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### **CHAPTER 17**

# Adult Non-vectored Diseases (Ethiopia + global lens)

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#### **ACCRONYMS**

**PHC (Primary Health Care)** — People-centred first-contact care with continuity, coordination, and community linkages.

**HEWs/CHWs** — Health Extension Workers / Community Health Workers supporting outreach and follow-up.

**HTN/DM/DLP** — Hypertension / Diabetes Mellitus / Dyslipidemia — key cardiometabolic risks.

**ASCVD** — Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (e.g., MI, stroke, peripheral disease).

**COPD/CRD** — Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease / Chronic respiratory disease.

**CKD (G/A staging)** — Chronic kidney disease staged by eGFR (G1–G5) and albuminuria (A1–A3).

**UACR** — Urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio (mg/g), albuminuria measure.

mhGAP — WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme for non-specialist care.

**ART (dentistry)** — Atraumatic Restorative Treatment — minimally invasive restorative care.

**MSK** — Musculoskeletal conditions (e.g., low back pain, osteoarthritis).

**ICOPE** — Integrated Care for Older People (WHO).

**Polypharmacy** — Concurrent use of ≥5 medications; assess appropriateness and harms.

**PM2.5** — Particulate matter ≤2.5 μm; deep lung penetration and systemic effects.

**LMIS** — Logistics Management Information System for medicines/supplies.

**DHIS2/HMIS** — Health Management Information Systems for routine indicators.

CRVS — Civil Registration and Vital Statistics — births/deaths, cause of death.

**CFR** — Case fatality rate = 100 × (deaths among cases / total cases).

**DALY** — Disability-adjusted life year: YLL + YLD burden metric.

YLL/YLD — Years of life lost / Years lived with disability.

**PEN/HEARTS** — WHO primary care packages for NCD risk and disease management.

**AQG** — WHO Air Quality Guidelines.

# 17.1) Concepts, Framing & the Epidemiologic Transition

Ethiopia faces a persistent double—shifting to triple—burden: communicable/maternal/neonatal conditions remain material while noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and injuries grow. This section defines key metrics (DALY, YLL, YLD), explains age-standardization, and proposes a pragmatic tracer indicator set for primary care and referral planning.

Figure . Epidemiologic transition — schematic

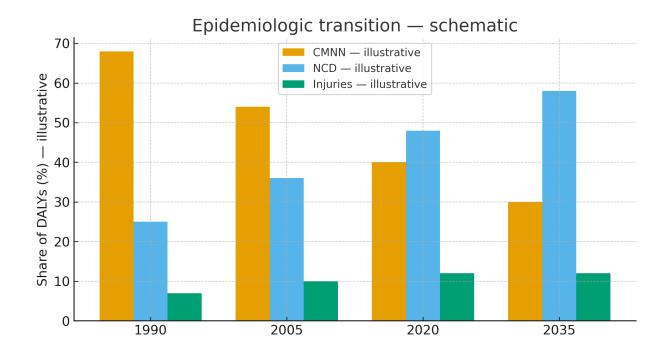
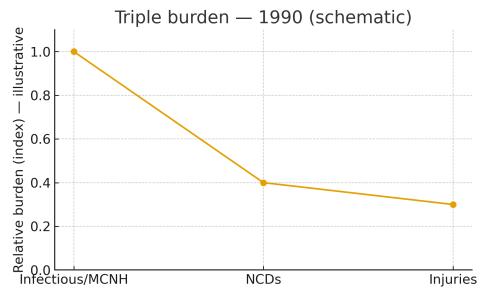
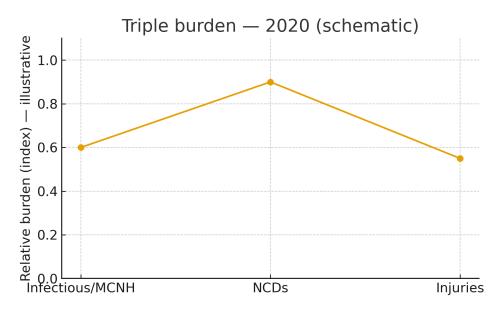


Figure . Triple burden profiles (1990, 2020, 2035) — schematic





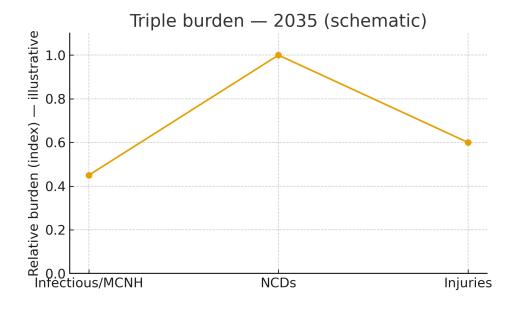


Table 17.1-A. Core definitions & formulas

Term / Formula	Meaning / Use
DALY	DALY = YLL + YLD
YLL	Σ (Deaths_x × Standard life expectancy at
	age x)
YLD	Σ (Prevalence × Disability weight ×
	Duration)
Age-standardized rate	Σ (age-specific rate × standard population
	weight)
Case fatality (%)	100 × (Deaths from condition / Cases)
PAF	(p(RR-1)) / (1 + p(RR-1))
WHO CVD risk	10-year risk from
	age/sex/BP/smoking/diabetes

#### Table 17.1-B. Transition signals for Ethiopia

Domain	Signals for Ethiopia
Demography	Fertility decline; aging; urbanization; larger
	at-risk adult base.
Exposure shifts	Diet change; inactivity;
	tobacco/alcohol/khat; air pollution.
Health system	HEP/PEN/PEN-Plus; diagnostics; referral
	pathways.
Data maturation	STEPS, HMIS/DHIS2, cancer registries
	(nascent), GBD.
Equity	Urban-led rise with diffusion to
	rural/pastoralist & poor groups.

#### **Table 17.1-C. Tracer indicators for Chapter 17**

Indicator	Operational definition / note
Hypertension control	% diagnosed with <140/90
Diabetes control	% with HbA1c <7% (or fasting target)
CVD risk treatment	% 40–74y high risk on statin ±
	antihypertensive
Tobacco use	% current users
Clean cooking	% HH using clean fuels/tech
Cancer screening	VIA/HPV coverage (30–49); breast/other
	per policy
Respiratory care	% COPD/asthma diagnosed via spirometry
	on maintenance
Renal health	% DM/HTN with annual eGFR & UACR

#### Table 17.1-D. Measurement data sources

Source	What it provides
STEPS (WHO)	Risk-factor survey (BP, BMI, tobacco,
	alcohol, diet, glucose, lipids)
HMIS/DHIS2/eCHIS	Routine diagnoses/treatment/supplies;
	needs DQR
GBD (IHME)	Incidence, prevalence, mortality, DALYs
	with uncertainty
Cancer registries	Population-based (emerging) and hospital
	pathology
Facility datasets	Discharge abstracts; cath/stroke registries;
	dialysis/oncology stats

#### Table 17.1-E. Vocabulary

Term	Definition
HEP	Health Extension Program
PEN / PEN-Plus	WHO NCD primary-care protocols;
	district-level advanced NCDs
DQR	Data Quality Review
LMIS	Logistics Management Information System
PROMs/PREMs	Patient-reported outcomes/experience
	measures

#### References — Section 17.1 (URLs)

- WHO NCDs & PEN/PEN-Plus https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases
- WHO STEPS NCD risk-factor surveillance https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/surveillance/systems-tools/steps
- IHME Global Burden of Disease (GBD) https://www.healthdata.org/gbd
- Ethiopia FMoH NCD resources https://www.moh.gov.et/
- Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI) https://www.ephi.gov.et/

### 17.2) Measurement & Data Sources

A robust NCD measurement stack in Ethiopia blends routine facility data (DHIS2/HMIS), population risk-factor surveys (STEPS), household surveys (DHS/MICS), registries (cancer, stroke, dialysis), and supply/diagnostics data (LMIS/LIS). This section outlines what each source contributes, how to triangulate indicators, and practical data-quality checks. Figures and series are schematic placeholders to be replaced with official data prior to publication.

Figure . Coverage/availability by data source — schematic

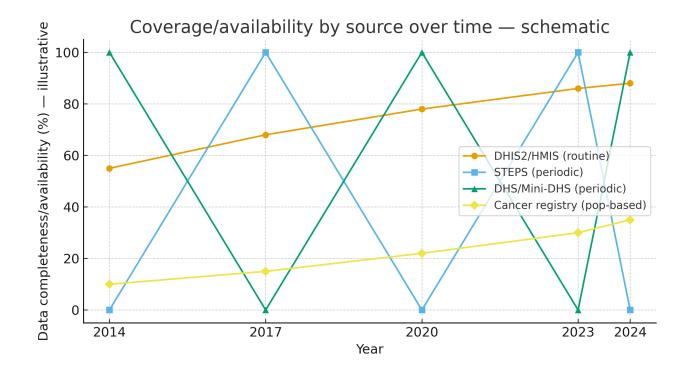


Figure . Concordance: STEPS HTN vs HMIS HTN visits — schematic

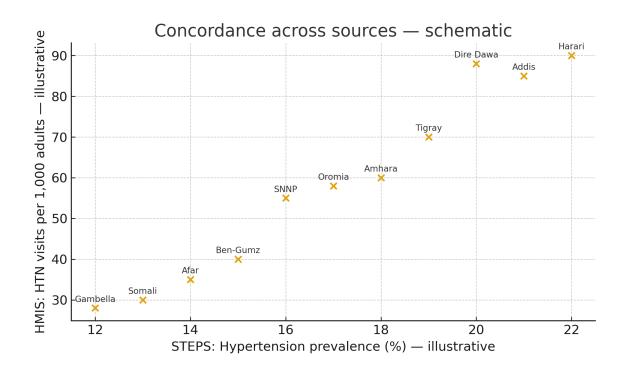


Figure . Example: age-standardization effect -- schematic

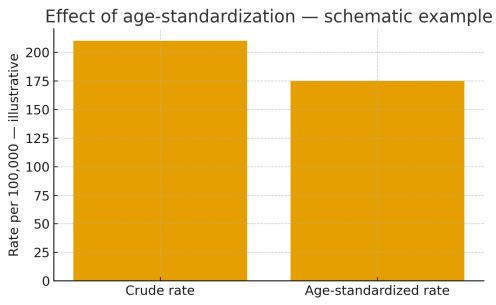


Table 17.2-A. Ethiopia NCD data source catalogue

Source	Туре	Cadence	Strengths	Limitations
DHIS2/HMIS	Facility-based	Monthly/quarterl	High frequency,	Case definition
	routine	у	subnational	drift; private
				sector gaps;
				data quality
				needs DQR
STEPS	Population	3–5 yearly	Biometrics, labs,	Not annual;
	risk-factor		representative	cost/logistics;
	survey			limited disease
				outcomes
DHS/Mini-DHS	Household	5 yearly / 3–4	Demographics, NCD	Periodic;
	survey	yearly	knowledge/behavior	self-report bias;
			s, some biometrics	limited labs
Cancer	Population-base	Continuous	Incidence by	Coverage,
registry	d registry		site/stage	pathology
				capacity,
				completeness
				mature over
				time
Vital stats / VA	CRVS or sample	Continuous /	Cause-of-death	Completeness;
	VA	periodic	structure	misclassificatio
				n; evolving
Facility	Hospital	Continuous	Procedures,	Coding quality;
discharges	abstracts		diagnoses,	coverage;
			length-of-stay	linkage to
				mortality limited
Pharmacy/LMI	Supply chain	Monthly/quarterl	Stock &	Utilization
S		У	consumption of	proxies; not
			NCD	outcomes
			meds/diagnostics	

### Table 17.2-B. Indicator $\rightarrow$ primary source with triangulation

Indicator	Primary source(s)	Triangulation/fallback
Hypertension control	DHIS2 NCD clinics; facility	STEPS (population control
(<140/90)	cohorts	proxy)
Diabetes control	Facility cohorts; lab info	STEPS fasting
(HbA1c<7%)	systems	glucose/HbA1c (if included)
CVD risk treatment (statin ±	DHIS2 visit data +	STEPS medication use
antihypertensive)	pharmacy dispensing	modules
Cancer screening coverage	DHIS2 service stats	DHS/MICS self-report;
(VIA/HPV)		special studies
COPD/asthma	DHIS2 visits + essential	STEPS symptoms;
maintenance	meds availability	spirometry studies

CKD testing (eGFR/UACR)	Lab info systems; facility	STEPS creatinine (if
	audits	measured); special studies
Tobacco & alcohol use	STEPS core modules	DHS (tobacco)

#### Table 17.2-C. Core calculations and working formulas

Measure	Working formula / note
Age-standardized rate (ASR)	ASR = Σ (age-specific rate_i × standard pop
	weight_i)
Prevalence (survey)	100 × (number with condition / number
	assessed)
Incidence (registry/cohort)	100,000 × (new cases in period /
	population at risk)
Control rate (facility)	100 × (patients meeting target / patients
	with measurement)
Visit rate	1,000 × (NCD visits / adult population)
Concordance check	Compare rank/order and correlation
	across sources (e.g., STEPS vs DHIS2)

#### Table 17.2-D. Data governance, privacy & access layers

Domain	Practice
Data stewardship	Named owners (FMoH/EPHI/Regions);
	SOPs for updates; versioning
Access tiers	Public dashboards; authenticated
	facility/region views; de-identified
	microdata requests
Confidentiality	Cell suppression; small-number rules;
	secure servers; DUA for researchers
Interoperability	Master facility list; common codes; APIs
	between HMIS, LMIS, eCHIS and registries
Quality assurance	Routine DQR cycles; feedback loops;
	on-site mentorship

#### Table 17.2-E. Routine DQR checks and suggested thresholds

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Check	Suggested threshold/example
Completeness	% facilities reporting ≥95% months
Timeliness	% reports submitted by deadline ≥90%
Internal consistency	Indicator pairs (e.g., HTN visits vs drugs
	dispensed) within tolerance
External consistency	Concordance with STEPS/DHS levels and
	trends
Outliers/anomalies	Spike/drop detection with review notes

#### **Measurement plan (narrative)**

Start with a core tracer set—hypertension/diabetes control, risk-based CVD treatment, tobacco use, clean cooking, key cancer screening—and assign a primary source for each. Use concordance checks to align trends between surveys and routine data (e.g., rank correlation of STEPS prevalence vs HMIS visit rates by region). Institutionalize quarterly DQRs for completeness, timeliness, internal/external consistency, and outlier review, and publish annotated "known issues." Invest in registries where they are high-leverage (cancer, stroke, dialysis) and link LMIS with DHIS2 to validate service statistics against commodity flows. Always report age-standardized rates alongside crude values; provide uncertainty where available (GBD), and document methodology in technical notes.

#### References — Section 17.2 (URLs)

• WHO STEPS — NCD risk-factor surveillance —

https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/surveillance/systems-tools/steps

- The DHS Program Ethiopia https://www.dhsprogram.com/
- UNICEF MICS https://mics.unicef.org/
- IHME Global Burden of Disease (GBD) https://www.healthdata.org/gbd
- Health Data Collaborative Data Quality Review —
  https://www.healthdatacollaborative.org/working-groups/data-quality-review/
- IARC Cancer registries https://gicr.iarc.fr/
- Ethiopia FMoH DHIS2/HMIS resources https://www.moh.gov.et/

# 17.3) Cardiovascular Diseases (CVD): Burden & Care Pathways

CVD is a leading source of adult DALYs in Ethiopia, driven by ischemic heart disease and stroke. Primary care should scale risk-based detection and long-term control, while hospitals ensure acute stroke and ACS readiness. Replace schematic figures with GBD, STEPS, DHIS2/HMIS, hospital registry, and LIS/LMIS data before publication.

Figure 17.3-1. DALYs — IHD vs Stroke (schematic)

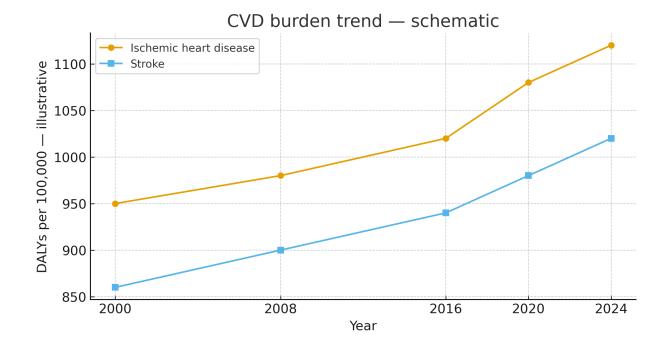


Figure . Age-standardized mortality — CVD (schematic)

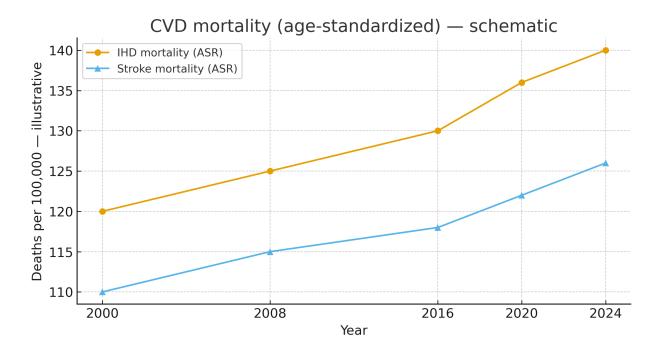
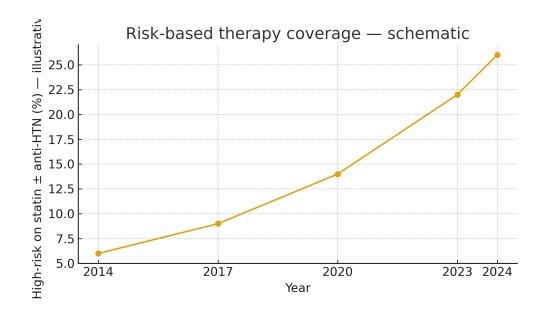


Figure . Risk-based therapy coverage (schematic)



#### **Table 17.3-A. Definitions & clinical formulas**

Term/Formula	Meaning/Use
Hypertension	BP ≥140/90 mmHg or on antihypertensives
	(WHO)
Diabetes	FPG ≥7.0 mmol/L or HbA1c ≥6.5% or on
	meds
ASCVD 10-yr risk	WHO charts (age, sex, SBP, smoking,
	diabetes)
BP control	% diagnosed hypertensives with BP
	<140/90
LDL goal (sec. prev)	LDL-C <70 mg/dL (policy-aligned)

#### Table 17.3-B. WHO PEN-aligned PHC CVD bundle

Component	Operational content in Ethiopia PHC
Risk assessment	Opportunistic screening 40–74y; WHO risk
	charts
Core meds	Thiazide-like diuretic, ACEi/ARB, CCB;
	statin; low-dose aspirin for established
	ASCVD
Diabetes interface	Metformin first-line; renal protection;
	advanced agents where available
Monitoring	BP each visit; A1c; lipids; eGFR/UACR for
	DM/HTN
Lifestyle	Salt reduction; activity; tobacco/alcohol
	cessation
Follow-up	Panels, recall lists, group visits; adherence
	support

#### Table 17.3-C. Acute stroke & ACS — minimum hospital signal functions

Domain	Minimum signal functions
Imaging	CT within 24h or rapid transfer
ACS readiness	ECG <10 min; troponin; antiplatelets;
	referral
Thrombolysis	Eligibility protocol; door-to-needle metrics
BP & glucose	Acute control; monitoring
Rehabilitation	Early mobilization; swallow screen; rehab
	plan

Table 17.3-D. Indicators & illustrative targets

Indicator	Illustrative target
HTN control	≥50% of diagnosed achieve <140/90
	(progressive)
DM control	≥60% A1c <7% (individualized)
High-risk treatment	≥70% very-high-risk on statin ± anti-HTN
Stroke processes	≥80% CT 24h; ≥90% antiplatelet; ≥90%
	dysphagia screen
Post-ACS secondary prevention	≥80% on standard bundle unless
	contraindicated

#### Table 17.3-E. Data sources & triangulation

Source	What it provides / note
STEPS	Prevalence, risk behaviors, meds use
HMIS/DHIS2	Clinic volumes, control rates; dispensing
	(LMIS link)
Hospital registries	Stroke/ACS processes & outcomes
Laboratory IS	Lipids, A1c, troponin
GBD/IHME	DALYs, mortality (with uncertainty)

#### Care model narrative

Use WHO risk charts for adults 40–74 to target statins and antihypertensives; build patient panels and recall systems to close adherence gaps. Ensure district/regional hospitals have CT access or organized transfer, standardized stroke protocols, and early rehabilitation. Align LMIS (statins, antihypertensives, insulin, consumables) with DHIS2 service statistics to detect supply-demand mismatches. Embed equity: mobile clinics, workplace/school-gate screening for urban poor, and pastoralist-tailored outreach for rural risk diffusion.

#### References — Section 17.3 (URLs)

- WHO PEN & PEN-Plus https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/management/pen
- WHO CVD Risk Charts https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240024832
- IHME GBD Results https://vizhub.healthdata.org/gbd-results/
- Ethiopia FMoH NCD resources https://www.moh.gov.et/

### 17.4) Hypertension, Dyslipidemia & Atherosclerotic Risk

Atherosclerotic risk in Ethiopia is rising as hypertension remains under-diagnosed and under-controlled, while lipid management is not yet routine in many primary-care settings. This section aligns with WHO HEARTS/PEN guidance to present a practical algorithm, tracer indicators, and data sources for monitoring. Figures are schematic placeholders.

Figure . Hypertension prevalence & control — schematic

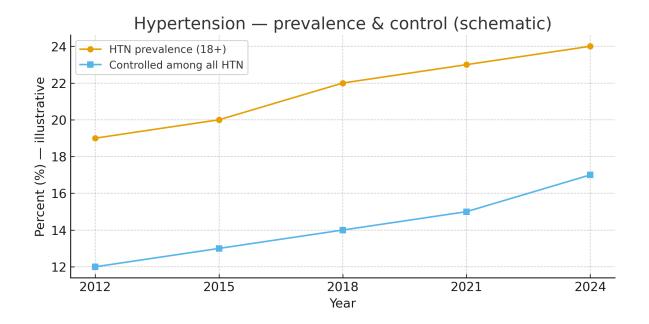


Figure . Hypertension care cascade — schematic

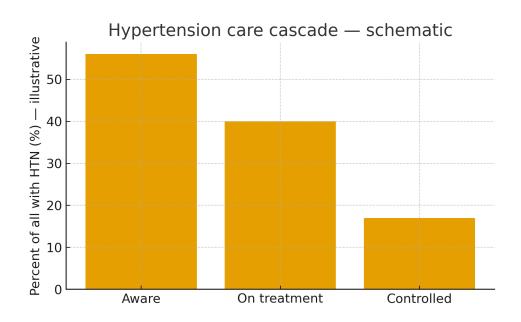


Figure . LDL-cholesterol distribution (40–74y) — schematic

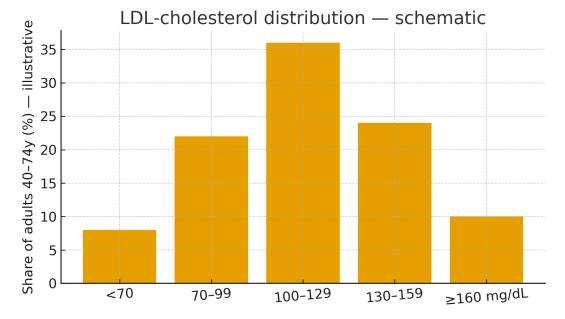


Figure . Statin coverage among high-risk adults — schematic

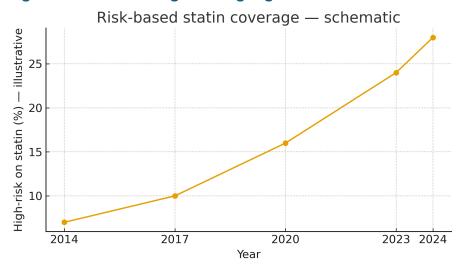
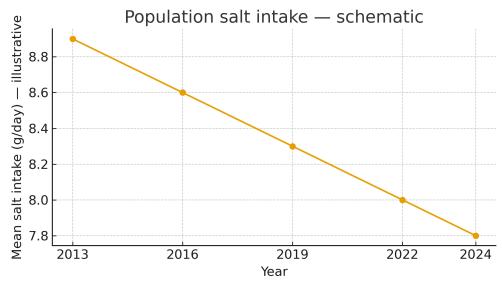


Figure . Population salt intake — schematic



**Table 17.4-A. Definitions & thresholds** 

Term / Threshold	Definition / note
Hypertension (adult)	BP ≥140/90 mmHg or on antihypertensives
	(WHO).
Stage 2 HTN	SBP ≥160 or DBP ≥100 mmHg.
Dyslipidemia	Elevated LDL-C, low HDL-C, or high
	triglycerides per lab cutoffs.
High ASCVD risk (10-y)	WHO risk charts; risk threshold per
	national policy (e.g., ≥10% or ≥20%).
LDL-C targets	Primary prevention (high risk): <100;
	Secondary/very-high risk: <70 mg/dL.

