



SOUTH AFRICAN NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES ALLIANCE

Stopping the epidemic of non-communicable diseases

Dr MJ Phaahla
Deputy Minister of Health,
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Pretoria.

Dear Dr Phaahla:

Request for an urgent meeting with a SA NCD Alliance delegation to discuss research & action on NCDs

The SA NCDs Alliance was established in July 2013 with founding members CANSA, Heart and Stroke Foundation South Africa, Diabetes SA & the Patient Health Alliance of Non-Governmental Organisations (PHANGO). The founding members have over 160 years of civil society NCDs support and advocacy experience. It is supported by the NCD Alliance which unites a network of over 2,000 civil society organizations in more than 170 countries.

The SA NCD Alliance conducted a NCDs advocacy programme this year which has seen the holding of three intersectoral NCDs meetings: two national and one provincial (KZN). Other main objectives have been to:

1. Strengthen support for NCDs prevention and treatment by developing an intersectoral NCD Network;
2. Conduct an audit of NCD policies and their implementation through the NCDs Benchmarking Exercise;
3. Support NCDs action through intersectoral collaboration on health systems strengthening.

At our most recent NCDs Health Strengthening Kopano earlier this month it was resolved, by the SA NCDs Alliance and its NCD Network, that an urgent meeting is sought with you before the end of 2014.

The purpose of this meeting is to develop a dialogue around the following issues:

- The SA NCD Alliance and NCD Network priorities for NCDs action and the research on which it is based;
- How our Network can support the implementation and monitoring of the *Strategic Plan for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases 2013-17* (and subsequent policy);
- The urgent operationalization of the NCDs/ National Health Commission by July 2015.

We therefore respectfully request such a meeting with you before the end of 2014.

We look forward to your response.

Kind regards

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