

On behalf of Global Health Council, American Heart Association, NCD Child, the NCD Roundtable, American Academy of Pediatrics, Advancing Synergy, **Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice**, we support implementation of UHC and stress the critical need to prioritize primary health care, through integrating NCDs prevention and treatment for cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, respiratory diseases, and mental disorders. Our opportunity to save lives is now!

To generate national health revenue, we suggest Member States implement WHO's "Best Buys", use technology-based solutions and digital technology, to reduce premature deaths due to NCDs by 1/3, by 2030.

NCDs are leading causes of death, a cause and consequence of poverty - posing greater threats to global economic development than natural disasters, crime, and corruption. Most NCD deaths (75%) occur in low- and middle-income countries where 15 million people are dying prematurely. Depression is a leading cause of disability among adolescents, and NCDs kill over 1.5 million young people annually. UHC will reduce premature deaths, prevent chronic illnesses, stabilize household finances, and improve national economies. To ensure equitable, universal access to care and services - we ask Member States to develop strong fiscal policies, ensuring UHC as a fundamental right for all.