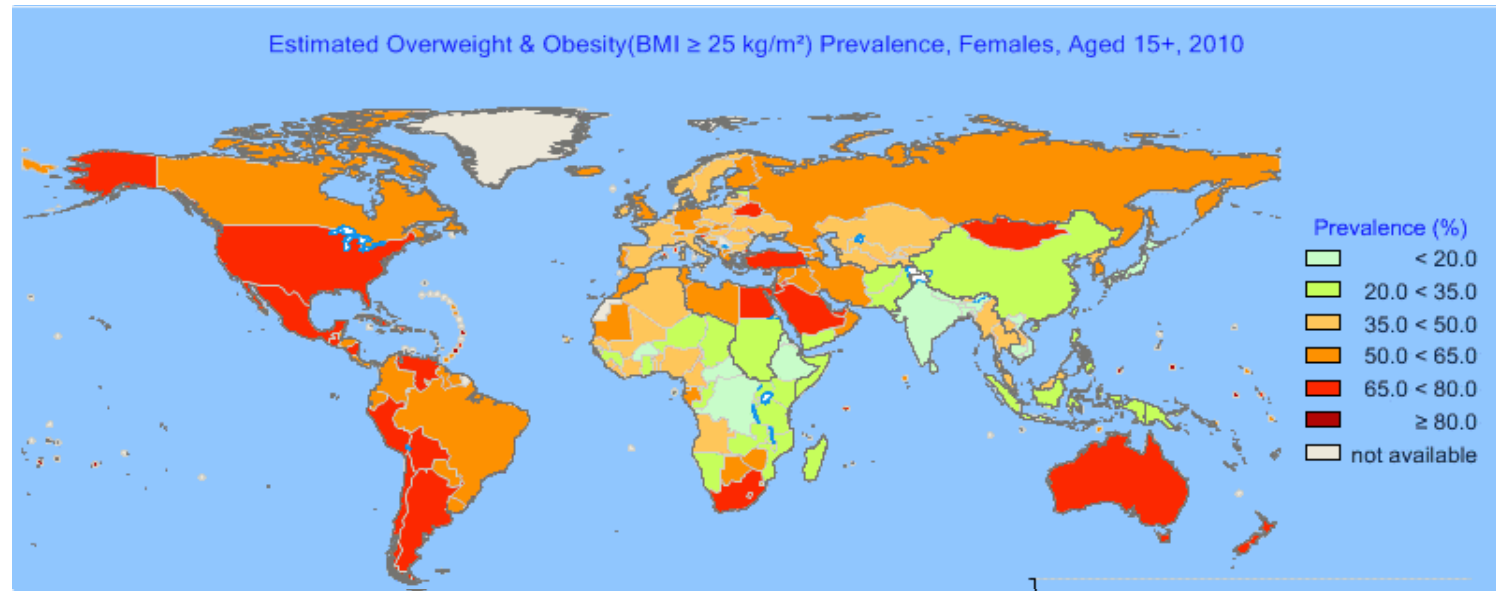
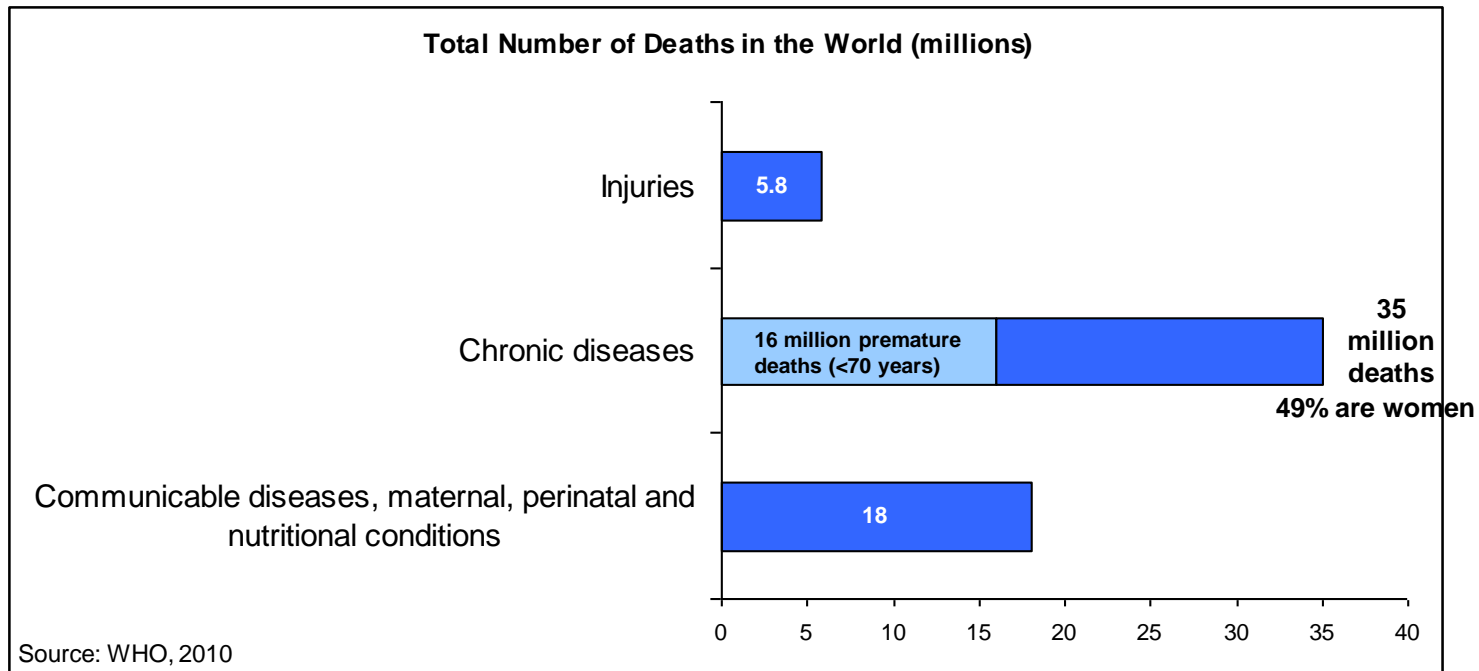


