

SDG 3.4: REDUCE NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES BY ONE THIRD

MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION



Together we can support people to:

- Avoid tobacco use
- Eat healthily
- Be physically active
- Reduce harmful use of alcohol

NCDs block educational objectives:

- Children dropping out of school to care for relatives with NCDs
- Children dropping out of school to earn money for the family
- Families forced to spend on treating NCDs rather than schooling
- Physical inactivity, unhealthy diet, and use of tobacco and alcohol affect children's learning and development

Ministries of Education can help:

- Ensure children at school have a healthy diet and enough physical activity
- Ban tobacco and alcohol use on school grounds
- Ban marketing and sponsorship of health-harming products on school grounds
- Teach children about healthy living
- Support teachers to be healthy role models
- Reward schools that adopt health promoting programmes

The right to health is a fundamental responsibility of government.

Working across government sectors can prevent and control NCDs.

The time for collective action is now.

