Second National Commission/Groups Meeting Dates Finalized

The second in-person meeting of the National NCDI Poverty Commissions/Groups will be held **March 2017, in Chhattisgarh, India**, and hosted by Dr. Yogesh Jain and the [Jan Swasthya Sahyog (JSS), People's Health Support Group](#). Please hold this date in your schedules. The meeting will be limited to National Commission/Group Co-Chairs or representatives, global Commissioners, and selected advisors. It will provide an opportunity for representatives from all national commissions/groups to share insights on progress and to observe and learn from innovative NCDI interventions for the poor implemented by JSS.

First National NCDI Poverty Commission/Group Knowledge Exchange

Over 30 members representing all 11 National NCDI Poverty Commissions and Groups convened with leaders and subject experts from World Bank headquarters and country offices on November 16 for the first World Bank-hosted NCDI Poverty Commission/Group Knowledge Exchange. In four countries – Afghanistan, Nepal, Tanzania, and Mozambique – National NCDI Poverty Commission/Group members joined World Bank country office staff to participate in the Exchange using the Bank’s videoconferencing facilities. Other participants joined the Exchange via WebEx.

The meeting was moderated by Patrick Lumumba Osewe, Global Lead of the Healthy Societies Global Solutions Group at the World Bank, and Neil Gupta, Clinical Director of NCD Synergies at Partners In Health. The agenda focused on discussion of Global Burden of Disease analysis at the national level and featured a presentation on GBD analyses from Matthew Coates, Harvard Medical School Research Associate, who previously worked at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. For an in-depth review of the meeting please read the [Knowledge Exchange #1 Report](#).

The second Knowledge Exchange will be held on December 14th from 7:30am-9:00am EST, with a focus on baseline coverage and priority-setting for interventions for NCDs and Injuries among the poorest billion. A developed agenda and information about how to participate at World Bank offices or online will be disseminated in early December.

National Commission Spotlight
The Malawi NCDI Poverty Commission (pictured above) held its first meeting on Tuesday, November 22.

Eighteen commissioners and advisors, representing the Ministry of Health, clinicians and health facilities, academic institutions, and NGOs, met at Wamkulu Palace in Lilongwe. Commission members reviewed a preliminary baseline analysis of NCDI burden of disease and poverty, divided into working groups to carry out ongoing research and analysis, and established an agenda for work leading up to a second meeting at the end of January. The Commission hopes its work will serve to inform Malawi’s NCD Action Plan 2016, which is currently under development.

The Haiti NCDI Poverty Commission will hold its first meeting on Monday, December 5.

Voices of NCDI Poverty Spotlight

The Voices of NCDI Poverty project focuses on providing an advocacy platform for the poorest NCDI patients and their providers to make themselves heard nationally and globally. Additional detail regarding the Voices of NCDI Poverty project can be found in the Analytic Plan and in the Kigali presentation. One such example that is aligned with our Voices of NCDI Poverty project is the video embedded below about a patient receiving treatment from Nyaya Health, now Possible Health, for a bear bite in Nepal.
Further Reading and Upcoming Events of Interest

Program in NCDs and Social Change Seminars

- **David Watkins**, Commission advisor and DCPN researcher gave a seminar at Harvard Medical School on Wednesday, November 9th, titled *Rheumatic Heart Disease: An Integral But Neglected Aspect of the Global NCD Agenda*. [Download](#) and watch his seminar.

- **Kafui Adjaye Gbewonyo**, research fellow, will give a seminar titled, *Disparities in global NCDs and injuries: What can survey data tell us?* at Harvard Medical School on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 12:30pm EST. You can stream the seminar live via [Webex](#); and a link to the archived video of the event will be provided in the next Bulletin.

NCDI Poverty websites

We encourage national commissions/groups to check out the websites and social media accounts for the Lancet NCDI Poverty Commission ([www.ncdipoverty.org](http://www.ncdipoverty.org) / [@NCDIpoverty](https://twitter.com/NCDIpoverty)) and the NCD Synergies project at Partners In Health ([www.ncdsynergies.org](http://www.ncdsynergies.org) / [@NCDSynergies](https://twitter.com/NCDSynergies)).

Recommended reading

- **Global Commissioner Adnan Hyder** wrote an opinion piece for *Devex* titled, *Health systems research is critical to tackle the global burden of disease.*

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