

# ACCESS TODAY: A SPOTLIGHT ON NCDs IN KENYA



Welcome to the March 2018 issue of Access Today, a monthly email newsletter from ACCESS ACCELERATED with news and updates on the global fight against non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

NCDs will represent the largest share of the total disease burden in all countries—irrespective of income level—by 2030. And with NCDs accounting for 27 percent of deaths suffered by people between the ages of 30 and 70 years (equivalent to almost 370,000 people per year), Kenya is no exception.

To explore new solutions, the Kenya Ministry of Health, World Bank Group, AMPATH and Access Accelerated launched the first NCD county pilots at an event in Naivasha, Kenya last week. The pilots will integrate NCD services into primary healthcare in two Kenyan counties: Busia and Trans Nzoia.



Access Accelerated joined the Kenya Ministry of Health and the World Bank Group for an event in Naivasha, Kenya on 19-20 March (left) In Naivasha, pilot NCD programs were launched in Busia and Trans Nzoia counties with an official ribbon cutting from Kenya’s Cabinet Secretary for Health Sicily Kariuki (right).

## Building Solutions To Patient Challenges In NCDs

Building upon and extending the conversation had in Naivasha, on 21-22 March, Access Accelerated and partners hosted “**BUILDING SOLUTIONS TO PATIENT CHALLENGES IN NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**,” a two-day event in Nairobi to discuss a variety of critical issues related to NCD prevention and treatment in Kenya. The event culminated in a clear call to action: we must continue our commitment to keeping people living with NCDs at the heart of all of our strategies and, as an industry, foster and champion a united response to address NCD issues at a systems level.

For more information on the conversations and outcomes of the event, please read [DAY 1 IN REVIEW](#) and [DAY 2 IN REVIEW](#).



The First Ladies from Taita Taveta, Makueni and Nakuru counties spoke about their efforts to combat NCDs (left) and panelists spoke about public-private partnership for public health (right).

## Access Accelerated Company Spotlight

In light of the recent momentum in Kenya, we’re sharing a snapshot of the many partner programs helping to accelerate local NCD care in the country. Click on the link to read more about each program:

[ACTION ON FISTULA | Astellas](#)

[SECURE THE FUTURE – KENYA | Bristol-Myers Squibb](#)

AMPATH ONCOLOGY PARTNERSHIP | Celgene

ONCOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS | Eli Lilly and Company

AFRICAN NCD OPEN LAB | GSK

HELPING BABIES BREATHE | Johnson & Johnson

MERCK CANCER ACCESS PROGRAM | Merck

NOVARTIS ACCESS | Novartis

INCREASED ACCESS TO CANCER TREATMENTS IN AFRICA | Pfizer

BREAST CANCER NATIONAL ACCESS PROGRAMME, KENYA | Roche

MY CHILD MATTERS | Sanofi

MOTHER TO MOTHER PROJECT | Shionogi

MOBILE ACCESS TO CHRONIC CARE PROGRAM | Takeda



*Access Accelerated member companies and partners exhibited their access programs at the stakeholder collaboration event in Nairobi on 21-22 March.*

## Mark Your Calendar

### **7 April: World Health Day**

World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated every year on 7 April, under the sponsorship of the World Health Organization, as well as other related organizations. This year

marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the theme, 'Universal health coverage: everyone, everywhere. [LEARN MORE](#).

#### **9 April: The Atlantic Summit on Health Care**

*Boston, MA*

Drawing from leading thinkers across the US, in combination with Boston's revered medical community, The Atlantic uncovered the stories of patients and families, experts and professionals to explore the state and future of health care. From policy and economics to global public health and the future biotechnology, The Atlantic brought together the brightest minds shaping health care today. [LEARN MORE](#).

#### **9-11 April: WHO Global Dialogue on Partnerships for Sustainable Financing of NCD Prevention & Control**

*Copenhagen, Denmark*

In preparation for the third High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on NCDs in 2018 (UN HLM3), the World Health Organization and the Government of Denmark will convene a Global Dialogue to explore new ways to address the critical gap in financing for national NCD responses. [LEARN MORE](#).

#### **10-12 April: Geneva Health Forum**

*Geneva, Switzerland*

This forum, created by the University Hospitals of Geneva and the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva, brings together innovative practices in global health with the ambition becoming an absolute must where health issues, fed by field experiences, are challenged. The event brings together participants from all sectors including health, academia, politics, civil society and private sector professionals. [LEARN MORE](#).

#### **29 April – 2 May: Annual World Health Care Congress**

*Washington, DC*

This Congress convenes decision makers from payer, provider, pharmaceutical, government, and solutions organizations to inspire partnerships and defragment the current health care system. Faculty share strategic initiatives, results, and steps to overcome access and affordability issues while delivering high-value care. [LEARN MORE](#).

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