

# TASKFORCE

on Women and  
Non-Communicable Diseases

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The Taskforce was launched in 2011 to respond to the unique and growing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) on women, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The Taskforce brings together leading global health organizations from the women's health and NCD communities to improve women's health by expanding programs to meet women's needs throughout the lifecycle.

The goals of the Taskforce are two-fold. The first is to expand technical expertise and disseminate evidence to guide the greater integration of NCD prevention, detection, and treatment into existing programs for women in LMICs. The second goal is to inform and mobilize national policymakers, public health leaders and civil society to advocate for national health policies and financing that drive a gender- and resource-specific response to NCDs in women.

Since 2011, the Taskforce has expanded knowledge and awareness of the causes and consequences of NCDs in women by participating in key global health events, convening in-person and virtual discussions around international health days and observances, organizing high-level panels at meetings – including the International AIDS Society Conference (IAS) – and producing technical guidance tools for policymakers, national health planners and clinicians in LMICs.

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The Taskforce has produced several policy briefs, snapshots and articles including “Women, HIV and Non-communicable Diseases: Making the links and Moving to Action” and “Recommendations towards an integrated, life-course approach to women's health in the post-2015 agenda,” which was published in the Bulletin of the World Health Organization.

The Taskforce has gone on to release additional technical tools to encourage an improved and expanded response to the growing burden of these diseases. The Taskforce supports this work with ongoing global and country-level advocacy and information dissemination efforts.

Currently, the Taskforce includes eleven organizations: American Heart Association, Arogya World, Global Health Advocacy Incubator, Humanity & Inclusion, The George Institute for Global Health, PATH, Partners In Health, Population Council, Women Heart, World Heart Federation, and What to expect project.

The Taskforce is currently co-chaired by Diana Vaca McGhie, Global Advocacy Portfolio Lead at the American Heart Association and Kelcey Armstrong-Walenczak, Policy and Advocacy Manager at the World Heart Federation. The George Institute for Global Health India serves as the Secretariat.

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## Members

The Taskforce brings together leading civil society organizations with advocacy know-how, technical expertise and recognized leadership within the women's health and NCD movement. Members of the Taskforce on Women and NCDs include:

