

GHANA

Access Accelerated is implementing scalable and sustainable non-communicable disease (NCD) solutions in low- and middle-income countries by helping the public and private sectors work better together.

Access Accelerated is working with our partners to amplify the voices of people living with NCDs in Ghana, advance data-driven decisions to inform health policy and improve the delivery of treatment and care for the benefit of everyone's health and wellbeing. We concentrate on:

PRIMARY CARE

the cornerstone of universal health coverage

SUPPLY CHAIN

closing bottlenecks and opening access

DIGITAL HEALTH

using technology to promote health

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

encouraging local ownership

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NCDS ACCOUNT FOR
43% OF HOSPITAL DEATHS

24.2% OF PEOPLE LIVE BELOW
THE POVERTY LINE

THERE IS **1.1 DOCTOR**
AND **9.8 NURSES PER**
10,000 GHANAIS⁶

3.2% OF GDP IS SPENT ON HEALTHCARE
- AROUND **\$66 USD** PER PERSON A YEAR⁷

HEART DISEASE AND HYPERTENSION 
ARE THE TWO BIGGEST KILLERS ACROSS GHANA⁴

ACCESS ACCELERATED MEMBER COMPANIES SUPPORT

15 PROGRAMS IN GHANA

THE PROGRAMS FOCUS ON:

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| 10 CANCER PROGRAMS | 4 CVDs PROGRAMS |
| 4 DIABETES PROGRAMS | 4 OTHER NCDs PROGRAMS |

WHO WE'RE HELPING

8.3M

BENEFICIARY POPULATION (2017 - 2019)*

33.6% of Ghana's total population

*Disclaimer: these numbers are approximations based on the latest reporting figures from members, partners, and the Access Observatory.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

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Ghana's Ministry of Health identified a lack of data on the impact NCDs were having on the country as a key challenge to creating sustainable solutions. The **World Bank**, with support from Access Accelerated, brought together the Ghana Health Service (GHS) and people living with NCDs to carry out a survey using the WHO STEPwise methodology. The data collected on the prevalence of NCDs and their risk factors informed the 2020 - 2025 national NCD policy and strategic plan.

2

In 2019 the **NCD Alliance** and Ghana NCD Alliance, in collaboration with Access Accelerated and our member companies, released the Ghana Advocacy Agenda of People Living with NCDs. The Advocacy Agenda noted that the burden of NCDs cannot be reduced without taking action on prevention, and progress could not be made without adequate treatment, care and support.

3

Access Accelerated and **PATH** worked with the GHS to build on work already done in Kenya and bring the NCD Navigator project to Ghana. The NCD Navigator is a dynamic mapping of NCD programs showing the scale of activities across a country with real-time data and visualizations. The GHS NCD Program has just completed an initial mapping of NCD stakeholders and implementer organizations and adaptation to the data collection tool has begun.

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In 2020, the Ghana NCD Landscape report — a tangible output of the NCD Navigator project — was completed. The report provides an overview of current NCD care in Ghana. It explores gaps and opportunities for the Ghanaian government to build healthy and happy communities.

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Access Accelerated partner **City Cancer Challenge** established Kumasi, Ghana as a Key Learning City in 2018. Through their work, Kumasi completed a city needs assessment and is implementing a transformation approach to engage multi-sector stakeholders in addressing cancer treatment and care.

¹ https://www.ghanahealthservice.org/downloads/FACTS+FIGURES_2017.pdf

² <https://bmchealthservres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12913-019-4571-6>

³ <https://ncdalliance.org/news-events/news/launch-of-the-ghana-advocacy-agenda-of-people-living-with-ncds>

⁴ https://www.ghanahealthservice.org/downloads/FACTS+FIGURES_2017.pdf

⁵ <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/gh.html>

⁶ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812958/Ghana_-_Medical_and_Healthcare_-_CPIN_-_v1.0_GOV.UK_.pdf

⁷ <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SH.XPD.CHEX.GD.ZS?locations=GH>

⁸ <https://ncdalliance.org/resources/ghana-advocacy-agenda-of-people-living-with-ncds>