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This sectoral brief is tailored specifically to local governments. It expands upon the following key points regarding what they need to know about NCDs:

- Urbanization is driving noncommunicable disease (NCD) epidemics.
- NCDs threaten the resiliency and sustainability of cities.
- There are cost-effective initiatives at municipal and local level that can prevent NCDs while delivering wider societal benefits.
- Prevention must be a central component of NCD responses.
- Those responsible for urban planning have a fundamental responsibility to tackle NCDs and their socioeconomic impacts.
- Tackling NCDs provides an opportunity for government, the private sector and civil society to work together to make life-saving, lifeenhancing differences for entire city populations.

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