Leaving no one behind: an equity oriented health system agenda for NCDs

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• Strong focus on equity in national policies
• Concerns about pockets of inequality
• One size does not fit all in public health action and primary care
Within universal national, regional, and local policies, how can we provide a more contextualized response that leaves no one behind?
Synergize policies and action at national, regional and local levels
engage

catalyze

collaborate

community

inspire

share

joint

health

skills

communities

regional

POPS

new

mental

analysis

policies

polan

mico

local

work

policy

macro

team

meds

explicit

fact

evaluate

now

lead

convince

intelligence

public

participation

city

easy

solve

intersectoral

public

instance

participation

instance

education

research

work

poverty

empowerment

biking

plan

primary

intelligence

convince

community

nutrition

leadership

choice

stress

funding

organize

inform

differently

leading

promoting
To reduce the steepness of the social gradient in health, actions must be universal, but with a scale and intensity that is proportionate to the level of disadvantage.
Les Corts 85.6 years

Drassanes 80.6 years

One size does not fit all

7 stops, 5 years
Contextualized primary care response

1. Strengthen the frontline
2. Adjust team composition
3. Involve peers and communities
4. Use technology to leapfrog
5. Allocate funding for the “hard to reach”
There are many good examples
Weak financial protection in health systems can push people into poverty or deepen poverty.
The poor suffer the most in all countries, regardless of economic development.
Good examples exist: Estonia

Financial protection in European countries is closely linked to co-payment design
Aligned action is needed to reduce inequalities in NCD outcomes
Key messages

• Universal policies are critical for an effective health system response to NCDs …
• … but one size does not fit all
• Targeted equity-enhancing policies are needed to leave no one behind
Health systems can play varied roles in reducing health inequalities combining universal with targeted policies

– Lead and do
– Collaborate and co-produce
– Catalyze and inspire
Thank You