



Joint Declaration

on

Strengthening Inter-ministerial Cooperation to Undertake and Implement Coordinated Actions for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases

Whereas, the prevalence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs)–particularly cardiovascular diseases (such as heart disease and stroke), diabetes, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases, mental health conditions, and injuries rising in Bangladesh, contributing significantly to premature death and disability, posing not just serious public health challenges but also a major impediment to human capital development and economic growth; and

Whereas, addressing the growing burden of NCDs is essential to safeguard the health of the people, promote socio-economic development, ensure national prosperity, and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the post-SDG agenda of Bangladesh; and

Whereas, NCDs and mental health conditions are driven by behavioural risk factors such as tobacco use, unhealthy diets high in salt, sugar, and trans-fat, physical inactivity, and air pollution; metabolic risk factors such as overweight, obesity, hypertension, high blood sugar, and high cholesterol; and determinants including behavioural, environmental, socio-economic, legal, and commercial influences–necessitating collaborative multisectoral interventions beyond the scope of traditional health sector; and

Whereas, effective prevention and management of NCDs at all levels- particularly through strengthened primary health care, and also during emergencies and in humanitarian contexts- requires coordinated multisectoral action; and

Whereas, robust monitoring, surveillance, and data generation are critical to formulating evidence-based policies and actions, requiring sustained multisectoral collaboration; and

Whereas, it is necessary to strengthen coordination and collaboration among key Ministries, Divisions and relevant departments to ensure effective implementation of the National 'Multisectoral Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs- thereby promoting health and wellbeing, fostering economic growth, and advancing social prosperity;

Therefore, the undersigned Ministries and Divisions jointly commit to-

Priority in Formulating Policy

(a) prioritize health promotion, and the prevention and control of NCDs, in the formulation of relevant policies, and revise existing policies where necessary, in line with the “Health in All Policies” approach; and

Implementation of the Action Plan

(b) ensure deployment of adequate human and financial resources, and implement, supervise, and monitor planned activities in line with cost-effective WHO ‘best buy’ interventions and the Multisectoral Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs; and

Raising Public Awareness and Participation

(c) advocate for, and support the adoption of a Whole-of-Government and Whole-of-Society approach to the prevention and control of NCDs; and

Coordination and Cooperation

(d) actively support the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare’s leadership in advancing the government-led implementation of the Multisectoral Action Plan through the National Multisectoral Coordination Mechanism; and

Progress Review

(e) review and monitor the progress of this ‘Joint Declaration’ regularly, and publish reports on key achievements; and take necessary measures to address the challenges and gaps identified.

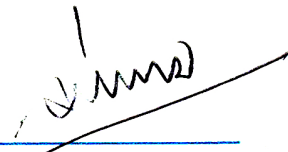
We, the undersigned Ministries/Divisions, hereby sign this ‘Joint Declaration’ to re-affirm our commitments.

Dhaka, Bangladesh


20 August, 2025




Ministry/Division signed in the 'Joint Declaration' for Prevention and Control of NCDs




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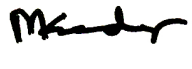
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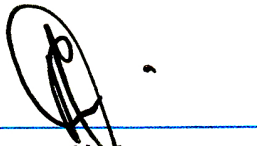
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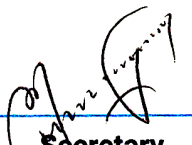
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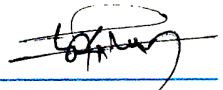
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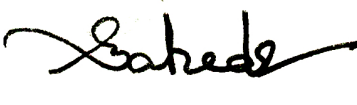
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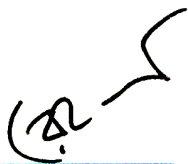
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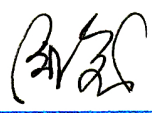
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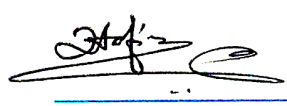
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