



30 April 2024, The Syrian Ministry of Health and WHO collaborate on the National Multi-Sectoral Action Plan for prevention and control of NCDs. Photo credit: WHO Syria  
Damascus, Syria – In collaboration with the Syrian Ministry of Health, WHO conducted a central meeting from 29 to 30 April to prepare the National Multi-Sectoral Action Plan for prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). Chronic conditions, including cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, respiratory conditions, cancer and mental health disorders, are responsible for an estimated 50–70% of all deaths in Syria.

The Action Plan is in line with WHO’s regional and global frameworks and aims to promote healthy lifestyles and address the rising prevalence of chronic diseases by targeting risk factors such as tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, harmful alcohol consumption and exposure to air pollution.