#### Table 17.4-B. Ethiopia PHC algorithm (WHO HEARTS/PEN-aligned)

Step	Operational content
Screening	BP for all adults ≥40 (earlier if risk factors);
	confirm; calculate 10-yr risk.
Lifestyle	Salt reduction; activity; tobacco/alcohol
	cessation; weight management.
Pharmacotherapy — HTN	Thiazide-like or CCB first-line; add
	ACEi/ARB; combination for stage
	2/high-risk.
Pharmacotherapy — lipids	Statin for high/very-high risk; consider
	ezetimibe if targets unmet.
Follow-up	Recall lists; team-based care; home BP;
	adherence support; group visits.
Comorbidities	For DM/CKD: ACEi/ARB; periodic
	eGFR/UACR; eye/foot checks for DM.

#### Table 17.4-C. Indicators & formulas

Indicator	Formula / definition
HTN prevalence (%)	100 × (Adults with HTN / Adults assessed)
HTN control (%)	100 × (Diagnosed HTN with BP <140/90 /
	Diagnosed HTN)
High-risk on statin (%)	100 × (Adults 40–74y at high risk on statin /
	Adults 40–74y at high risk)
LDL controlled (%)	100 × (High/very-high risk with LDL below
	target / High/very-high risk measured)
Low-salt households (%)	100 × (HH using low-sodium salt or
	meeting salt criteria / HH assessed)

#### Table 17.4-D. Data sources & triangulation

Source	What it provides / note
STEPS	BP, lipids (if biomarker), tobacco/alcohol,
	weight, sodium proxies
HMIS/DHIS2	HTN/DM clinic volumes, control rates;
	missed-visit panels
LIS/LMIS	Lipids (LIS) and statin/anti-HTN stock &
	dispensing (LMIS)
Hospital registries	Stroke/ACS outcomes for coherence with
	risk-factor control
GBD/IHME	Burden trends for IHD/stroke

Table 17.4-E. Quality, safety & equity practices

Domain	Operational practice
Accuracy	Validated BP devices; cuff size; two
	readings; calibration
Standardization	WHO HEARTS protocols; fixed-dose
	combinations
Safety	Renal function & potassium for ACEi/ARB;
	liver enzymes for statins per policy
Equity	Rural/pastoralist/IDP outreach; fee
	waivers; generics; task-sharing
Counselling	Salt reduction; tobacco quit; activity
	prescriptions; tailored messages

#### Care model narrative

Treat elevated overall risk, not just single numbers: use WHO 10-year risk charts to target statins and combination antihypertensives. Adopt fixed-dose combos when available; integrate LIS/LMIS with DHIS2 to close stock and monitoring gaps; and empower community follow-up and home BP. Pair clinical care with population salt reduction and tobacco-control policies to shift risk at scale.

#### References — Section 17.4 (URLs)

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- WHO CVD Risk Charts https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240024832
- WHO STEPS NCD risk factors https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/surveillance/systems-tools/steps
- The DHS Program Ethiopia https://www.dhsprogram.com/
- Ethiopia FMoH NCD resources https://www.moh.gov.et/

### 17.5) Diabetes & Metabolic Syndrome

Diabetes and metabolic risk are rising in Ethiopia amid urbanization and lifestyle change. This section presents a primary-care-ready algorithm, tracer indicators, and practical system checks aligned with WHO PEN/HEARTS. Figures are schematic placeholders and should be replaced with STEPS, DHIS2/HMIS, LIS/LMIS, and registry data prior to publication.

Figure . Diabetes & obesity trends — schematic

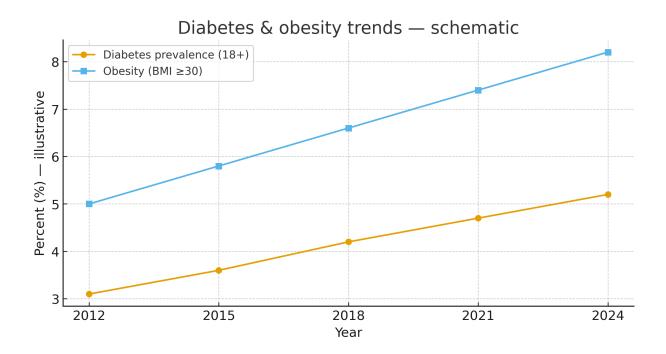


Figure . Insulin availability — schematic

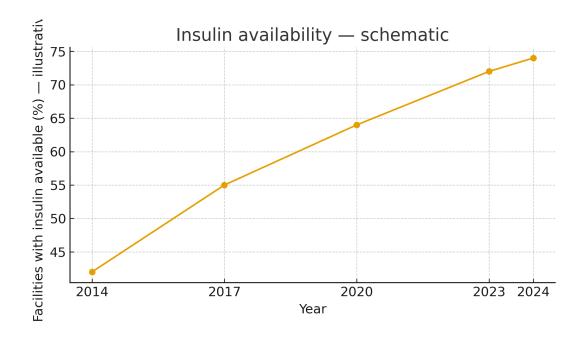


Table 17.5-A. Definitions & diagnostic thresholds

Term / Threshold	Definition / note
Diabetes (adult)	FPG ≥7.0 mmol/L (126 mg/dL) or HbA1c
	≥6.5% or 2-h OGTT ≥11.1 mmol/L; or on
	diabetes meds.
Prediabetes	FPG 5.6–6.9 mmol/L (100–125 mg/dL) or
	HbA1c 5.7–6.4% (policy-aligned).
Metabolic syndrome (example)	Any 3 of: central obesity, elevated TG, low
	HDL-C, elevated BP, elevated fasting
	glucose (use regional cutoffs).
Glycemic control target	HbA1c < 7% for most adults (individualize
	for age/comorbidity/pregnancy).
Kidney monitoring	Annual eGFR and UACR for adults with
	diabetes.

Table 17.5-B. Ethiopia PHC algorithm (WHO PEN/HEARTS-aligned)

Step	Operational content
Screening	Opportunistic screening for age ≥40 or risk
	factors; fasting glucose or HbA1c where
	available.
Initial management	Lifestyle counseling; metformin as first-line
	unless contraindicated.
Intensification	Add second agent if target unmet; insulin
	for symptomatic hyperglycemia or
	treatment failure.
Cardiovascular risk	Assess 10-yr risk; statin for high-/very-high
	risk; ACEi/ARB for kidney protection.
Complication prevention	Annual eye exam, UACR/eGFR, foot
	checks; BP and lipid control; vaccines per
	policy.
Follow-up	Panel management; recall lists; peer
	groups; self-monitoring where feasible.

#### **Table 17.5-C. Indicators & formulas**

Indicator	Formula / definition
Diabetes prevalence (%)	100 × (Adults with diabetes / Adults
	assessed).
Control among diagnosed (%)	100 × (Diagnosed diabetes with HbA1c
	<7% / Diagnosed diabetes).
Complication screening (%)	100 × (Adults with diabetes receiving
	annual eye/kidney/foot checks / Adults
	with diabetes).
Insulin availability (%)	100 × (Facilities with any insulin in stock /
	Facilities assessed).
Statin use among high-risk (%)	100 × (Adults with diabetes at high ASCVD
	risk on statin / Adults with diabetes at high
	risk).

Table 17.5-D. Data sources & triangulation

Source	What it provides / note
STEPS	Glucose/HbA1c where available;
	BMI/waist; behaviors; medication use.
HMIS/DHIS2	Clinic volumes; retention; control rates;
	quarterly DQR required.
LIS/LMIS	Lab results (glucose/HbA1c, lipids);
	insulin/oral agents stock and dispensing.
Facility audits/registries	Diabetes clinics; complications; referrals;
	admissions.
GBD/IHME	DALYs/mortality attributable to diabetes
	and CKD.

#### Table 17.5-E. Quality, safety & equity practices

Domain	Operational practice
Medication safety	Metformin renal thresholds; hypoglycemia
	risk with insulin/sulfonylureas; sick-day
	rules.
Diagnostics quality	External quality assurance for labs;
	glucometer calibration; standardized
	HbA1c assays.
Equity	Lower screening/control in
	rural/pastoralist/IDP; address with
	outreach and fee waivers.
Self-management	Simple diet/activity plans; peer groups;
	family engagement; literacy-appropriate
	tools.
Integrated care	Hypertension/lipids exams; pregnancy
	screening; TB/HIV bidirectional
	considerations where relevant.

#### Care model narrative

Prioritize metformin-based initiation with lifestyle support; escalate in stepwise fashion with periodic A1c checks. Integrate cardiovascular risk management (statin for high-risk adults) and kidney protection (ACEi/ARB) into every diabetes visit. Use LMIS to track insulin and oral agents, aligning with DHIS2 panels for missed visits and control rates. Deploy task-sharing, peer groups, and home glucose/BP where feasible to lift adherence and control, and ensure complication screening is part of routine care.

#### References — Section 17.5 (URLs)

- WHO PEN/HEARTS Diabetes & CVD integration —
- https://www.who.int/initiatives/hearts/technical-package
- WHO STEPS NCD risk factors https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/surveillance/systems-tools/steps
- The DHS Program Ethiopia https://www.dhsprogram.com/
- IHME Global Burden of Disease (GBD) https://www.healthdata.org/gbd
- Ethiopia FMoH NCD resources https://www.moh.gov.et/

### 17.6) Chronic Respiratory Diseases (CRDs): COPD & Adult Asthma

in Ethiopia are shaped by household biomass smoke, ambient PM2.5, tobacco/occupational exposures, and post-infectious airway disease. Asthma remains common among adults, while COPD rises with aging and cumulative exposures. This section provides a PEN-aligned PHC algorithm, tracer indicators, and pragmatic supply/diagnostics guidance. Figures are schematic and should be replaced with official data before publication.

