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Non-Communicable Diseases in Viet Nam: Burden, Gaps and Priorities of Control

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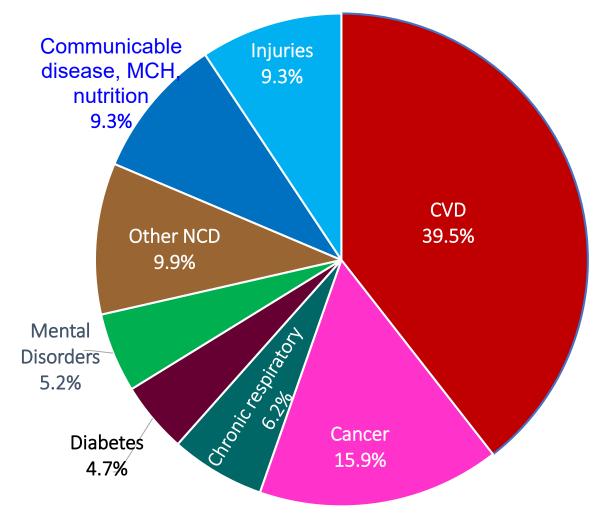
I. NCD burden and gaps

1. NCD mortality

Estimate 2019

NCD are leading causes of deaths in Viet Nam:

- NCD deaths: 81% of total deaths;
- Premature death due to NCD: 41.3%
- DALYs due to NCD: 73.7%

