

Fighting NCDs in workplaces – huge, untapped potential

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Just five per cent of employees in Latin America and Asia and one per cent in Africa are estimated to have access to a workplace health programme, says a new report by the NCD Alliance and the Novartis Foundation.

Titled *Tackling noncommunicable diseases in workplace settings in low- and middle-income countries: a call to action and practical guidance*, the report focuses on low- and middle-income countries, where 80 per cent of the 15 million deaths from NCDs among people aged 30–70 occur each year.

The document provides an overview of the current realities of NCDs and progress made to date in workplace health in LMICs, sets out the challenges and opportunities to increase implementation in those countries, and offers recommendations for key stakeholders to create an environment within which workplace health can thrive.

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The report also includes an employers' framework for effective NCD workplace health programmes and notes some workplaces that have taken the lead.

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