Figure . Adult asthma vs COPD prevalence — schematic

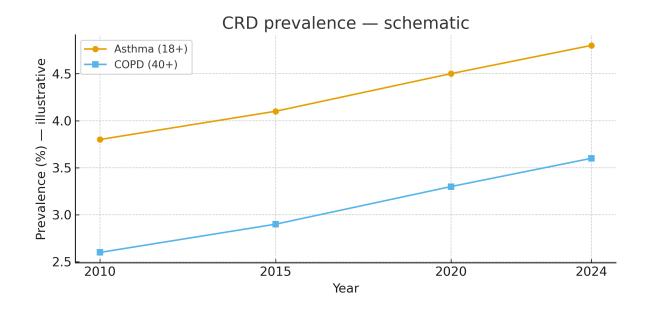


Figure . Exacerbation admissions — schematic



Table 17.6-A. Definitions & diagnostics

Term / Definition	Operational note
Asthma (adults)	Variable respiratory symptoms + variable
	airflow limitation; reversibility when tested.
COPD	Persistent symptoms + airflow limitation
	(post-BD FEV1/FVC <0.70).
Exacerbation	Acute worsening needing steroids,
	nebulization, ED visit, or admission.
Peak flow	Useful where spirometry unavailable;
	supports self-management.
Severity control	Symptoms + risk of exacerbations;
	step-wise therapy.

Table 17.6-B. Ethiopia PHC algorithm (WHO PEN; informed by GINA/GOLD)

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Step	Operational content in Ethiopia PHC
Assessment	History, triggers; peak flow; refer for
	spirometry; pulse oximetry in acute
	episodes.
Asthma treatment	As-needed SABA; low-dose ICS; step up to
	ICS/LABA; action plans; oral steroids for
	severe exacerbations.

COPD treatment	Smoking cessation; SABA/SAMA; add
	LABA/LAMA; ICS/LABA for frequent
	exacerbations; pulmonary rehab.
Vaccines	Influenza/pneumococcal per policy for
	high-risk adults.
Environmental control	Clean-cooking transitions; ventilation;
	occupational protections.
Referral	Red flags, frequent exacerbations,
	diagnostic uncertainty, hypoxemia,
	suspected TB.

#### Table 17.6-C. Indicators & formulas

Indicator	Formula / definition
Asthma control (%)	100 × (Asthma pts well-controlled / Asthma
	pts assessed)
COPD post-BD spirometry (%)	100 × (COPD pts with post-BD spirometry /
	COPD pts)
Exacerbation admission rate	100,000 × (CRD exacerbation admissions /
	adult population)
SABA over-use (%)	100 × (Pts with >3 SABA canisters/year /
	Asthma pts)
Inhaler availability (%)	% facilities with SABA; % with ICS; % with
	ICS/LABA

#### Table 17.6-D. Data sources & triangulation

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Source	What it provides / note
STEPS	Symptoms, tobacco exposure, BMI;
	spirometry in special modules
HMIS/DHIS2	Visits, admissions, mortality; stockouts;
	follow-up rates
LMIS	Availability/consumption: SABA, ICS,
	ICS/LABA, spacers
Hospital registries	Admissions, oxygen use, LOS,
	readmissions
Air-quality datasets	Solid-fuel survey data; ambient PM2.5

#### Table 17.6-E. Quality, safety & equity practices

Domain	Operational practice
Diagnosis	Avoid mislabelling without objective testing
	where possible; consider TB
Technique	Teach/re-check inhaler technique;
	spacers; pictorial instructions
Oxygen	Titrated oxygen; pulse oximetry; device
	maintenance
Action plans	Personalized plans; steroid packs where
	appropriate; referral criteria

Equity	Women exposed to biomass; urban poor in
	high-PM areas; pastoralist outreach

#### Care model narrative

Ensure accurate diagnosis, correct inhaler technique, and step-wise therapy. Address environmental drivers through clean-cooking transitions and occupational protections. District hospitals should maintain oxygen and nebulization capacity, steroid protocols, and early rehab, with clear referral pathways. Use LMIS to ensure SABA/ICS/ICS-LABA availability and align with DHIS2 service data. Equity efforts should prioritize women facing biomass exposure, urban residents in high-PM corridors, and pastoralist communities.

#### References — Section 17.6 (URLs)

- WHO Chronic respiratory diseases https://www.who.int/health-topics/chronic-respiratory-diseases
- GINA Global Initiative for Asthma https://ginasthma.org/
- GOLD Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease https://goldcopd.org/
- IHME Global Burden of Disease (GBD) https://www.healthdata.org/gbd
- Ethiopia FMoH NCD resources https://www.moh.gov.et/

# 17.7) Cancer — Priorities for Prevention, Screening & Early Diagnosis

Cancer control in Ethiopia should start with prevention (HPV vaccination; HBV immunization and aflatoxin control), pragmatic screening (VIA/HPV for cervical), and reliable early-diagnosis pathways (pathology, imaging, surgery). Breast and cervical cancers dominate adult female cancer burden; liver, colorectal, and esophageal cancers add substantial mortality among both sexes. Figures are schematic placeholders and should be replaced with IARC/Globocan, national registry, HMIS/DHIS2, and EPI data before publication.

Figure 17.7-1. Leading cancer DALYs — schematic trends

Leading cancer burden — schematic trends

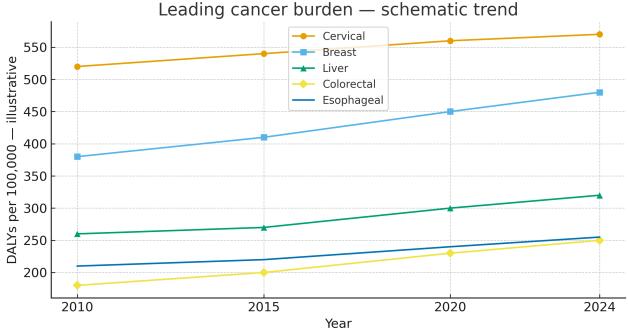


Figure 17.7-2. HPV vaccination coverage (girls) — schematic

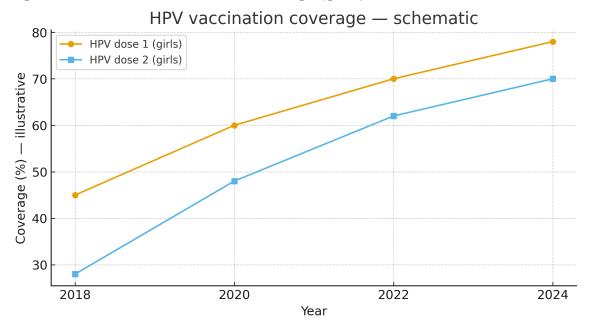


Figure 17.7-3. Cervical screening coverage (VIA/HPV) — schematic

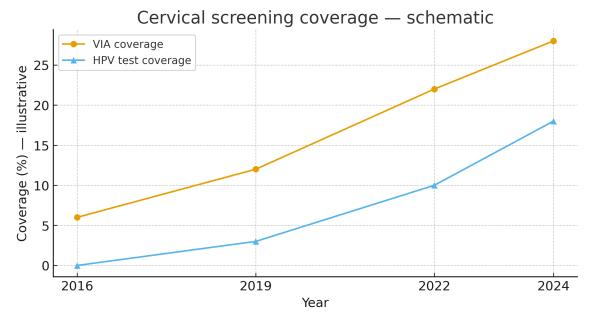


Figure 17.7-4. Stage at diagnosis distribution — schematic

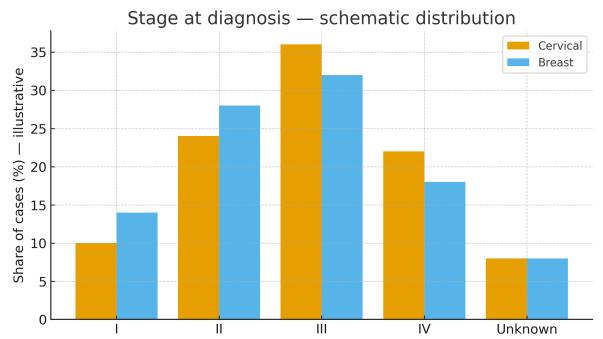


Figure 17.7-5. Cancer system capacity — schematic

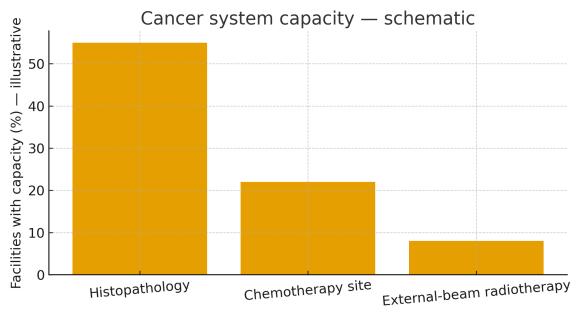


Table 17.7-A. Priority cancers and early-control actions

Cancer	Priority prevention/screening & early diagnosis actions
Cervical cancer	HPV vaccination (girls), VIA/HPV screening (30–49y), screen-and-treat with thermal ablation/cryotherapy, referral for LEEP.

Breast cancer	Awareness & clinical breast exam (CBE) pathways; diagnostic ultrasound; coreneedle biopsy; timely surgery; tailored chemo; limited mammography where feasible.
Liver cancer (HBV)	Universal birth-dose where policy allows; infant EPI series; PMTCT; antiviral therapy eligibility; aflatoxin control.
Colorectal cancer	Symptom pathways; stool tests (FIT) pilots; timely colonoscopy referral where capacity exists.
Esophageal cancer	Risk communication (very hot beverages), nutrition; prompt endoscopy referral for dysphagia; pathology confirmation.

#### Table 17.7-B. Cervical screening algorithms (VIA & HPV)

Algorithm	Key steps
VIA pathway (resource-appropriate)	VIA positive → treat eligible lesions same
	day (thermal/cryotherapy); VIA negative →
	rescreen in 3–5y.
HPV test pathway	HPV+ → VIA/visual triage or treat per
	protocol; HPV- → rescreen per national
	interval.
Screen-and-treat principles	Minimize loss to follow-up with same-day
	treatment; ensure pregnancy/therapeutic
	contraindications respected.

#### Table 17.7-C. Early diagnosis signal functions (district/regional)

Domain	Minimum signal functions
Pathology	Biopsy handling SOPs; histopathology
	turnaround targets; external quality
	assurance.
Imaging	Basic ultrasound; X-ray; access/referral to
	CT/MRI for staging where available.
Surgery	Timely lumpectomy/mastectomy,
	hysterectomy; safe anesthesia; post-op
	pathology review.
System functions	Tumor boards (virtual where needed);
	palliative care integration; morphine
	access; referral navigation.

#### **Table 17.7-D. Indicators & illustrative targets**

Indicator	Illustrative target (policy-aligned)
HPV vaccination (dose 2) coverage	Target ≥80% of eligible girls (progressive
	scale-up).
Cervical screening coverage 30–49y	Target ≥70% ever screened; ≥50% within
	last 5 years.

Screen-positive treatment rate	≥90% of VIA+/HPV+ eligible lesions receive
	same-day treatment.
Biopsy turnaround time	Median ≤21 days from collection to report.
Stage at diagnosis (breast, cervical)	Increase stage I–II share; reduce unknown
	stage to <5%.

## Table 17.7-E. Data sources & triangulation

Source	What it provides / note
Cancer registries (pop-based)	Incidence by site/stage; trends; survival
	where feasible.
Hospital registries	Site/stage at diagnosis; treatment
	timelines; outcomes; palliative care.
HMIS/DHIS2	Facility service stats: VIA/HPV tests,
	treatments; surgery counts; chemo cycles.
EPI/School platforms	HPV vaccination coverage (by dose,
	district).
IARC/Globocan & GBD	International comparisons with
	uncertainty; model-based estimates.

## Table 17.7-F. Quality, safety & equity practices

Domain	Operational practice
Safety	Thermal-ablation/cryotherapy
	adverse-event logs; surgical safety
	checklist; chemo protocols.
Pathology quality	External QA; standardized reporting;
	synoptic templates;
	barcoding/chain-of-custody.
Navigation	Patient navigators; call-back systems;
	transport vouchers for rural/pastoralist
	women.
Equity	Outreach in low-coverage regions; mobile
	screen-and-treat; disability-inclusive
	facilities; language support.
Palliative care	Oral morphine availability; home-based
	support; symptom scales in HMIS.