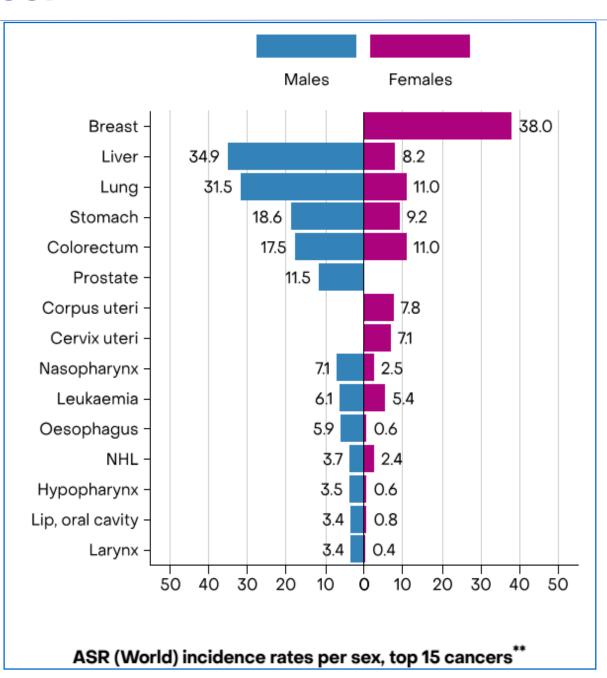


2. Cancer



Statistics at a glance, 2022

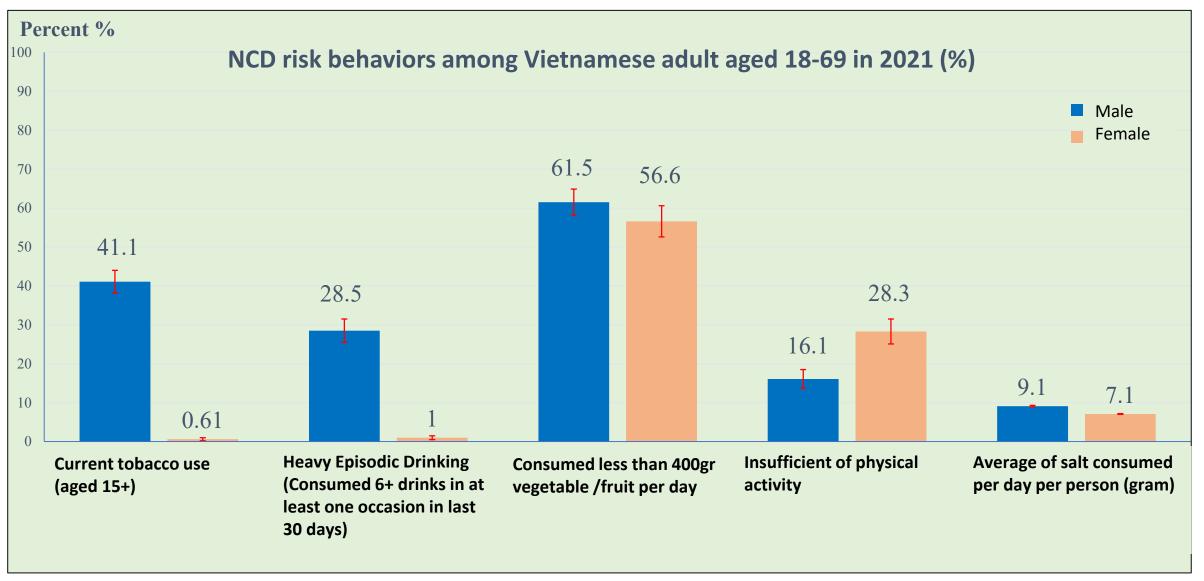
	Males	Females	Both sexes
Population	49 411 162	49 542 373	98 953 535
Incidence*			
Number of new cancer cases	95 358	85 122	180 480
Age-standardized incidence rate	177.1	132.3	150.8
Risk of developing cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	18.8	13.7	16.0
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by cases)**	Liver Lung Stomach	Breast Lung Colorectum	Breast Liver Lung
Mortality*			
Number of cancer deaths	71 385	48 799	120 184
Age-standardized mortality rate	132.6	72.7	99.0
Risk of dying from cancer before the age of 75 years (cum. risk %)	14.3	8.0	10.9
Top 3 leading cancers (ranked by deaths)**	Liver Lung Stomach	Breast Lung Liver	Liver Lung Stomach
Prevalence*			
5-year prevalent cases	189 429	219 715	409 144



