

ABSTRACT

Since its inception in 2016, the Lancet Commission on reframing non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and injuries (NCDIs) for the poorest billion (Lancet NCDI Poverty Commission) has been steadily building a foundation of country-level action through National NCDI Poverty Commissions in low-income and lower-middle income countries. After the publication of the Lancet Commission's report in 2020, These National NCDI Poverty Commissions launched an NCDI Poverty Network to support implementation of the Lancet Commission's recommendations and expand the NCD and universal health coverage (UHC) agenda in the interest of equity. The NCDI Poverty Network's Steering Committee is composed of representatives of National Commissions and people living with severe NCDIs. The network has a Co-Secretariat based at the Universidade Eduardo Mondlane in Maputo, Mozambique, and Harvard Medical School/Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA, USA. At its first meeting on Feb 12, 2021, the Steering Committee approved the charter of the NCDI Poverty Network, including four strategic initiatives corresponding to its theory of change.