National Commission Spotlight

The Kenya NCDI Poverty Commission (pictured above) held its first meeting on Friday, December 9, in Nairobi. The meeting was led by Co-Chairs Dr. Joseph Kibachio and Dr. Mary Nyamongo and brought together 15 Commissioners from a wide background of Ministry of Health offices and partner organizations. The meeting featured presentations on the analysis of DHSS data and rich discussion on the definition of urban poverty in Kenya. Commissioners are eager to assess the "unattributable" risk factors from the Kenya GBD and to employ analyses comparing avertable mortality and disease burden from NCDIs among the poorest and non-poorest populations.
Second National NCDI Poverty Commission/Group Knowledge Exchange

The second World Bank-hosted Knowledge Exchange brought together National NCDI Poverty Commissions/Groups and World Bank subject experts on Wednesday, 15 December. The videoconference focused presentations and discussion on assessing baseline coverage and setting priorities for interventions for NCDs and Injuries among the poorest billion on the national-level.

Lancet NCDI Poverty Commissioner Ole Norheim started the meeting with a presentation on priority-setting for NCD and injury interventions among the poorest billion. Norheim emphasized a priority-setting framework that takes account of priority for the worst-off and financial risk protection in addition to cost-effectiveness. Daniel Cotlear, Lead Economist of the Universal Health Coverage Studies Series at the World Bank, then presented on priority-setting in the context of universal health coverage. To assist National Commission assessments of baseline coverage of NCDI interventions, Hannah Leslie of the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health reviewed the availability, data content, and limitations of data sources, including Service Provision Assessment (SPA) and Service Availability and Readiness Assessment (SARA).

The Exchange concluded with discussion of country-level progress on coverage assessment and priority-setting for NCDI interventions from Gene Kwan of the Haiti NCDI Poverty Commission and Bhagawan Koirala of the Nepal NCDI Poverty Commission. A report will be circulated in the next bulletin.

The third Knowledge Exchange is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, 18 January 2017, from 7:30am-9:00am EST, and will focus on NCDI financing and fiscal space analysis. Please expect more details over the first week of January 2017.

Upcoming Events

- The Boston-based Lancet NCDI Poverty Commission Secretariat winter recess will be from 23 December 2016 - 3 January 2017. During this time email responses may be delayed. Please flag any urgent messages to Andrew Marx (andrew_marx@hms.harvard.edu).
- 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 Jan Swasthya Sahyog (JSS, People’s Health Support Group).

Reading of Interest

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 the next bulletin to Claire McDonell.