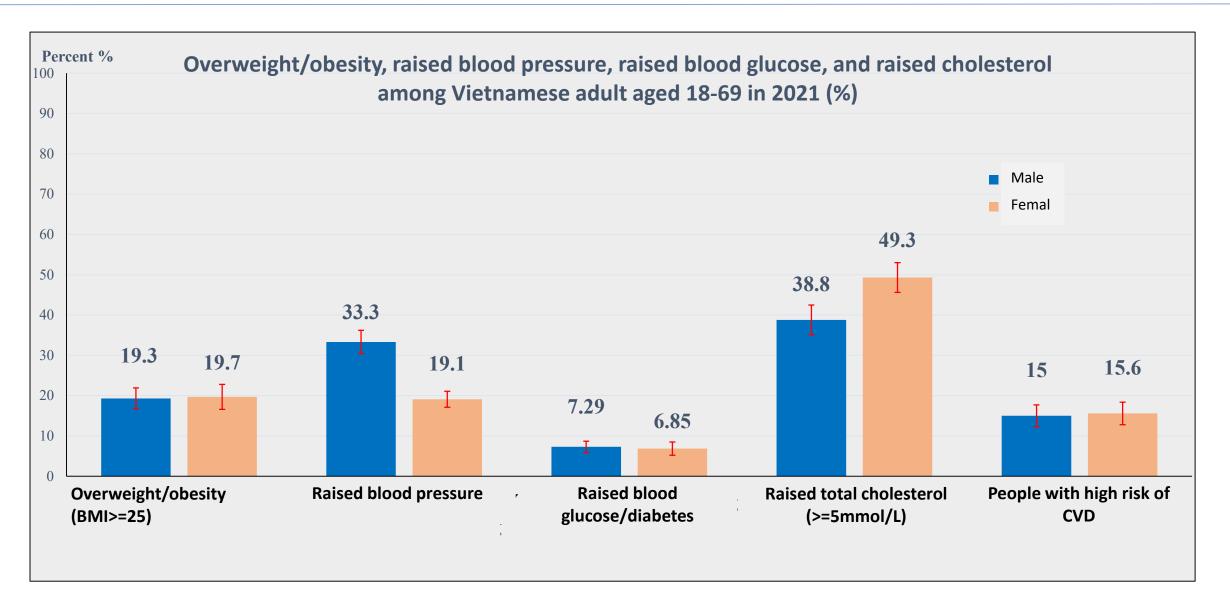
3. NCD morbidity

NCDs	Prevalence	No of Cases estimated	Data sources
Hypertension	26.2%	17 000 000	Survey on NCD Risk Factors 2021(STEPS 2021) (18-69 year old)
Diabetes	7.06%	4 600 000	STEPS 2021 (18-69 year old)
COPD	3.1%	2 000 000	STEPS 2021 (estimated by interviewing participants aged 18-69)
Cancer		409 000	Globocan 2022 (Five-year prevalence cases)
Total		24 000 000	

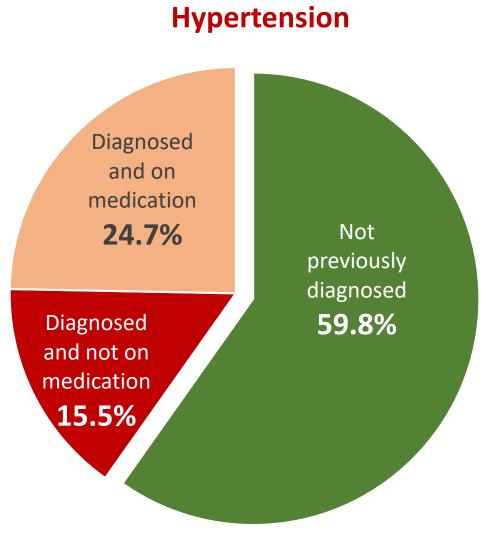
4. Common risk behaviors in 2021



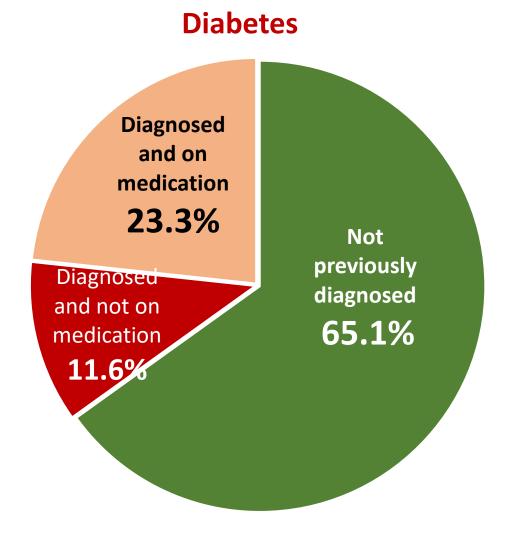
5. Metabolic risk factors in 2021



6. Detection and management of NCD



Only 40% of hypertensive persons were diagnosed and 25% have been on medication



Only 35% of Diabetes persons were diagnosed and 23% have been on medication

7. Summary of challenges and gaps in NCD control

Challenges:

- High burden of NCD mortality and morbidity: creates a huge burden on the health care system
- High levels of risk factors

Gaps:

- Lack of some policies for risk factor control (physical activity, trans-fat, salt, SSB)
- Large gaps in detection and treatment of NCD
- Limited coverage of NCD services at primary health care facilities
- Shortage of finance for NCD screening, NCD prevention





