

Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) are the leading cause of death and a major economic and social burden. WHO provides technical and logistic support to the Ministry of Health in the West Bank and Gaza to implement the package of essential noncommunicable disease interventions in primary health care, known as the PEN approach.

WHO provides support to the Ministry in targeting preventive interventions and awareness campaigns for key risk factors for noncommunicable diseases: tobacco control, healthy diet, salt reduction, and physical exercise. For secondary prevention of NCDs, WHO and the Ministry of Health launched an early detection and screening programme in the West Bank. WHO supports the Ministry to build and expand the capacity of health professionals for behavioural change communication.

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