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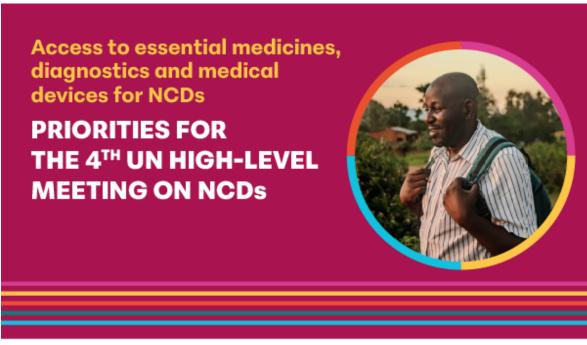 Language English
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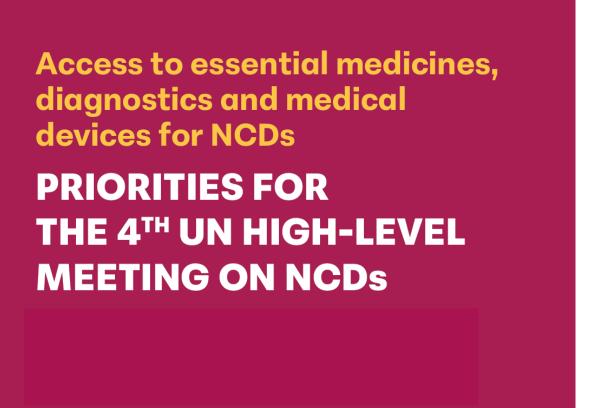Publications and Multimedia

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