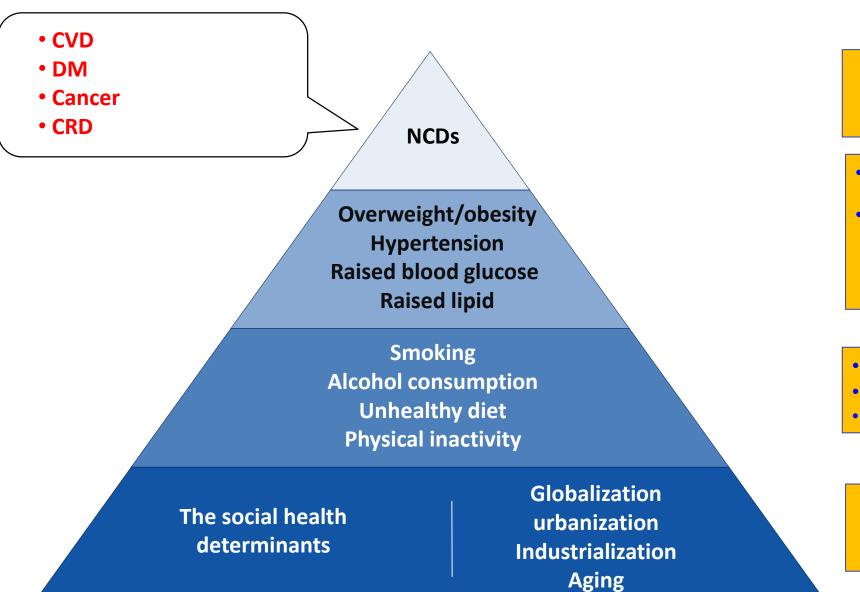






II. Prior Measures for NCD Control & prevention

Comprehensive approach for NCD control



Treatment management and care

- Early detection
- Prevention
 management of
 high risk people
 and pre-diseases
- Risk factors control
- Health promotion
- Behavior change

Policy/Law, Supportive environment

Measure 1. Control of risk factors

Tobacco control

- Law on Tobacco Control
- Tobacco Control Fund
- Strategy on Tobacco control
- Increase Tobacco tax
- Information, Education, Communication
- Health warnings on cigarette packages

Increase Physical activity

- Set the goal of physical activity in the health plan
- Viet Nam Health Program
- Information, Education, Communication
- Physical active movement in community
- Guidelines on physical activity



NO SMOKING

Alcohol Control

- Law on Alcohol Control
- Decree No 24/2020/NĐ-CP
- Decree No100/2019/NĐ-CP
- Increase alcohol tax
- Intervention for harm reduction



Healthy diet

- National Strategy on Nutrition 2021-2030
- National Plan on Nutrition
- National Plan on salt reduction 2018-25
- Programs, intervention on reduction of salt, Sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB), unhealthy fats

Measure 2. Strengthen the health system for delivering NCD and mental health services

Strengthening the system to deliver effective services for prevention, detection and treatment management of NCD and mental health

Strengthening the system

- Training/building capacity for health staff
- Increase budget for NCD screening programs
- Develop guidelines and tools
- Support and strengthen NCD services at Commune Health Station (PHC)

NCD services delivering

- Communication and education
- 2. NCD Screening
- 3. Prevention management for people with high risk and pre-diseases
- 4. Treatment management and care for NCD patients

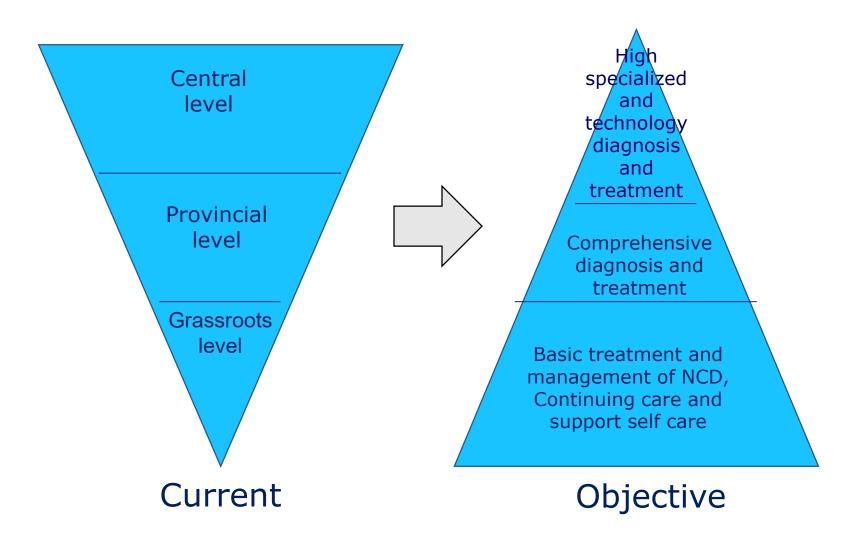








To change the pyramid of NCD service delivering



Objective:

by year 2025 there are 95% of Commune Health Stations providing NCD services