#### Care model narrative

Focus on high-yield interventions: scale HPV vaccination and screen-and-treat programs; strengthen biopsy handling and histopathology quality; enable timely surgery; and develop networked tumor boards. Where radiotherapy capacity is limited, prioritize early detection and surgical/chemotherapy pathways while planning phased radiotherapy expansion. Track drop-off points across the diagnostic pathway (from first symptom to treatment) and address them with patient navigation, transport support, and clear referral protocols. Embed equity by reaching rural and pastoralist communities with mobile services and ensuring services are financially and physically accessible to women.

## References — Section 17.7 (URLs)

- IARC Globocan https://gco.iarc.fr/
- WHO Cancer control & early diagnosis https://www.who.int/health-topics/cancer
- WHO HPV vaccination https://www.who.int/teams/immunization-vaccines-and-biologicals/diseases/human-papillomavirus-(hpv)
- Ethiopia FMoH Cancer/NCD resources https://www.moh.gov.et/

# 17.8) Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

CKD prevalence is rising in Ethiopia, largely driven by hypertension and diabetes and compounded by limited early detection. A PEN/HEARTS-concordant approach prioritizes albuminuria and eGFR testing in high-risk adults, aggressive BP and glycemic control, and timely referral for advanced disease. Figures are schematic and should be replaced with STEPS/special surveys, DHIS2/HMIS, LIS, dialysis registry, and transplant program data before publication.

Figure . CKD prevalence trend — schematic

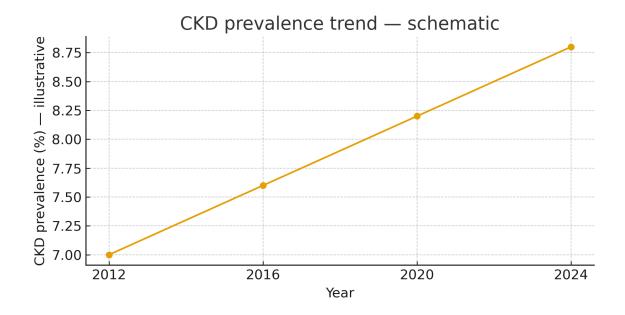


Figure 17.8-2. CKD detection & treatment cascade — schematic

Figure . Dialysis capacity (centers & machines) — schematic

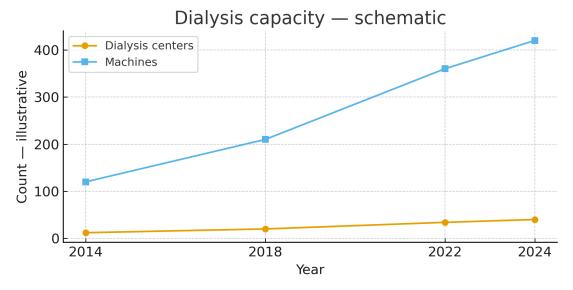


Table 17.8-A. Definitions & staging (KDIGO)

Term / Threshold	Definition / note
CKD definition	Abnormal kidney structure or function ≥3
	months (damage and/or eGFR <60).
eGFR (CKD-EPI)	Estimate from serum creatinine (± cystatin
	C).
G-stage (eGFR)	G1 ≥90; G2 60–89; G3a 45–59; G3b 30–44;
	G4 15–29; G5 <15.
A-stage (albuminuria)	A1 <30 mg/g; A2 30-300; A3 >300 (UACR).
Risk grid	Combine G and A to stratify
	progression/CV/mortality risk.

**Table 17.8-B. Ethiopia PHC algorithm (PEN/HEARTS-concordant)** 

Step	Operational content
Screening	UACR + eGFR in diabetes, hypertension, or
	high CVD risk; confirm persistence.
Risk reduction	BP control (ACEi/ARB if albuminuria);
	glycemic control; statin for high CVD risk;
	lifestyle.
Medication safety	Renal dose adjust; avoid NSAIDs; contrast
	precautions; sick-day rules.
Follow-up	Intervals by risk; monitor eGFR/UACR;
	immunizations per policy.
Referral	Rapid eGFR decline; A3; refractory HTN;
	electrolyte disorders; suspected GN; G4–
	G5 for RRT planning.

## Table 17.8-C. Indicators & formulas

Indicator	Formula / definition
CKD prevalence (%)	100 × (Adults with CKD / Adults assessed)
Albuminuria testing (%)	100 × (Eligible adults with UACR in last 12
	mo / Eligible adults)
ACEi/ARB among A2–A3 (%)	100 × (CKD A2–A3 on ACEi/ARB / CKD A2–
	A3)
eGFR monitoring (%)	100 × (CKD with ≥2 eGFR tests/year / CKD
	patients)
RRT readiness (%)	% of G4–G5 with modality counseling and
	access plan

## Table 17.8-D. Data sources & triangulation

Source	What it provides / note
STEPS/surveys	Albuminuria/creatinine modules; risk
	factors
HMIS/DHIS2	CKD clinic panels; ACEi/ARB use; referrals;
	dialysis visits
LIS	Creatinine and UACR volumes; EQA status
Dialysis/transplant registries	Centers, machines, patients, outcomes;
	modality mix; transplant
GBD/IHME	CKD burden and CKD-attributable CVD

# Table 17.8-E. Quality, safety & equity practices

Domain	Operational practice
Accuracy	Lab EQA for creatinine/UACR; validated BP
	devices
Safety	Avoid nephrotoxins; monitor potassium on
	ACEi/ARB; anemia/mineral-bone
	management
Equity	Subsidize tests/ACEi/ARB; mobile
	transport; rural/pastoralist outreach; fair
	RRT access
Integration	DM/HTN/CKD joint clinics; nutrition;
	palliative kidney care
Supply	LMIS tracking for ACEi/ARB, diuretics,
	EPO/iron, dialysis consumables

Systematically screen adults with diabetes and hypertension for CKD using UACR and eGFR; confirm persistence of abnormalities. Use ACEi/ARB in albuminuric CKD, optimize BP and glycemic control, and manage anemia and mineral-bone disorder per guideline. Prepare G4–G5 patients for renal replacement therapy with early education on modalities; when RRT is not feasible, embed palliative kidney care. Triangulate DHIS2 clinic panels, LIS volumes, and LMIS supply data to close gaps, and ensure equitable access across regions and groups.

## References — Section 17.8 (URLs)

- **KDIGO CKD guidelines** https://kdigo.org/guidelines/ckd-evaluation-and-management/
- WHO PEN/HEARTS NCD management https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/management/pen
- IHME GBD Results https://vizhub.healthdata.org/gbd-results/
- Ethiopia FMoH NCD/renal resources https://www.moh.gov.et/

# 17.9) Mental & Substance Use Disorders

Mental and substance use disorders contribute substantially to disability in Ethiopia. Service coverage is expanding through mhGAP and integration with PHC and chronic-care platforms, but treatment gaps remain wide. This section summarizes a pragmatic algorithm, indicators, and data sources. Figures are schematic and should be replaced with HMIS/DHIS2, STEPS, WHO-AIMS, and GBD data.

Figure . Burden trend (DALYs) — schematic

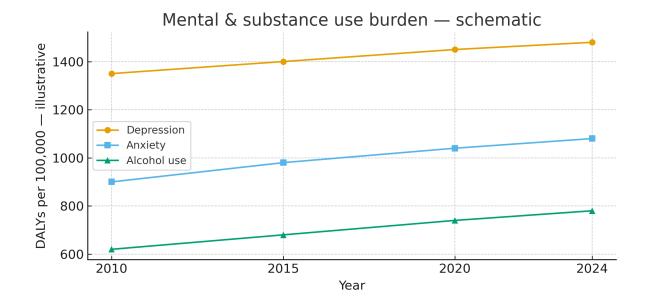


Figure . Treatment gap by condition — schematic

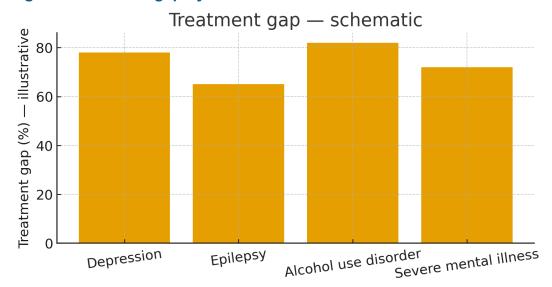


Figure . Suicide mortality rate — schematic

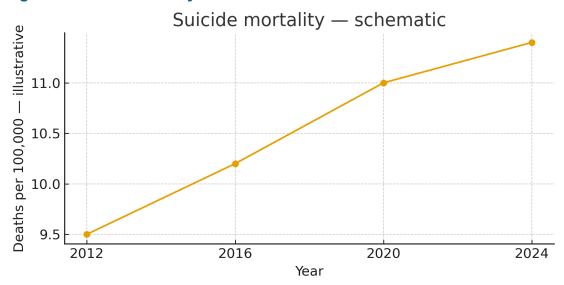


Figure . Adult substance use — schematic

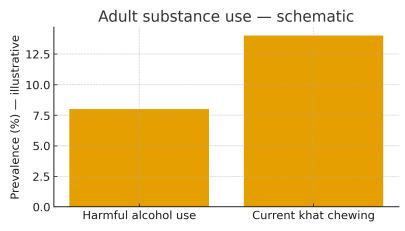


Table 17.9-A. Definitions & diagnostic anchors

Term / Cluster	Operational note
Common mental disorders	Depression/anxiety spectrum;
	PHQ-9/GAD-7 screens; clinical dx per
	ICD-10/11.
Severe mental illness (SMI)	Schizophrenia spectrum & bipolar
	disorders; functional impairment; risk
	assessment.
Epilepsy	≥2 unprovoked seizures >24h apart;
	included due to service overlap & mhGAP
	algorithms.
Substance use disorders	Harmful use/dependence (alcohol, khat,
	tobacco, other); ASSIST/AUDIT screens.
Suicide indicator	Mortality rate per 100,000;
	attempts/ideation where tracked.

Table 17.9-B. Ethiopia PHC algorithm (mhGAP-aligned)

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Step	Operational content
Screen & triage	Brief screens (PHQ-2/9, GAD-2/7, AUDIT-C)
	in chronic care; suicide risk assessment.
Diagnosis & initial care	Rule out medical causes;
	psychoeducation; brief counselling;
	first-line psychotropic per protocol.
Follow-up & referral	Stepped care; case review; referral for
	SMI/suicidality/refractory cases; link to
	social protection.
Substance use care	Brief intervention (BI) for harmful alcohol;
	referral pathways for dependence;
	community recovery supports.
Continuity & rights	Care plans; consent; confidentiality;
	least-restrictive practices; family/carer
	engagement.

