

ECTMIH 2025 Session

From local action to Global Impact:

Holistic community-driven approaches to Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD)

Disease-specific approaches alone will not counter the exponential increase in NCDs. They need to be complemented by community-driven actions and a supportive health system.

Join us in this interactive session focusing on two key questions:

1. How local communities (adolescents/adults/elderly) effectively and sustainably manage and prevent NCDs, including their complications and palliative care?
2. How can systems at different levels and sectors be mobilized/articulated to support this local action to assure a global impact?

Grassroot experiences from Benin, Uganda and /India will highlight innovative strategies regarding these 2 questions, followed by a debate with all the participants.

Speakers



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More Information



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10:30 – 12:00 (GMT)

Key messages

From local action to Global Impact: Holistic community-driven approaches to Non-communicable Diseases /an interactive session



01

Put equity first in NCD response

02

Integrate NCD in social protection coverage



03

Integrate NCD at all levels of the health system



04

Treat patients, families and communities as co-owners in NCD care



05

Promote healthy lifestyles in policies and actions



06

Act on climate change and mitigate NCD risks



07

Privilege holistic, life-course and cross-sector NCD solutions



08

Systematically link Mental Health and NCD



09

Leverage indigenous & alternative methods and palliative care in NCD response



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Invest in innovative and adapted NCD resources and medical supplies