Role of Women as a Solution for Chronic Disease Challenges

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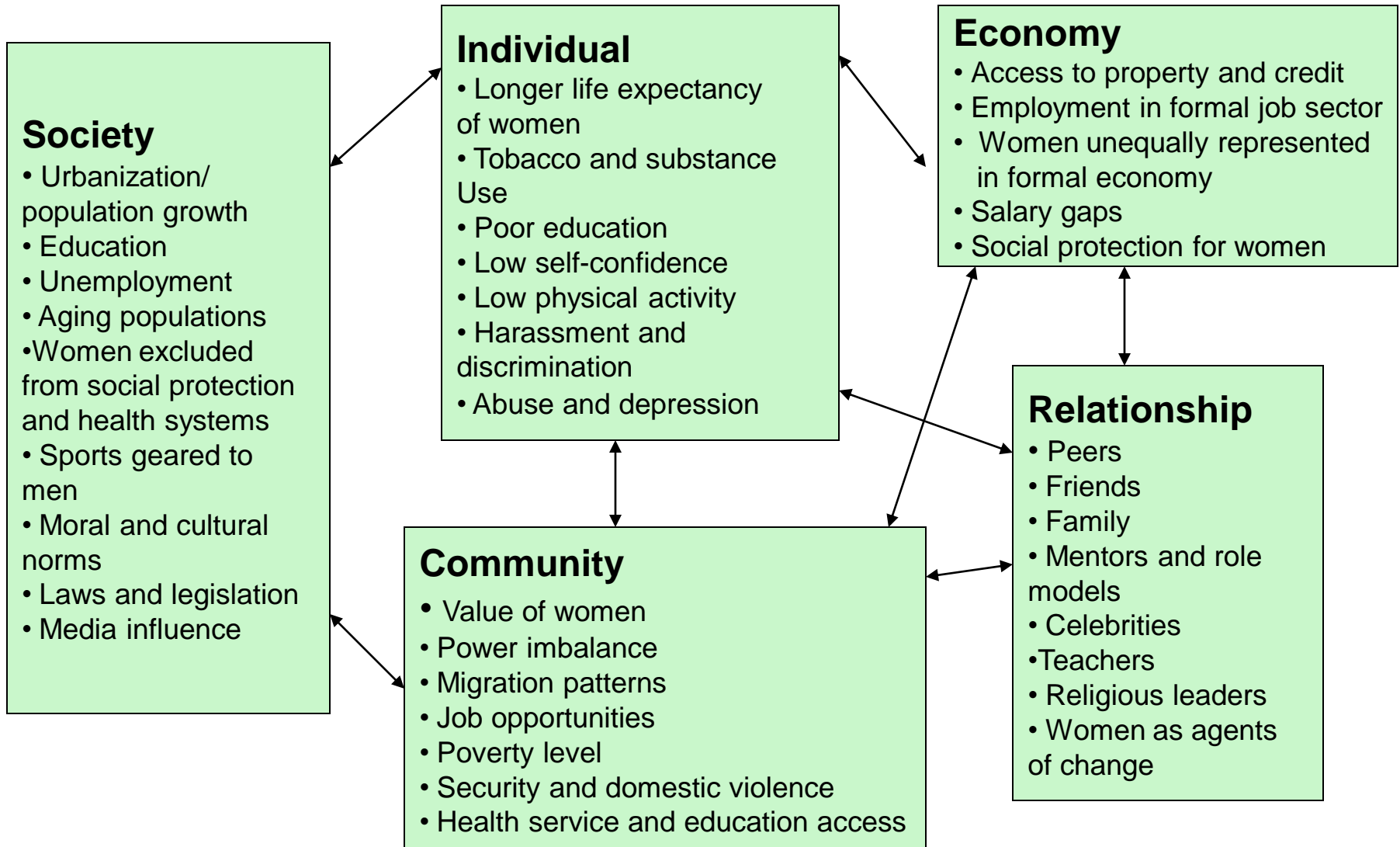
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Chronic Diseases and Obesity in Women



Source: WHO Global Comparable Estimates, 2005

Key Challenges for Chronic Diseases & Women



Opportunities to Empower Women to Address Chronic Diseases

Invest in girls and women, in areas such as:

- education
- health literacy
- self confidence

Integrated public policies across all sectors, to promote:

- economic and social development
- gender equity
- poverty reduction

Social protection for women

- universal access to health care
- achieve MDGs

