



ACCESS ACCELERATED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WORLD HEART FEDERATION

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 and the World Heart Federation (WHF) started working together in 2018 to fight cardiovascular disease (CVD) – the world’s number one killer – by strengthening cardiovascular health and care through supporting and accelerating global and national advocacy efforts.

WHF works with more than 200 member organizations in over 100 countries and is the CVD partner to the WHO. We both believe that private sector partnerships can capitalize on global networks to influence and share insights, challenge accepted thinking and, by 2030, help reduce by one-third premature mortality from NCDs.

Our partnership allows us to pool resources, technical expertise and knowledge on the ground to advance heart health in low- and middle-income countries. Much of our work together concentrates on empowering communities and advocates to deliver change at a local level. By combining our networks, we bring together diverse stakeholders to drive more effective health policies. We’re also focusing on developing ways to share knowledge and tools to advance action on CVDs.



12 AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHERE WHF AND ACCESS ACCELERATED ARE CONTINUING DATA COLLECTION on the CVD policy landscape.

10 COUNTY-LEVEL DISSEMINATION WORKSHOPS for Kenya’s National CVD Guidelines held between September and November 2019.

300 HEALTH WORKERS HAVE CONDUCTED ONE DAY SESSIONS ON KENYA’S NATIONAL CVD GUIDELINES at their facilities, reaching an estimated 100 facilities.



TAKING ACTION

EMPOWERING ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE AT A LOCAL LEVEL

In Kenya, our health care provider training efforts are designed to improve early diagnosis and challenge misconceptions surrounding hypertension.

CONVENING STAKEHOLDERS TO DRIVE MORE EFFECTIVE HEALTH POLICIES

This includes advancing the development of national NCD registries, new ways to task-share to manage cardiovascular disease, and supporting taxes of unhealthy commodities so that revenue can be redirected to the prevention and management of NCDs.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND TOOLS TO ADVANCE ACTION ON CVDS

Access Accelerated and WHF gather crucial insights to inform CVD policy and catalyze action, from roundtables on hypertension in Colombia and Vietnam to data collection on the CVD policy landscape in 12 African countries.

“The burden of non-communicable diseases and cardiovascular diseases is significant in Kenya, where heart diseases cause 25% of hospital admissions and 13% of deaths. A health challenge of this magnitude can only be tackled by forging strong partnerships. This is why, together with our local member, the Kenya Cardiac Society, we are working with committed partners in the Ministry of Health and in AMREF to disseminate the National Guidelines for the Management of CVDs to 2,000 health workers in 100 health facilities in five counties, with the aim of improving heart health outcomes for 10,000 patients. Together, we are pooling resources, technical expertise and knowledge on the ground to advance heart health in Kenya.”

—Jean-Luc Eiselé
CEO, World Heart Federation



KEY PARTNERSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS

2020

Published a series of papers on COVID-19 on *Global Heart*, the official journal of the World Heart Federation

Launched *The Heart in the Time of COVID-19* blog where WHF Emerging Leaders combine global perspective with updates of relevant the most recent science relating to cardiovascular disease and COVID-19.

2019

Launched a Global Roadmap on the prevention of cardiovascular disease among people living with diabetes.

Hosted the 4th Global Summit on Circulatory Health in Paris, France under the theme Innovations in Circulatory Care and Technologies.

Disseminated and monitored the uptake of the new National Guidelines for Cardiovascular Disease Management in Kenya.

Hosted a roundtable of 40 leaders in Hanoi, Vietnam for the roadmap on the management and control of hypertension. Organized in partnership with VinaCapital Foundation, the roundtable aimed to identify obstacles and solutions at the national level to reduce the consequences of CVD in Vietnam.

Published *Improving Access to Essential Medicines for Circulatory Diseases: A Call to Action*.



2018

Launched partnership between World Heart Federation and Access Accelerated to guide country-level priority-setting on cardiovascular disease.

Brought key stakeholders together during the 3rd Global Summit on Circulatory Health in December 2018 to discuss and develop a position paper on access to essential medicines for cardiovascular diseases.

Convened a collective effort of the Global Coalition for Circulatory Health to develop a white paper as a resource for policymakers in national governments and international agencies to drive action on circulatory health. The white paper was launched with Access Accelerated at the UN General Assembly in 2018.

Hosted a roundtable event Nairobi with WHF and Kenya Cardiac Society (KCS), convening speakers and participants from the public and private sectors as well as academia and faith-based organizations, to identify roadblocks and solutions in the management of hypertension in Kenya.