## Table 17.9-C. Indicators & formulas

Indicator	Formula / definition
Screening coverage (%)	100 × (Eligible adults screened / Eligible
	adults attending clinic)
Any treatment among diagnosed (%)	100 × (Diagnosed receiving counselling
	and/or psychotropic / Diagnosed)
Treatment adequacy (%)	100 × (Patients meeting adequacy criteria /
	Diagnosed on treatment)
Suicide mortality rate	100,000 × (Deaths from self-harm /
	Population)
Follow-up kept (%)	100 × (Attended mental-health visits /
	Scheduled)

## Table 17.9-D. Data sources & triangulation

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Source	What it provides / note
HMIS/DHIS2	Outpatient mental-health visits;
	psychotropic stockouts; suicide mortality
	(CRVS-enabled)
STEPS/surveys	Depression/anxiety screens;
	alcohol/tobacco; suicidality modules in
	some settings
WHO-AIMS	System capacity, workforce, beds,
	policies, financing
Hospital registries	Admissions, LOS, restraint incidence,
	emergency presentations
Police/prison/education	Complementary data for self-harm,
	substance use, school mental health

# Table 17.9-E. Quality, safety & equity practices

Domain	Operational practice
Rights-based care	Privacy, dignity, least-restrictive care;
	informed consent; grievance mechanisms
Safety	Suicide risk protocols; means restriction;
	crisis lines/referral maps
Integration	Embed mhGAP into NCD, HIV, TB,
	ANC/PNC, adolescent services
Equity	Rural/pastoralist/IDP outreach; language
	services; fee waivers; gender-sensitive
	care
Workforce	Task-sharing, supervision, peer supporters;
	burnout prevention

Embed brief screening into high-volume platforms (HIV, NCD, ANC, adolescent clinics). Use stepped care with psychoeducation and brief counselling for mild/moderate cases, protocolized psychotropics and structured psychotherapy for moderate/severe, and rapid referral for suicidality or SMI. Strengthen supply chains, ensure private counselling spaces, and support workforce wellbeing through supervision and peer networks. Coordinate with community and social-protection services to reduce catastrophic costs and support recovery.

## References — Section 17.9 (URLs)

- WHO mhGAP Intervention Guide https://www.who.int/teams/mental-health-and-substance-use/treatment-care/mental-health-gap-action-programme/mhgap-intervention-guide
- WHO-AIMS Mental health systems assessment https://www.who.int/mental\_health/evidence/WHO-AIMS/en/
- IHME Global Burden of Disease (GBD) https://vizhub.healthdata.org/gbd-results/
- Ethiopia FMoH Mental health resources https://www.moh.gov.et/

# 17.10) Musculoskeletal Disorders & Chronic Pain

Low back and neck pain are among the top causes of disability in Ethiopia and globally. A rehabilitation-forward, function-centred approach at PHC can reduce disability, costs, and inappropriate imaging or opioid use. Figures are schematic and should be replaced with GBD, HMIS/DHIS2, occupational surveys, and facility assessments before publication.

Figure . MSK burden (DALYs) — schematic trend

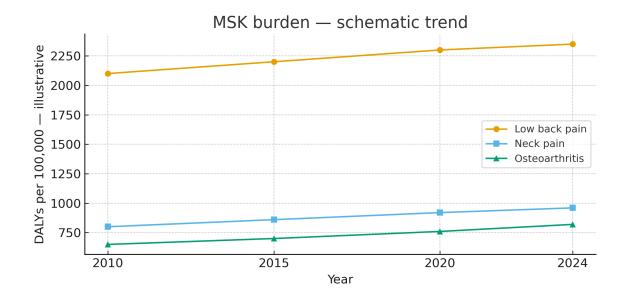


Figure . Occupational MSK risk exposures — schematic

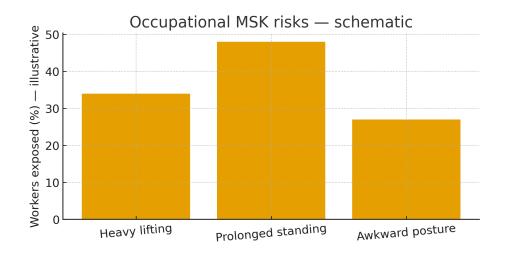


Figure . Analgesic utilization (DDD/1,000/day) — schematic

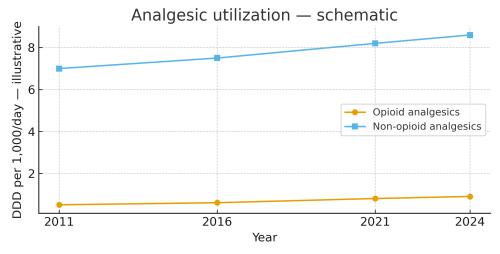


Table 17.10-A. Definitions & diagnostic anchors

Condition / Concept	Operational note
Low back pain (LBP)	Pain between costal margin and gluteal
	folds; screen red flags.
Neck pain	Cervical pain ± radiation; red-flag screen.
Osteoarthritis (OA)	Chronic joint pain/functional limitation —
	knee/hip/hand; clinical ± radiographic.
Chronic primary pain	>3 months not fully explained by another
	dx; function-centered management.
Red flags	Cancer, infection, fracture, cauda equina,
	severe neuro deficit, inflammatory back
	pain.

# Table 17.10-B. Ethiopia PHC algorithm (rehab-forward)

Step	Operational content
Triage & red flags	Identify red flags; urgent referral if present;
	otherwise reassure and stay active.
First-line care	Education, activity advice, heat, simple
	analgesics; avoid routine imaging.
Rehab & function	Physio-style exercises, graded activity,
	workplace modification, assistive devices.
Persistent pain	Consider amitriptyline/duloxetine for
	neuropathic features; screen mental
	health; avoid long-term opioids.
Referral	Neuro deficits, inflammatory arthritis,
	severe OA not responding, trauma.

## Table 17.10-C. Indicators & formulas

Indicator	Formula / definition
MSK visit rate	1,000 × (MSK outpatient visits / Population)
Return-to-work at 12w (%)	100 × (Workers off-work who returned by
	12 weeks / Workers off-work)
Imaging appropriateness (%)	100 × (Imaging with red-flag indication / All
	MSK imaging)
Rehab coverage (%)	100 × (Eligible MSK pts receiving structured
	rehab / Eligible MSK pts)
Opioid-sparing (%)	100 × (MSK pts managed without opioids /
	All MSK pts)

# Table 17.10-D. Data sources & triangulation

Source	What it provides / note	
HMIS/DHIS2	Outpatient visits; imaging; physio sessions;	
	stockouts; surgeries	
Facility/workforce surveys	Rehab staff; equipment; group space;	
	education materials	
Occupational health	Exposure mapping (construction,	
	transport, agriculture)	
Road-injury registries	Trauma intersecting with MSK disability;	
	surgical backlogs	
GBD/IHME	Burden estimates & comparisons	

Table 17.10-E. Quality, safety & equity practices

Domain	Operational practice
Imaging stewardship	No routine imaging for non-specific
	LBP/neck pain without red flags
Opioid safety	Prefer non-opioids; time-limited opioid use
	if unavoidable; monitor dependence
Rehab access	Group classes; home programmes;
	tele-rehab
Workplace integration	Ergonomics; return-to-work plans;
	employer engagement
Equity	Reach rural/pastoralist/informal workers;
	culturally tailored materials

Begin with red-flag triage and reassurance; emphasize staying active and graded rehabilitation. Use non-opioid analgesia and avoid routine imaging. Create group back-care and home-exercise programs; integrate ergonomics and return-to-work planning with employers. Track rehab coverage and imaging appropriateness in DHIS2; align LMIS analgesic consumption with stewardship targets. Reach informal and rural workers via community-based rehab.

## References — Section 17.10 (URLs)

- WHO Rehabilitation in Health Systems —
- https://www.who.int/initiatives/rehabilitation-2030
- WHO Musculoskeletal health https://www.who.int/health-topics/musculoskeletal-conditions
- IHME Global Burden of Disease (GBD) https://vizhub.healthdata.org/gbd-results/
- Global Alliance for Musculoskeletal Health https://gmusc.org/
- Ethiopia FMoH NCD/Rehab resources https://www.moh.gov.et/

# 17.11) Oral Health

Oral diseases are among the most common NCDs in Ethiopia, driven by sugar intake, tobacco, limited preventive services, and access barriers. A primary-care- and school-based approach emphasizing fluoride, ART, and timely referral can reduce pain, infection, and tooth loss. Figures are schematic and should be replaced with national oral health surveys, HMIS/DHIS2, school health, LMIS, and GBD data before publication.

Figure . Mean DMFT (age 12) — schematic trend

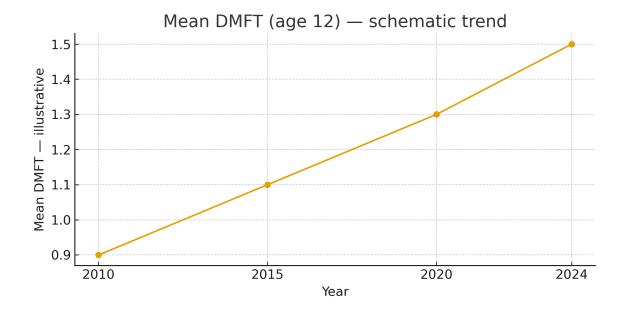


Figure . Adult oral disease prevalence — schematic

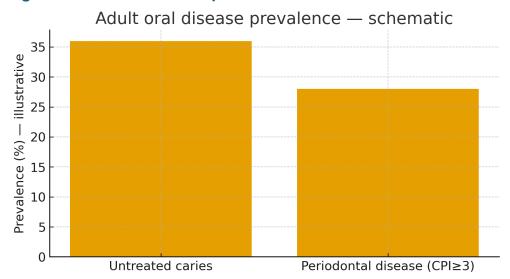


Figure . Fluoridated toothpaste availability — schematic

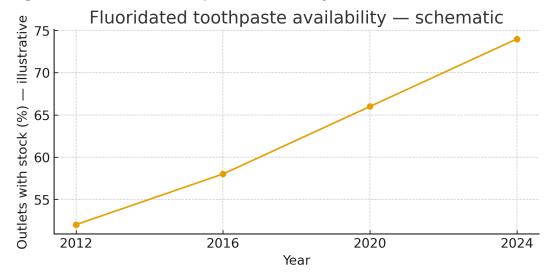


Figure . School sealant/varnish coverage — schematic

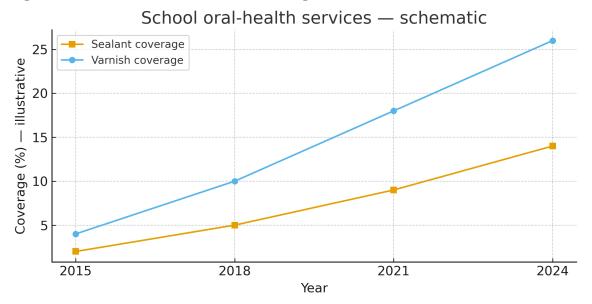


Table 17.11-A. Definitions & diagnostic anchors

Term / Concept	Operational note
DMFT index	Sum of decayed (D), missing (M) due to
	caries, and filled (F) teeth in permanent
	dentition; standard at age 12.
CPI (Community Periodontal Index)	Simple probe-based index to screen for
	periodontal status (bleeding, calculus,
	pockets).
ECC (Early Childhood Caries)	Presence of ≥1 decayed, missing (due to
	caries), or filled surface in any primary
	tooth in a child ≤71 months.
ART (Atraumatic Restorative Treatment)	Hand instruments + high-viscosity glass
	ionomer for minimal-intervention
	restorative care.
Fluoride exposure	From toothpaste, salt/water fluoridation
	(where applicable), and varnish; monitor
	optimal range and risk of fluorosis.

## able 17.11-B. Ethiopia PHC/community algorithm

Step	Operational content in Ethiopia
	PHC/community
Promotion & prevention	Twice-daily brushing with fluoridated
	toothpaste; sugar-sweetened beverage
	reduction; tobacco cessation; school
	health programs.
Screening & triage	Visual inspection; pain/infection triage;
	referral for abscess, trauma, spreading
	infection, or severe periodontal disease.
Basic treatment	ART, atraumatic extractions, fluoride
	varnish; analgesia/antibiotics when
	indicated by guideline; infection control.
Referral & follow-up	Complex restorations, endodontics,
	surgery, malignancy suspicion; recall for
	high-risk groups (ECC, diabetics,
	pregnancy).
Integration	Embed oral health in NCD, maternal, and
	school platforms; coordinate with WASH
	for fluoride and safe water.

