



CASE STUDY: SUMMARY

Unlocking Sustainable Financing for NCDs in Somalia

Early Results from the Financing Accelerator Network for NCDs (FAN) in Sub-Saharan Africa



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PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

- Strengthened political recognition and commitment to NCD financing across government institutions, with more systematic collaboration between the Ministries of Health and Finance through the Country Core Group (CCG).
- Integrated NCD prevention and control into the Universal Health Coverage Roadmap, with increased emphasis on NCDs and the finalization of a costed multisectoral NCD strategy.
- Initiated national dialogue on domestic resource mobilization options, including health taxes and other sustainable financing mechanisms.
- Developed and begun implementing Somalia's NCD Financing Action Plan, providing a roadmap for advancing policy and financing reforms, strengthening advocacy, generating financing evidence, and accelerating domestic resource mobilization for NCD prevention and control.
- Establishing Somalia's first Regional NCD Registry, unifying data systems and reporting platforms to improve coordination, strengthen surveillance, and inform planning, and future investment decisions.
- Strengthened the technical capacity of the CCG in health financing, enabling more effective engagement with government institutions and informed discussions on financing priorities for NCD within the broader health agenda.

CONTEXT

Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) account for approximately 30% of premature deaths in Somalia. Despite the growing burden of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancers, chronic respiratory diseases and mental health conditions, financing for NCDs has remained limited, with health investments historically prioritizing humanitarian response, communicable diseases, and maternal and child health. Limited financing, fragmented health information systems, and weak evidence have constrained planning, resource mobilization and investment in NCD prevention and control.

BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCING FOR NCDs

Support from the Financing Accelerator Network for NCDs (FAN), through technical assistance, peer learning and catalytic funding, is helping Somalia establish the foundations for long-term investment in NCD prevention and control.

Through FAN's support, Somalia has established its first multi-stakeholder Country Core Group (CCG) and strengthened its capacity to engage government institutions and partners. FAN has worked with the CCG to foster collaboration across stakeholders, supported policy dialogue, and catalyzed investments in stronger NCD surveillance and financing evidence.

Regional cross-country learning has also enabled Somali stakeholders to exchange experiences with other African countries on domestic resource mobilization, investment case development, and sustainable financing reforms. These exchanges informed the development of Somalia's NCD Financing Action Plan, providing a roadmap for advancing sustainable financing for NCDs.

"From being part of FAN, we now understand better what we can do in NCD financing, how to approach it and what our NCD agenda looks like." - Somalia CCG member

FOUNDATIONS TAKING SHAPE

Building Political Commitment

FAN engagement has strengthened recognition of NCDs as both a public health and development financing priority. Increased collaboration between the Ministries of Health and Finance is helping position NCD financing within broader government planning and budgeting processes.

“Following the FAN engagement, we met with the Ministry of Finance... they understood the issue and started discussing possible budget allocations to NCDs.” – Somalia CCG Member

Strengthening Evidence for Investment

Through FAN catalytic funding, Somalia is developing its first Regional NCD Registry to generate reliable data on disease burden and financing needs. The registry will strengthen planning, budget advocacy, and future investment cases by providing the evidence required for informed decision-making.

“Previously, every NGO was using their own registry... now we are developing a national registry that will be used across the country.” – Somalia CCG Member

Creating Pathways for Sustainable Financing

The NCD Financing Action Plan is providing Somalia with a practical roadmap for strengthening domestic resource mobilization, financing reforms and multisectoral collaboration. Together with ongoing dialogue on health taxes and other financing options, the Action Plan is helping translate FAN learning into nationally led action while laying the institutional foundations for sustainable financing of NCD prevention and control.

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR LONG-TERM IMPACT

Somalia's journey towards sustainable financing for NCDs is still at an early stage, but important foundations have been established. Increased political commitment, stronger collaboration, improved financing dialogue, the NCD Financing Action Plan, and investments in NCD data systems are positioning the country to move from fragmented responses towards a more coordinated, evidence-driven and sustainably financed approach to NCD prevention and control.

As the Regional NCD Registry is being developed, the costed multisectoral NCD strategy is finalized, and the NCD Financing Action Plan continues to guide implementation, Somalia will be better positioned to strengthen domestic resource mobilization, develop compelling investment cases, and improve access to quality NCD services. Sustaining this momentum will require continued political commitment and an enabling environment that supports long-term investment and sustainable financing for NCDs.

