



## **Linking people, communities and primary healthcare: an essential approach for tackling NCDs and achieving UHC**

### ***Incorporating learning from implementation research in Indonesia, Myanmar and Vietnam into global health policy discourse***

15 June 2023

09:00 – 13:30 (GMT+1)

Participation is welcome in person or online

In person venue:

The Wellcome Collection, 183 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BE, UK

### **Programme**

08:30 **In-person Registration** open with tea, coffee and light breakfast

09:00 **Welcome** Alison Marshall, CEO Age International (Conference Moderator)

09:05 **Opening remarks** Margaret Bee, Senior Impact and Policy Manager, Global Alliance of Chronic Diseases (GACD)

09:10 **Keynote address** on learnings from SUNI-SEA, Dr Jaap Koot, SUNI-SEA Project Coordinator, Department of Health Sciences, University Medical Centre Groningen

#### **09:30 Voices of SUNI-SEA video**

A short video with reflections from community members, local authorities, primary healthcare staff, policy makers and others involved in the SUNI-SEA project

#### **09:35 Session 1: Building genuine synergy between people and communities and primary health care for improved NCD services**

This session will focus on why and how linking communities and primary health care is essential for effective NCD interventions and how that should shape a bottom-up approach to policy and system development.

- Links between Intergenerational Self-Help Clubs and primary health care for NCD and healthy ageing in Vietnam (20 minutes)
  - Dr Tran Thi Mai Oanh, Director of Health Strategy and Policy Institute, Ministry of Health, Vietnam
  - Tran Bich Thuy, Country Director, HelpAge International Vietnam
- Increasing community engagement in NCD screening in the midst of primary health care transformation in Indonesia (20 minutes)

- Dr Maria Endang Sumiwi MPH, Director General of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Indonesia
- Dr Ari Probandari, Universitas Sebelas Maret
- A global perspective on effective synergies between people, communities and primary healthcare for improved NCD Services
  - Dr Guy Fones, WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs (10 Minutes)
- Q & A (15 minutes)

**10:40 Coffee break**

**11:10 Session 2: The power of people: an untapped resource towards inclusive, holistic health**

This session will focus on what community-based organisations can offer for promoting and supporting healthy ageing as part of NCD prevention and management and increasing agency and power for individual and collective action.

- Key lessons and observations from SUNI-SEA research on working with community-based groups in Vietnam, Indonesia and Myanmar
  - Dr Jeanet Landsman-Dijkstra, Head of Unit Applied Health Sciences, Department of Health Sciences, University Medical Centre, Groningen (10 minutes)
- The role of Myanmar's Inclusive Self-Help Groups and other community organisations in health and wellbeing amid crisis (10 minutes)
  - Dr Anil Krishna, Director, Center for Leadership in Global Health Equity, University of Global Health Equity, Kigali Rwanda
- Reflections on examples of social participation in UHC (10 minutes)
  - Kira Koch, Technical Officer, Special Programme on Primary Health Care, WHO
- Global examples of empowered and engaged communities making progress on NCDs (10 minutes)
  - Charlotte Aberdein, Capacity Development Manager, NCD Alliance
- Q & A (15 minutes)

**12:05 Session 3: In conversation with policy makers**

This session will focus on opportunities to take action in shifting power to people and investing in effective integration of NCDs into UHC, primary health care services, considering genuine participation and partnership with communities and health interventions at global, regional, national and local levels.

Moderator: Alison Marshall, CEO Age International

Discussants:

- Grzegorz Owsianik, European Commission

- Robert Yates, Executive Director Centre for Universal Health, Chatham House
- Dr Tran Thi Mai Oanh, Director of Health Strategy and Policy Institute, Ministry of Health, Vietnam
- Dr Maria Endang Sumiwi MPH, Director General of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Indonesia
- Srinivas Tata, Director of Social Development Division, UNESCAP

13:00 **Closing remarks: Conference moderator or GACD**

13:10 **End**

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