



Non-Communicable Diseases and Multimorbidity

Priority Area

Public Health

Abstract

While Europe is in the post-epidemiological transition phase, with chronic diseases still the leading cause of death, but with slowly decreasing incidence and mortality rates, Africa is still in the epidemiological transition phase with chronic diseases becoming the leading cause of death. The CoRE in Non-Communicable Diseases and Multimorbidity aims to address the growing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and their co-morbidities in Africa. The Cluster's mission is to develop innovative and context-specific solutions for the study, prevention and management of NCDs and their co-morbidities in low- and middle-income countries. The Cluster will focus on building research capacity, conducting cutting-edge research, and promoting knowledge translation and dissemination, as well as mobility and exchanges. The Cluster's approach is multi-disciplinary, collaborative, and participatory, with a focus on equitable partnerships and community engagement. Further, Africa provides an opportunity for the global scientific community in understanding the complex NCD mechanisms as well as getting solutions to the rising NCD problem in the region. The Cluster's goal is to improve the health and well-being of populations in Africa by reducing the burden of NCDs and co-morbidities across the lifespan and to contribute to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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