Coming soon... Noncommunicable Disease COVID-19 Toolkit

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and RTI International are developing the Noncommunicable Disease (NCD) COVID-19 Toolkit to raise awareness and build capacity to address NCDs in the COVID-19 response.

The Toolkit contains:

- Two case study training exercises, one for field epidemiologists with intermediate skill level (FETP Intermediate residents) and one for advanced skill level (FETP Advanced)
- Literature summary of key associations between NCDs and COVID-19
- List of research questions and suggestions for types of data needed to conduct field projects

Overlapping Emergencies

- NCDs, including chronic lung disease, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and obesity cause over seven out of ten deaths worldwide.
- Evidence shows that NCDs and their risk factors increase the likelihood of hospitalization or death from COVID-19 across all age groups.
- Addressing disruptions in health services and NCD management is essential during the current COVID-19 crisis and will be critical to effective response in future pandemics.

The toolkit will be available on the TEPHINET Coronavirus Knowledge Hub.

Helpful Resources

- NCD Alliance – Coronavirus (COVID-19) resources relevant to NCDs
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) – NCDs and COVID-19
- World Health Organization (WHO) – NCDs and COVID-19
- COVID and NCD Action Portal

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