## Table 17.11-C. Indicators & formulas

Indicator	Formula / definition
Mean DMFT at age 12	Mean(DMFT among examined
	12-year-olds).
Untreated caries prevalence (%)	100 × (Persons with ≥1 untreated carious
	lesion / Persons examined).
Periodontal disease prevalence (%)	100 × (Adults with CPI≥3 / Adults
	examined).
School varnish/sealant coverage (%)	100 × (Eligible children receiving service /
	Eligible children).
PHC readiness (%)	% facilities with sterilization, ART kits,
	fluoride varnish, and education materials
	in last quarter.

Table 17.11-D. Data sources & triangulation

Source	What it provides / note
National oral health surveys	DMFT/CPI/ECC prevalence by age/region;
	service coverage.
HMIS/DHIS2 & school health	Facility oral-health visits; ART/extractions;
	school sealant/varnish counts.
LMIS/market surveys	Fluoridated toothpaste availability/price;
	varnish/consumables stock.
GBD/IHME	Burden estimates for oral diseases and
	international comparisons.
WASH/Water quality	Water fluoride levels; safe water access;
	salt fluoridation where applicable.

## Table 17.11-E. Quality, safety & equity practices

Domain	Operational practice
Infection prevention & control	Instrument reprocessing/sterilization; PPE;
	waste management.
Fluoride stewardship	Ensure adequate fluoride; mitigate
	fluorosis risk in high-fluoride groundwater
	areas.
School platforms	Target ECC/high-risk areas with mobile
	clinics; teacher engagement; consent
	processes.
Pain & urgent care	Analgesia; drainage or extraction when
	indicated; antibiotics only per guideline.
Equity	Reach rural/pastoralist and low-income
	urban populations; disability-inclusive
	access; language support.

## Care model narrative

Integrate oral-health promotion into schools and maternal/child clinics, emphasizing fluoridated toothpaste, reduced sugary drinks, and tobacco cessation. Train PHC teams to deliver ART, fluoride varnish, and atraumatic extractions with robust infection-control. Build referral pathways for complex care and ensure LMIS tracks varnish/ART supplies and sterilization consumables. Use DHIS2 to monitor DMFT/CPI, service coverage, and readiness. Prioritize outreach to rural, pastoralist, and low-income urban communities and ensure disability-inclusive access.

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- WHO Oral health action plan & ECC resources https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/oral-health
- IHME Global Burden of Disease (GBD) https://vizhub.healthdata.org/gbd-results/
- Ethiopia FMoH Oral health resources https://www.moh.gov.et/

# 17.12) Injury & Violence

Injury and violence impose a substantial burden in Ethiopia. Road-traffic injuries are a leading cause of death and disability among working-age adults, while interpersonal violence, burns, and falls drive emergency demand. A foundational trauma system—prehospital, facility signal functions, and rehabilitation—offers strong returns. Figures are schematic and should be replaced with HMIS/DHIS2, police/road safety, CRVS, trauma registries, and survey data.

Figure . All-injury mortality — schematic trend

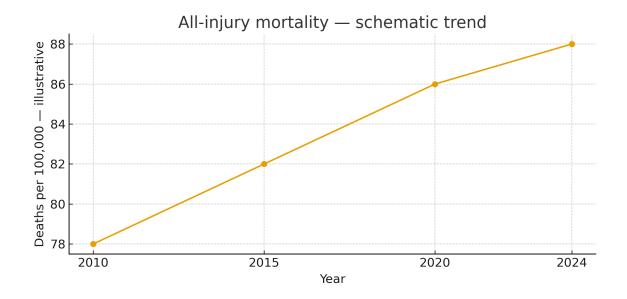


Figure . Road-traffic mortality — Ethiopia vs global — schematic

Road-traffic mortality — schematic comparison

Ethiopia (schematic)
Global average (schematic)

24

22

2010

2010

2015

2020

2024

Year

Figure . Homicide mortality — schematic trend



Figure . EMS access within 60 minutes — schematic

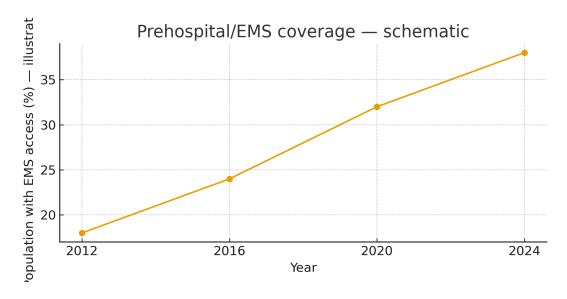


Table 17.12-A. Definitions & typology of injuries

Term / Category	Operational note
Unintentional injuries	Road-traffic, falls, burns, drowning,
	poisonings, occupational injuries
Intentional injuries/violence	Homicide/assault, self-harm;
	conflict-related tracked separately where
	possible
Case fatality rate (CFR)	100 × (Deaths among injury cases / All
	injury cases)
Serious injury	Requires admission or causes significant
	disability; standardize local definition
Trauma system	Coordinated prehospital, hospital, rehab
	with governance, finance, QA

Table 17.12-B. Ethiopia injury/trauma care algorithm

Chair	On anational agents at in Ethionia fosilities
Step	Operational content in Ethiopia facilities
Scene/prehospital	Bystander first aid; hemorrhage control;
	safe transport; EMS dispatch; referral map
Triage & resuscitation (ED)	ABCDE; vitals; hemorrhage control;
	immobilization; analgesia; timely imaging
Definitive care	Damage control surgery; open-fracture
	antibiotics; burn stabilization; poisoning
	protocols
Rehabilitation & follow-up	Early mobilization; physio/OT referral;
	mental-health support; assistive devices
Surveillance & quality	Trauma registry; audit/M&M road-safety
	collaboration; violence-prevention linkages

## Table 17.12-C. Indicators & formulas

Indicator	Formula / definition
All-injury mortality rate	100,000 × (Injury deaths / Population)
RTA mortality rate	100,000 × (Road-traffic deaths /
	Population)
Injury CFR (%)	100 × (Facility injury deaths / Facility injury
	cases)
Time to definitive care (median)	Median minutes from injury to arrival at
	definitive facility
EMS access within 60 min (%)	100 × (Population reachable by EMS ≤60
	min / Population)

# Table 17.12-D. Data sources & triangulation

Source	What it provides / note
HMIS/DHIS2 & hospital registries	ED visits, admissions, procedures,
	outcomes; triage times; ambulance runs
Police/road safety authority	Crash reports, locations, fatalities/injuries;
	enforcement data
CRVS/mortality surveillance	Cause-of-death; verbal autopsy where civil
	registration incomplete
Household & DHS modules	Self-reported injury, IPV; denominators
GIS/transport models	Travel time to facilities; EMS base
	optimization

# Table 17.12-E. Quality, safety & equity practices

Domain	Operational practice
Safety bundles	Airway/oxygen; hemorrhage control;
	open-fracture antibiotics; tetanus; pain
	management
Quality assurance	Trauma audits; M&M referral feedback;
	ATLS-style protocols (adapted)
Violence prevention	IPV screening/referral; community
	programmes; alcohol harm reduction
Road safety	Speed management;
	helmets/seatbelts/child restraints;
	commercial driver standards
Equity	Rural corridor EMS; pastoralist outreach;
	financial protection for emergency care

Strengthen first response and EMS dispatch, standardize ED triage/resuscitation (ABCDE), and ensure district hospitals meet trauma signal functions—airway/oxygen, hemorrhage control, analgesia, fracture care, and timely referral. Establish trauma registries and audits; integrate road-safety and violence-prevention partners. Prioritize rural corridors with high crash density and communities affected by interpersonal violence. Protect households from catastrophic emergency costs and provide rehabilitation and mental-health support to reduce long-term disability.

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- WHO Injuries & violence https://www.who.int/health-topics/injuries-violence
- WHO Global status report on road safety https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240068649
- Ethiopia FMoH Emergency & trauma care https://www.moh.gov.et/
- World Bank Road safety https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/transport/brief/road-safety

# 17.13) Population Ageing & Multimorbidity

Ethiopia's older population is growing, with implications for chronic disease care, functional support, and social protection. A person-centred, function-first PHC model—aligned with WHO ICOPE, PEN and HEARTS—can prevent avoidable disability, medication harm, and costly admissions. Figures are schematic and should be replaced with CSA/UN WPP, HMIS/DHIS2, STEPS, and social protection data before publication.

Figure . Population aged 60+ (% of total) — schematic

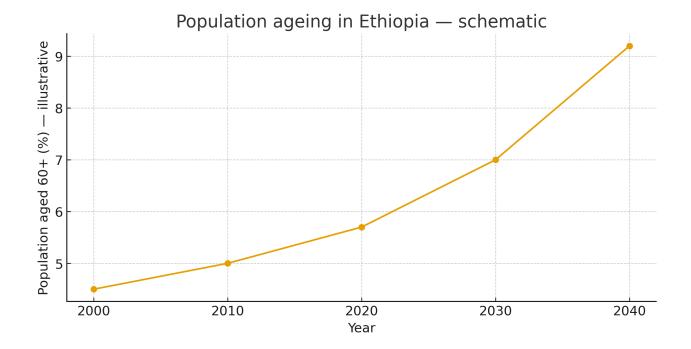


Figure 17.13-2. Multimorbidity by age band — schematic

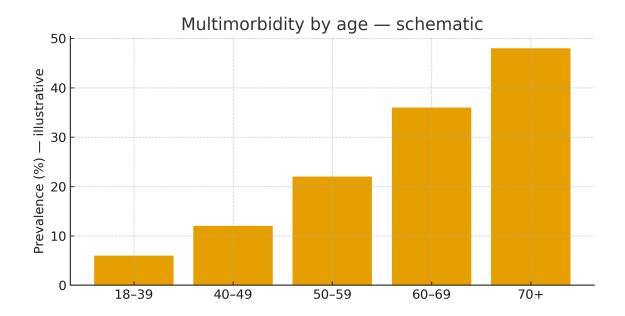


Figure . Polypharmacy among 60+ outpatients — schematic

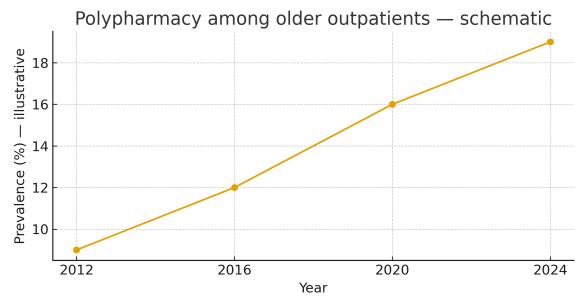


Figure . Social protection coverage (60+) — schematic

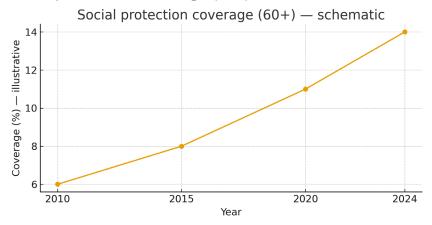


Table 17.13-A. Definitions & diagnostic anchors

Term / Concept	Operational note
Older person (policy context)	Commonly 60+ years in Ethiopia policy;
, , ,	some services use 65+; specify threshold
	per program.
Multimorbidity	Co-occurrence of ≥2 chronic conditions in
	an individual (e.g., HTN + DM).
Functional status	Activities of daily living (ADL) and
	instrumental ADL (IADL); screens guide
	care plans.
Frailty	Syndrome of reduced reserve (e.g., weight
	loss, weakness, slow gait); screen to
	predict risk of falls, admission, mortality.
Polypharmacy	Concurrent use of ≥5 medications; assess
	appropriateness and harms; deprescribing
	protocols recommended.

