

# Global burden of noncommunicable diseases

## NCDs are the biggest global killers today

- Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) are the most frequent cause of death, exceeding deaths due to communicable diseases, maternal and perinatal conditions, nutritional causes and injuries put together.
- Of the 57 million global deaths in 2008, 36 million or 63% were due to NCDs.
- Just four NCDs accounted for the majority of all NCD deaths: cardiovascular diseases (17 million, or

*NCDs cause three of five deaths, globally.*

48% of NCD deaths), cancers (7.6 million, or 21% of NCD deaths), chronic respiratory diseases (4.2 million deaths), and diabetes (1.3 million deaths).

## The NCD epidemic is only going to get worse

- Between 2010 and 2020, NCD deaths are expected to increase by 15% globally to 44 million deaths.
- Annual NCD deaths are projected to rise to 52 million by 2030, accounting for 75% of all deaths.

- While annual infectious disease deaths are projected to decline by around 7 million over the next 20 years, annual cardiovascular disease mortality is projected to increase by 6 million, and annual cancer deaths by 4 million.

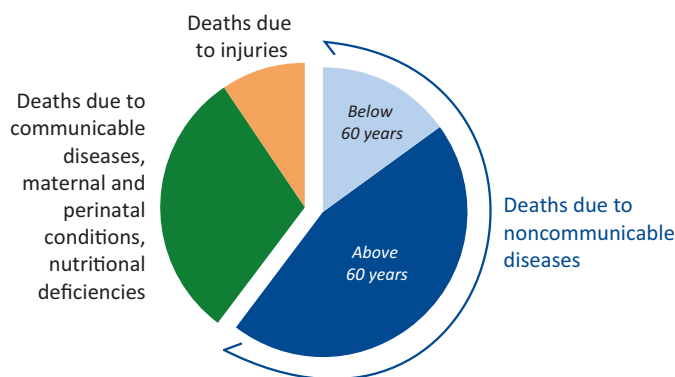
## NCDs hit developing countries the hardest

- In 2008, nearly 80% of the 36 million global NCD deaths were in low- and lower middle-income countries.
- In low- and lower middle-income countries, 29% of NCD deaths occur among people under the age of 60,

compared to 13% in high-income countries.

- Nearly half (48%) of all NCD deaths in low- and middle-income countries are under the age of 70 years, compared with 26% in the high-income countries.

### 63% of the world's annual deaths are due to NCDs



### Majority of NCD deaths are in low- and lower middle-income countries

