



KEY FACT

A total of **514,762** primary health care consultations were provided in 2014

HIGHLIGHTS:

Persons of concern are facing the double burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases (NCDs).  
Approximately 85% of PHC consultations were for acute conditions and 15% included non-communicable diseases (also known as chronic diseases), mental health conditions and injuries. NCDs, which consist of mainly respiratory, cardiovascular, and diabetes, are disproportionately affecting persons of concern due to poor quality of treatment.

The treatment length and costs of NCDs treatment often leads to increasing vulnerability of the affected population. In parallel, communicable diseases, such as, acute respiratory infections, diarrhoea and skin infections increase morbidity in the population.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

It is important to investigate further solutions to limit NCDs by focusing on reducing risk factors, strengthening early detection and improving treatment and control strategies. This can be achieved by improving the quality of high impact essential NCD interventions delivered through a primary healthcare approach.  
Promotive, preventative and curative programs need: a) low-cost solutions to reduce the common preventable risk factors (tobacco, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and alcohol use); b) strengthening early detection (increasing availability of diagnostic tests; c) timely treatment; and d) improvement in control strategies (provision of community health educators).  
Evidence shows that such interventions can reduce the need for more expensive treatment and referrals. The greatest impact can be achieved by creating primary healthcare programs that promote NCD prevention and control, as well as, by re-orienting health systems to address the needs of people with such diseases.



The cost of medical treatment and medicines increase the vulnerability of affected populations  
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