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Subject:

Addressing non-communicable diseases and COVID-19

The lack of protection against non-communicable diseases (NCDs) has left populations ill-equipped to fight COVID-19. Many countries have fallen behind in preventing, screening and treating (NCDs). Mounting evidence highlights the increased risk of a severe COVID-19 infection for people living with NCDs. WHO and the United Nations are releasing new documents highlighting ways governments can address NCDs in their COVID-19 recovery plans and reduce premature mortality.

Speakers:

- Dr Bente Mikkelsen, Director of Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO (in the room)
- Dr Nick Banatvala, Head of Secretariat, United Nations Task Force on Noncommunicable Diseases (online)