

### Applying the OneHealth Tool to NCDs



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How OHT costs health interventions

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### The Noncommunicable Disease Burden



Blue - NCDs Red – Communicable diseases Green – Injuries

#### Percent of all deaths

- CVD 33 percent
- Diabetes 18 percent
- Cancer 20 percent
- **COPD** 3.4 percent

# Where health and economics meet



# Interventions allow us to recover the benefits that are lost due to NCDs...

#### **Clinical Interventions**

#### CVD & diabetes

Screening for risk of CVD/diabetes

Treatment for those with absolute risk of CVD/diabetes 20-30%

Treatment for those with high absolute risk of CVD/diabetes (>30%)

Treatment of new cases of acute myocardial infarction (AMI) with aspirin

Treatment of cases with type I diabetes (with insulin)

Screening to prevent diabetic foot

Standard Glycemic control

Intensive glycemic control

#### Respiratory disease

Identification and control of asthma

Asthma: Inhaled short acting beta agonist for intermittent asthma

Asthma: Low dose inhaled beclometasone + SABA

Asthma: High dose inhaled beclometasone + SABA

COPD: Smoking cessation

COPD: Inhaled salbutamol

COPD: Low-dose oral theophylline

COPD: Ipratropium inhaler

COPD: Exacerbation treatment with oxygen

#### **Policy Instruments**

#### Tobacco Protect people from tobacco smoke Offer to help quit tobacco use: Brief clinical intervention Offer to help guit tobacco use: mCessation Warn about danger: Warning labels Warn about danger: Mass media campaign Enforce bans on tobacco advertising Raise taxes on tobacco Plain packaging of tobacco products Alcohol Enforce restrictions on availability of retailed alcohol Enforce restrictions on alcohol advertising Raise taxes on alcoholic beverages Screening and brief intervention for hazardous alcohol use Physical inactivity: Awareness campaigns Physical inactivity Brief advice as part of routine care Salt

Sodium: Harness industry for reformulation Sodium: Adopt standards: Front of pack labelling Sodium: Knowledge: Education and communication Sodium: Environment: Salt reduction strategies in community-based eating spaces

# ...but they come at a cost

### Medical

- Personnel
- Drugs
- Devices
- Lab tests
- Radiological procedures
- Blood products
- Health education
- Health worker training

# Non-medical

- Administration
- Physical facilities
- Overhead costs
- Capital (e.g. equipment)
- Utilities
- Policy enforcement



# Introduction to the OneHealth Tool

# The OneHealth Tool

• **WHAT?** A software tool for medium term strategic health planning (3-15 yrs)

#### BY WHOM?

Developed by the United Nations Inter-Agency Working Group on Costing (IAWG-COSTING) incl. WHO, UNICEF, WB, UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNDP, UNWOMEN.

#### FOR WHOM?

- Health sector planners (e.g. MoH Department of planning) ability to input country-specific data
- Donors, academe, NGOs and UN agencies

#### PURPOSE?

 Facilitate analysis of the financial costs and benefits associated with implementing "Best Buy" interventions, including those for NCDs



# Arriving at Costs



- Financial planning tool, takes into account costs from a government perspective (usually national-level)
- Seeks a price-tag for scaling up packages of "best-buy" interventions, moving from countries' current baseline levels to target coverage levels
- Bottom-up, ingredients-based approach
  - **Price x quantity** The number of resources used x the unit cost

# Population in Need and Coverage Levels

#### Intervention: Treat individuals with a 10-year CVD risk ≥30 percent

**Relevant population**: All adults ≥ age 40 | 849,000 people

**Population in Need (prevalence)**: Of all adults  $\ge$  40, about 4.2 percent have a 10-year CVD risk  $\ge$  30 percent | 35,658 people

**Baseline Coverage**: About 40 percent of adults with a 10-year CVD risk  $\geq$  30 percent are already being treated in the prescribed manner | 14,263 people

**Target Coverage**: The goal is to treat 65 percent of adults with a 10-year CVD risk ≥ 30 percent by 2030 | 23,178 people



# Population in Need and Coverage Levels

#### **Intervention**: Treat individuals with a 10-year CVD risk ≥30 percent



# The Ingredients-based approach (Drugs and Supplies)

Drug/Supply	% who receive treatment	# of units of the drug or supply required	# of Days per case	Total # of units per case	Unit cost (Jamaican dollars)	Cost per average case (Jamaican dollars)
Drugs and supplies required per client						
Hydrochlorothiazide, tablet, 25 mg	95	1	365	365	2.02	<u>700.63</u>
Enalapril, tablet, 20 mg	50	1	365	365	3.17	<u>578.51</u>
Atenolol, tablets, 50 mg	5	1.5	365	548	0.74	<u>20.27</u>
Amlodipine, tablet, 10 mg	60	0.5	365	183	3.62	<u>396.34</u>
Simvastatin, 15 mg	100	1.0	365	365	4.44	<u>1,620.57</u>
Acetyl salysilic acid (aspirin), tab, 75mg	100	1	365	365	0.22	<u>80.19</u>
	Lab tests per client					
Blood glucose level test	30	1	1	1	254.00	254.00
Cholesterol test	30	1	1	1	254.00	254.00
Urine analysis	30	1	1	1	232.41	232.41
	<u>Total average cost per case</u> = <u>4,136.92</u>					

Personnel time required per case:

100% will have four visits with a doctor, 10 minutes each. 7% will also have four 20-minute visits with a nurse to manage complications due to diabetes.

Visits/ inpatient time required per case:

93%, four outpatient vists per year; 7% eight outpatient visits per year

### Costing the rest



# Costing the rest (cont.)

**Mixed method**: # of outpatient/inpatient visits multiplied by the average cost of an outpatient/inpatient visit



# Challenges

### Coverage Levels

OHT does not incorporate the cost of overcoming bottlenecks. For example, increasing coverage may require mass media campaigns or training health workers.

OHT considers a best case scenario where every single person is reached by an intervention scale up, and every single person receives the full treatment regimen.

It does not take into account how many people actually take up treatment after they are diagnosed with a disease, nor adherence levels after take up. (e.g. no attention to affordability, access, knowledge, or other issues) The **NCD module has been built out quickly**, and it has many quirks as a result. (e.g. Costs and benefits mismatch)

The definitions of interventions, health impact sizes of treatments, and many other things come from the WHO, but are **not documented** and in many cases are impossible for the user to track down.

**Risk factor policies**: benefits can be attained, but there is currently no way to cost the policies in the tool (WHO NCD Costing Tool Excel sheet)

A black box? Benefits calculations are difficult to follow

Our experience trying to learn the tool has led to dozens of calls/emails with the programmers, internet research, reading guides, talking to WHO employees, trial and error, our own testing...

# Questions

