National Policy and Governance Resources for Working Group 4

A spreadsheet populated with hyperlinks to national policy documents has been created featuring each National Commission country. The purpose of the table is to support the identification of available policy documents and surveys relevant to national planning.

If there are additional national documents that have not been included that National Commissions would like to make available, please send them to Chris Noble.

Second National NCDI Poverty Commission/Group Knowledge Exchange

The second Knowledge Exchange will be held on December 14 from 7:30am-9:00am EST. The teleconference will focus on baseline coverage and priority-setting for interventions for NCDs and Injuries among the poorest billion. It will bring together Commissioners/Group Members of the 11 National NCDI Poverty Commissions/Groups to share information, insights, and experience with each other, as well as with leaders and subject experts from the global Lancet NCDI Poverty Commission and the World Bank.

Participants can connect to the event either via WebEx or by going in person to use videoconferencing facilities at a World Bank country office. Please follow this link for the full event invitation, as well as national World Bank office addresses and WebEx connection information.

We request that all National Commissioners/Group Members RSVP by Monday, December 12.

National Commission Spotlight
On the 5th of December 2016 the Haiti NCDI Poverty Commission (pictured above) held its first meeting in Port-au-Prince. The commissioners shared their expertise in cancer, epidemiology, rehabilitation, mental health, pain and palliative care, nephrology, and cardiology. They highlighted opportunities for strengthening data surrounding NCDs and injuries in the poor and the provision of testing and treatment. The commission is enthusiastic to work on priority setting and tell the stories of Haitian patients for advocacy.

The commission Co-Chairs are Dr. Nancy Larco, the Executive Director of the Haitian Foundation of Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease, and Dr. Gene Kwan of Boston Medical Center and Partners In Health. The commissioners together represent a range of institutions including the Ministry of Public and Population Health units on Mental Health and Epidemiology, the Hospital of the State University of Haiti, Faculty of Medicine, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Zanmi Lasante, the Group to Support and Control Cancer, Haitian Society of Hypertension, and the University Hospital of Mirebalais.

**Voices of NCDI Poverty Spotlight**

Last Mile Health, a nonprofit committed to rural health equity in Liberia has done tremendous work highlighting the work and telling the stories of their patients, clinicians and community health workers. Attached is a narrative featuring Musu Johnson, a LMH CHW whose training and care provided key interventions from treating twin babies diagnosed with malaria, to preparing her community to respond to and prevent the spread of Ebola.

While Musu’s story focuses on infectious diseases, and our Voices Project will focus on NCDs and Injuries, this is another example of a powerful narrative told from the perspective of a CHW and the impact one individual can have on a community. Read the full story [here](#).
Upcoming Events

- The Kenya NCDI Poverty Commission will hold its first meeting on Friday, December 9 in Nairobi.
- The second in-person meeting of the National NCDI Poverty Commissions/Groups will be held 13-14 March 2017, in Chhattisgarh, India, and hosted by Dr. Yogesh Jain and the Jan Swasthya Sahyog (JSS, People's Health Support Group).

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 / @NCDIPoverty) and the NCD Synergies project at Partners In Health (www.ncdsynergies.org / @NCDSynergies).

Please send all feedback and updates for next week's digest to Claire McDonell.