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Air pollution is the second leading cause of noncommunicable disease (NCD) deaths, after tobacco. NCDs associated with air pollution include heart disease, stroke, lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Particulate matter is the most concerning pollutant. The UN recognizes both indoor and outdoor air pollution as NCD risk factors. Reducing air pollution can have a significant impact on reducing the burden of NCDs and result in multiple co-benefits for health. There is substantial evidence linking air pollution to health outcomes and significant research to understand mechanistic pathways.

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