

# CARIBBEAN NCD FORUM JAMAICA 2018

Supporting national and regional advocacy  
in the Caribbean in the lead up to the 3rd  
UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs in 2018



## Caribbean CSO Statement on Priorities for the HLM3



NCD Alliance



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### GOALS

Alliance's  
for the 2018  
on NCDs has  
the following goals:

Raise awareness of the scale, impact and urgency of NCDs as a social justice and equity issue and NCD investments as a major opportunity to drive sustainable development.

Increase high-level political commitment by governments and multilateral agencies.

Establish NCDs as a priority investment for health and development, building support for cost-effective interventions and sustainable funding models to support national NCD responses.

Strengthen and mobilise the NCD civil society movement, and the voices of youth and people living with NCDs (PLWNCDs).



# OUR PRIORITIES

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## 2 BOOST NCD INVESTMENT



Scaling up investment for NCDs is a critical priority to achieve the 2025 NCD targets and the Sustainable Development Goals.

## 3 STEP UP ACTION ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY



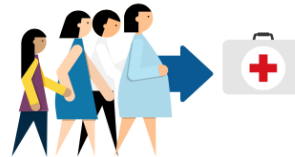
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# HCC SURVEY

- N= 62; 27% Of those surveyed
- 50% CSOs
- 17 Caribbean islands represented
- 50% Person living with/affected by - NCD
- 70% aware of the UNHLM before the survey
- 92% said the HLM3 was important to them



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- Make the Caribbean a **Smoke Free Zone** through full compliance with Articles of the FCTC to which most of the countries are signatories.
- Strengthen **post-disaster** health response systems to provide **NCD treatment and care** in disaster settings (ie. hurricanes and flash floods) recognizing the unique vulnerabilities of SIDS in the context of climate change.
- Strengthen **National NCD Commissions** or equivalents to support regional and national multisectoral action for improved policy coherence.
- Eradicate **Cervical Cancer** through the provision of the **HPV vaccine** throughout the region.



5. Below is a list of NCD areas. Please check the most important to the least important in your opinion.	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Not Important	Least Important
Step up action on childhood obesity (childhood obesity is an urgent regional and global issue which threatens to undermine the health of entire generations and there are clear global, regional and national recommendations for action) (NCDA)	48	12	2		
Save lives through equitable access to NCD treatment and UHC (access to high quality health care is a basic human right) (NCDA)	44	13	4	1	
Adopt Smart Fiscal Policies that Promote Health (i.e. taxation on unhealthy commodities namely tobacco, alcohol and SSBs are WHO recommended Best Buys) (NCDA)	41	16	2	2	1
Put People First (those most affected by NCDs need to be at the centre of decision making around NCD policy and programming) (NCDA)	40	19	2	1	
Improve accountability for progress, results and resources (including investment in national health surveillance systems such as national NCD registries) (NCDA)	38	21	2	1	
Boost NCD Financing (NCDs are consuming national health budgets at astounding rates which cannot be sustained by our fragile economies) (NCDA)	36	20	5	1	
Strengthen post-disaster health response systems to provide NCD treatment and care in disaster settings (ie, hurricanes ad flash floods) recognizing the unique vulnerabilities of SIDS in the context of climate change.	31	17	11	2	1
Strengthen National NCD Commissions or equivalents to support regional and national multisectoral action for improved policy coherence.	30	25	4	2	1
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# Next Steps

- Finalise the CSO Statement with agreed HLM priorities
- Integrate into the MFA brief
- Prepare letters to regional stakeholders
- Disseminate
- Possibly establish a core group for HLM advocacy with CSO reps from each country

