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Guided by the Global action plan for the global strategy for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, endorsed by the World Health Assembly in May 2008 and in consultation with Member States, the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean has developed a regional plan of action for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases through a consultative process involving regional and international experts to oversee its development.

This action plan represents a step forward in preventing noncommunicable diseases in the Region, and in strengthening regional efforts to implement prevention and control programmes for the treatment of noncommunicable diseases. The action plan addresses six identified objectives to be supported by Member States, WHO and international partners over a 6-year time period covering three biennia 2010-2015.

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