

## **How can my organisation operationalise meaningful involvement?**

**The fundamental principles and core strategies outlined in the Global Charter on Meaningful Involvement of People Living with NCDs underpin a range of enabling actions that different stakeholder groups can take to support the meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs.**

### **Governments can achieve meaningful involvement by:**

- Upholding and defending the universal right to health and right to participation and enabling people living with noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) to claim their rights by providing civic space and ensuring an enabling policy and legal environment.
- Ensuring formal and sustained governance mechanisms, embedded in legal frameworks, that enable the involvement of civil society and include people living with NCDs and communities in participatory decision-making processes and bodies, including public consultations, deliberative processes, commissions, technical working groups and national NCD coordination mechanisms.
- Involving civil society and including people living with NCDs and marginalised/ underrepresented communities in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of NCD and relevant health and development policies, plans (including the National NCD Plan), services, programmes, and public awareness campaigns, from their inception.
- Providing effective health systems governance and accountability structures as part of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) that engages communities and provides integrated health services that respond to the health needs and preferences of people living with NCDs throughout their life course.
- Involving civil society and including people living with NCDs on national delegations to policy/ decision-making meetings; e.g., World Health Assembly, UN General Assembly, WHO Regional Committee Meetings, etc.
- Raising awareness of participatory decision-making processes and bodies, particularly at sub-national and community levels, to promote citizenship, public accountability, and encourage involvement of civil society and people living with NCDs in policy planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
- Promoting meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs as part of communities and civil society and at the core of a whole-of-society approach to NCDs, encouraging and supporting stakeholders in its implementation.
- Providing the educational resources and support needed by people living with NCDs to improve their health literacy and make informed decisions about their own health, for both prevention and management of NCDs.
- Supporting and providing sustainable financing for a strong civil society to underpin efforts meaningfully involving people living with NCDs, reaching marginalised and underrepresented communities.

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