

NCDappendix3

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Dear Sir/Madam

I write to you to provide our feedback on the second draft of the updated Appendix 3 of the Global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) 2013–2030 – also known as the NCD “best buys” and other recommended interventions.

As the federation of 105 Alzheimer and dementia associations from around the world and a non-state actor in official relations with the WHO, we write to express our surprise and disappointment that dementia has not been included within the working document. WHO figures suggest that over 55 million people are living with dementia around the world, a figure which is predicted to rise to 78 million by 2030 (1). These prevalence figures are also associated with a significant cost of USD \$1.3 trillion per annum, a figure which will over double to USD \$2.8 trillion dollars by 2030 (1). Some 50% of these costs were related to informal care, 34% to the social care sector (including long-term institutional care) and 16% associated with direct medical care (e.g. hospital care etc) with the average cost per person living with dementia equalling approximately US\$ 24,000 (1)

A growing body of evidence is suggesting a relationship between modifiable risk factors and the development of dementia. These risk factors can include obesity, smoking, excessive alcohol consumption, diabetes, head injury, hearing impairment, hypertension, social isolation, physical inactivity, low education, depression and air pollution. The link between these risk factors and the development of dementia is widely acknowledged by WHO technical teams and thus risk reduction constitutes one of seven action areas of the global action plan on the public health response to dementia (2). Evidence suggests that the 12 aforementioned risk factors account for 40% of worldwide dementias (1,3). Therefore, prior enactment of policy or life-style changes to address these risk factors (which are also factors in the onset of other non-communicable diseases) should offer governments and healthcare systems substantial savings. Proportionately, if extended to the 2030 cost data, these risk factors could contribute to up to USD \$1.12 trillion of the total annual costs for dementia.

It is for this reason that we request that you consider including dementia, and the associated cost savings by addressing these modifiable risk factors for dementia, in new best buys within the next draft of the Global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) 2013–2030 as a clear example of practical steps that Member States can take in order to lessen the burden of dementia on the globally economy.

- 1 Global Status report on the public health response to dementia (<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240033245>)
- 2 Global action plan on the public health response to dementia (<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/global-action-plan-on-the-public-health-response-to-dementia-2017---2025>)
- 3 Dementia prevention, intervention, and care: 2020 report of the Lancet Commission ([https://www.thelancet.com/article/S0140-6736\(20\)30367-6/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/article/S0140-6736(20)30367-6/fulltext))

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Dear focal points for Non-State Actors in official relations with WHO,

As you may be aware, the processes of Updating 'Appendix 3' (also known as the NCD 'best buys', and/or a priority set of interventions to prevent and control NCDs) of the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2030 has reached an important milestone, with the development of a first draft WHO Discussion Paper containing a proposed updated Appendix 3.

The first draft Discussion Paper and supporting documents have been uploaded on a dedicated webpage for a first web-based consultation, open to Member States, UN Agencies and non-states actors **from June 1st until June 26, 2022**:

<https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/updating-appendix-3-of-the-who-global-ncd-action-plan-2013-2030>