledge and training



Partnership approach: Ownership & Sustainability



Empower governments, civil society and other non-state actors

Act as a convener to create synergies

Meet partners in the field

WDF has partners at all levels

Global level

- World Health Organization
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- EU/European Commission
- Agence Française de Développement
- Denmark Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- University of Copenhagen
- Red Cross
- International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO)
- NCD Alliance
- International Diabetes Federation
- Defeat NCD Partnership
- International NGOs
- International funds and foundations
- Novo Nordisk A/S
- Novo Nordisk Foundation







Regional level

- WHO regional and country offices
- Palestinian refugee agency of the UN (UNRWA)
- Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)
- Fund for Indigenous Peoples, Latin America (FILAC)

National level

- Ministries of health
- Diabetes associations
- Professional societies
- NGOs
- Academic institutions
- Private sector

What have we learned over the years?

-  Leadership and ownership
-  Multisectoral action
-  Continuous health workforce strengthening
-  Integrated, non-verticalized approaches
-  Health financing
-  Systems thinking





Thank you