Second Regional Webinar with PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centres

Better Care for NCDs

Accelerating actions in Primary Health Care

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Goals

6. Information & monitoring

Robust systems established to track coverage, outcomes, and equity across countries.

5. Medicines & technologies

Affordable and reliable access to essential medicines, diagnostics and technologies secured.

4. Workforce development

Primary health care teams strengthened with training and tools to manage NCDs effectively.

1. Scale up NCD services

All countries implement comprehensive NCD services in primary health care, including telehealth.

2. Community outreach & equity Underserved populations are fully

reached with equitable NCD care.

3. Normative guidance & quality
Standardized guidelines adopted to
improve quality and safety of NCD care.







Targets by 2030

SDG 3.4 (NCDs)

One-third reduction in premature mortality from NCDs.

Global Diabetes Compact (2022)

- 80% of people with diabetes diagnosed
- 80% of those diagnosed with good glycaemic control
- 80% of those diagnosed with blood pressure control
- 60% of people with diabetes ≥40 years on statins
- 100% of people with type 1 diabetes with access to affordable insulin and glucose self-monitoring

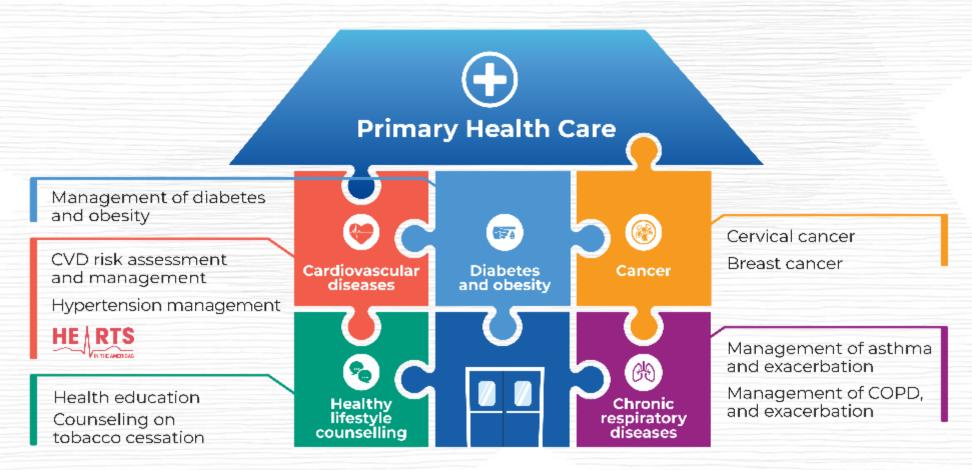
Cervical Cancer Elimination (WHO 90-70-90)

- 90% of girls fully vaccinated with HPV by age 15
- 70% of women screened with a high-performance test at ages 35 & 45
- 90% of women with cervical disease treated (90% of pre-cancer treated; 90% of invasive cancer managed)
- Elimination defined as incidence <4 per 100,000 women per year





Strategy



- Integration of NCD care within the first level of care.
- Towards a more resolutive PHC, capable of prevention, timely diagnosis, treatment and follow-up.



Geographic Context

Focused support (8 countries):

El Salvador, Mexico, Chile, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Peru, Paraguay, Colombia.

HEARTS expansion:

Bermuda, Anguilla, Argentina, Ecuador, Bolivia, British Virgin Islands, Suriname, Grenada, Belize, Guatemala, Venezuela, Panama, Uruguay, Costa Rica, Bahamas, and additional Eastern Caribbean countries.

Exploratory engagement:

Honduras, Nicaragua, Brazil

Subregional mechanisms:

Alignment through Caribbean (OECS, CARPHA, HCC), Central America (ECS-CAM, COMISCA, Mesoamérica), South America initiatives, and the Healthy Municipalities Network.

Global articulation:

Partnerships with WHO Geneva, EMRO, AFRO, and Lusophone to position BCNCDs as a global public good.

Current Achievements







+20 courses, 700K certs Self-assessment, CHW course & webinars



PHC NCD packages; catalogues via PAHO RF



Dashboard

Indicators & visualizations to describe PHC capacity & track progress



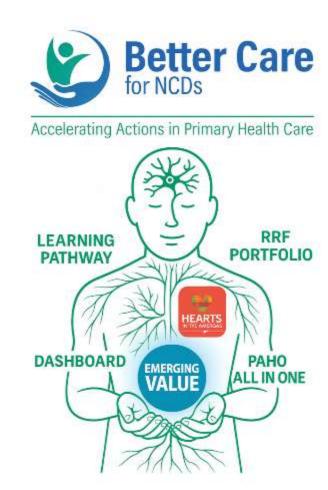
Key Publications

Guidance on HEARTS, cancer, risk factors & prevention; handouts & videos



Opportunities for Collaboration

- Research & evaluation in PHC capacity assessments,
 cascades (diagnosis–treatment–control), improved models of care.
- Guidance & tools standardization of protocols, data and monitoring practices.
- Training addressing gaps in chronic respiratory diseases and other priorities.
- Communities of practice knowledge exchange, dissemination, advocacy.
- Technologies appropriate innovations for PHC, incl. telemedicine.







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Thank you!

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