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Food safety**



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communication**



**Urban  
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### Ministry of Health

- Provide equitable access to cost-effective, high-quality health-care services.
- Strengthen health services for NCD prevention and control, particularly at the primary care level.
- Ensure availability of essential NCD medicines, technologies and timely referrals at all levels.



### Ministry of Finance

- Increase taxes on tobacco, alcohol, and unhealthy foods and beverages.
- Subsidize fruits, vegetables and healthy food products.
- Incentivize various health-promoting initiatives.



### Ministry of Education

- Implement tobacco control policies in educational institutions.
- Promote a healthy diet and physical activity in educational institutions.
- Incorporate education on healthy lifestyles and behaviours in curricula.



### Ministry of Agriculture/ Food Safety

- Label nutritional content in food items.
- Reduce salt content of processed foods.
- Replace trans-fats with polyunsaturated fats.
- Promote direct sale through farmers markets/cooperatives to control prices.



### Ministry of Information and Communication

- Create public awareness about healthy lifestyles.
- Warn people about the dangers of tobacco and alcohol use.
- Ban tobacco and alcohol advertising, promotion and sponsorship.
- Regulate marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages to children.



### Ministry of Urban development/ Transport

- Create parks, safe walkways and other recreational spaces to promote physical activity.
- Promote user-friendly public transport system.
- Enforce drunk driving laws.