Table 17.13-B. Ethiopia PHC algorithm (ICOPE/PEN/HEARTS-informed)

Step	Operational content in Ethiopia PHC
Comprehensive assessment	BP, glucose, vision/hearing, cognition,
	mood, nutrition, pain, ADL/IADL, fall risk.
Care planning	Shared goals; prioritize function and quality
	of life; reconcile medications; deprescribe
	high-risk drugs.
Chronic disease control	Integrated HTN/DM/CKD/CRD care;
	self-management support; vaccination
	(influenza/pneumococcal where policy
	allows).
Functional & social support	Physiotherapy, assistive devices, caregiver
	education, social protection linkage.
Palliative & end-of-life	Identify needs early; symptom control;
	home-based options; respect
	preferences/advance directives.

## Table 17.13-C. Indicators & formulas

Indicator	Formula / definition
Multimorbidity prevalence (60+)	100 × (60+ with ≥2 chronic conditions / 60+
	assessed).
Functional decline detected (%)	100 × (60+ with ADL/IADL impairment / 60+
	assessed).
Polypharmacy (60+) (%)	100 × (60+ with ≥5 meds / 60+ outpatients).
Deprescribing completed (%)	100 × (60+ with potentially inappropriate
	meds deprescribed / 60+ flagged).
Falls within 12 months (%)	100 × (60+ reporting ≥1 fall in prior year /
	60+ assessed).

# Table 17.13-D. Data sources & triangulation

Source	What it provides / note
CSA & UN WPP	Population ages and projections;
	denominators for 60+.
HMIS/DHIS2	Chronic-care panels; ADL/IADL screens;
	falls; polypharmacy flags; palliative care
	registries.
STEPS & special surveys	NCD risk factors; multimorbidity modules;
	functional status in sub-samples.
Social protection systems	Pension/transfer coverage and adequacy;
	targeting data.
Community/long-term care	Home-care visits; assistive device
	provision; rehab referrals.

# Table 17.13-E. Quality, safety & equity practices

Domain	Operational practice
Age-friendly care	Quiet queues; seating; signage; caregiver
	involvement; assistive devices.
Medication safety	Reconcile lists; avoid high-risk meds; renal
	dosing; monitor interactions.
Continuity & navigation	Care coordinators; referral feedback;
	community health workers for follow-up.
Equity	Reach rural/pastoralist older adults,
	widows, IDPs; fee waivers;
	disability-inclusive access.
Data quality	Standardize ADL/IADL tools; train on
	multimorbidity coding; link HMIS with
	social protection IDs.

Adopt age-friendly PHC with routine functional screening (ADL/IADL), fall-risk checks, mood and cognition assessment, and medication reconciliation with deprescribing. Use integrated chronic-disease clinics to manage multimorbidity with shared goals and home-based follow-up by HEWs/CHWs. Link older adults to pensions or social transfers, assistive devices, and rehabilitation services. Monitor equity: ensure outreach to rural, pastoralist, widowed, and displaced older persons. Track indicators in DHIS2 and coordinate with social-protection data systems using privacy-respecting linkage.

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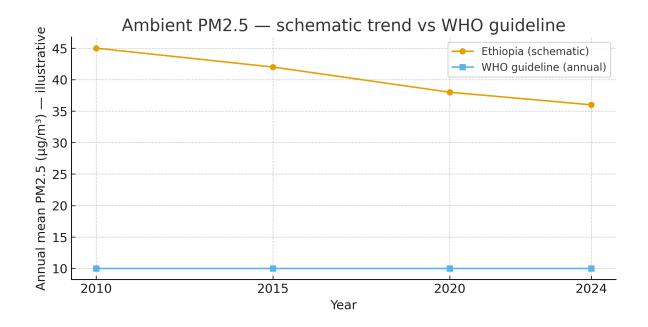
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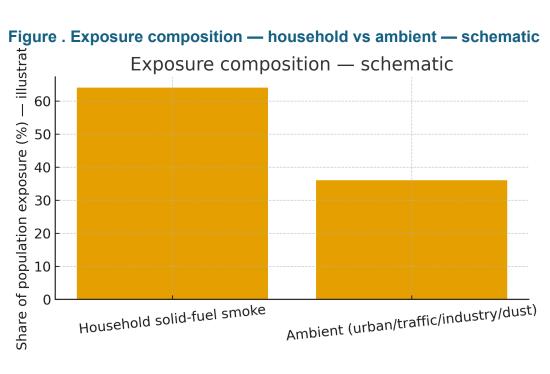
- UN World Population Prospects (WPP) https://population.un.org/wpp/
- Ethiopia CSA Population & surveys https://www.csa.gov.et/

# 17.14) Air Pollution & Environmental Exposures

Air pollution is a leading environmental risk in Ethiopia. Household solid-fuel use remains common, while urbanization and traffic intensify ambient PM2.5. A twin-track approach—clean household energy and urban emission control—can rapidly reduce population exposure and prevent respiratory and cardiovascular disease. Figures are schematic and should be replaced with WHO Air Quality Database/satellite models, DHS/MICS, HMIS/DHIS2, and GBD estimates before publication.

Figure . Ambient PM2.5 — schematic trend vs WHO guideline





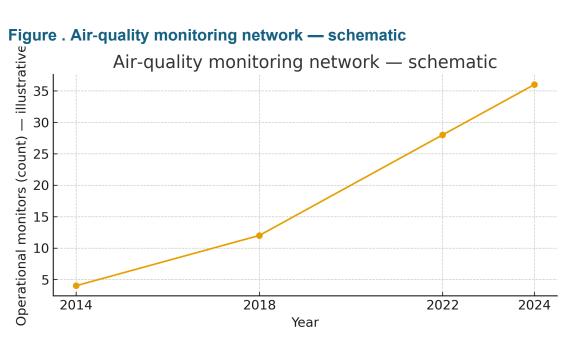
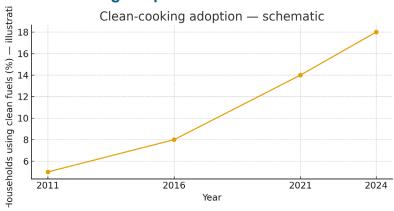


Figure . Clean-cooking adoption — schematic



**Table . Definitions & concepts** 

Term / Concept	Operational note
PM2.5	Particulate matter ≤2.5 µm aerodynamic
	diameter; penetrates deep into lungs and
	bloodstream.
Household air pollution (HAP)	Indoor pollution from combustion of solid
	fuels (wood, dung, charcoal, crop residues)
	for cooking/heating.
Ambient air pollution (AAP)	Outdoor pollution from traffic, industry,
	power generation, waste burning, dust, and
	transboundary sources.
AQI & guidelines	National indices vs WHO Air Quality
	Guidelines (AQG) — annual PM2.5
	guideline = $10 \mu g/m^3$ (2021 AQG).
Exposure-response	Non-linear risk functions (e.g., GBD IERs)
	link PM2.5 to multiple diseases.

Table 17.14-B. Ethiopia policy/practice levers

Lever	Priority actions in Ethiopia
Clean household energy	LPG/electric/biogas; improved stoves as
	transition where fuels limited; behavior
	change; ventilation.
Urban transport & land use	Vehicle emission standards/inspection;
	public transport; active mobility;
	low-emission zones.
Industry & waste	Stack controls; dust suppression;
	open-burning bans; landfill gas
	management.
Early warning & information	Dust/smoke alerts; school/outdoor
	guidance; worker protection.
Monitoring & data	Hybrid satellite-ground modelling; QA/QC;
	open data portals; integration with HMIS
	for health indicators.

## Table 17.14-C. Indicators & formulas

Indicator	Formula / definition
Annual mean PM2.5 (µg/m³)	Population-weighted mean from
	satellite/ground model.
Days above WHO daily PM2.5 guideline	Count of days with 24-h mean > 15 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
	(2021 AQG).
HAP exposure (%)	100 × (Population in households primarily
	using solid fuel / Total population).
Clean-cooking coverage (%)	100 × (Households using clean fuels /
	Households).
Attributable mortality/DALYs	From comparative risk assessment linking
	PM2.5 to diseases.

# Table 17.14-D. Data sources & triangulation

Source	What it provides / note
WHO Air Quality Database & Global	Ground station data; QA/QC; trends.
Platform	
Satellite models (e.g., van Donkelaar)	Gridded PM2.5 estimates with uncertainty;
	annual trends.
DHS/MICS census/surveys	Primary cooking fuel; stove/ventilation;
	socio-economic disaggregation.
HMIS/DHIS2 & registries	CRDs, LRI admissions, AMU/antibiotic use;
	birth outcomes where available.
GBD/IHME	Attributable burden and exposure-
	response functions.

## Table 17.14-E. Quality, safety & equity practices

Domain	Operational practice
Equity targeting	Prioritize rural, low-income urban, and
	pastoralist households with low clean-fuel
	access.
Health-sector role	Clinician counselling on HAP; CRD/asthma
	protocols; vaccination; PM advisories for
	vulnerable groups.
Data quality	Calibrate low-cost sensors; standardize
	siting; maintain metadata; validate satellite
	downscaling.
Governance	Air-quality standards; inter-ministerial task
	force; fiscal incentives for clean fuels;
	enforcement capacity.
Co-benefits	Climate/health co-benefits from reduced
	black carbon; time savings for women and
	girls.

Prioritize clean-cooking scale-up (LPG/electric/biogas) with targeted subsidies and last-mile distribution, while maintaining an interim pathway via improved stoves and ventilation where needed. In cities, enact vehicle emissions inspection and fuel standards, expand public/active transport, and control dust and open burning. Build a hybrid monitoring system that combines calibrated low-cost sensors with reference stations and satellite downscaling; publish open data and issue health advisories. Track impacts in DHIS2 (CRD, LRI, COPD/asthma), and align with climate policy to capture black-carbon co-benefits.

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- WHO Air Quality Database / Global Platform https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/themes/air-pollution
- IHME Global Burden of Disease (air pollution) https://vizhub.healthdata.org/gbd-compare/
- UNICEF MICS & DHS Household fuels https://mics.unicef.org/
- Ethiopia FMoH Environmental health https://www.moh.gov.et/

# 17.15) Cross-Cutting: Primary Care Integration & Essential Packages

Delivering integrated primary care for adult NCDs, injuries, oral health, and rehabilitation requires aligned people, platforms, inputs, processes, and data. This section outlines essential packages for Ethiopia's PHC, readiness gaps, practical indicators, and financing/data enablers. Figures are schematic and should be replaced with HMIS/DHIS2, LMIS, readiness surveys, health accounts, and UHC/PHCPI trackers before publication.

Figure . Primary care integration index — schematic

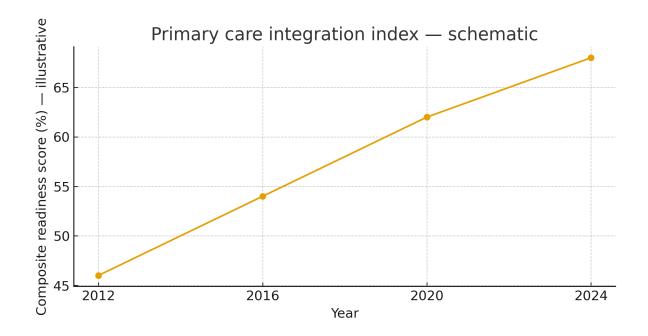


Figure . Referral loop completeness — schematic

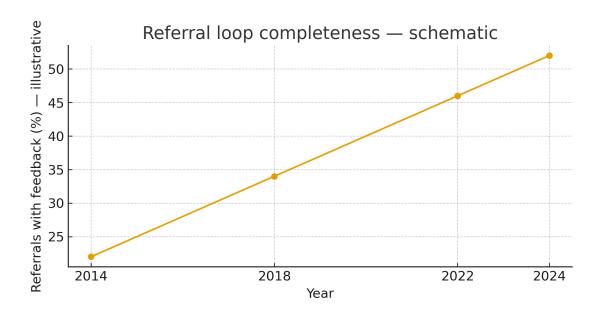


Figure . Financial protection (OOP share) — schematic

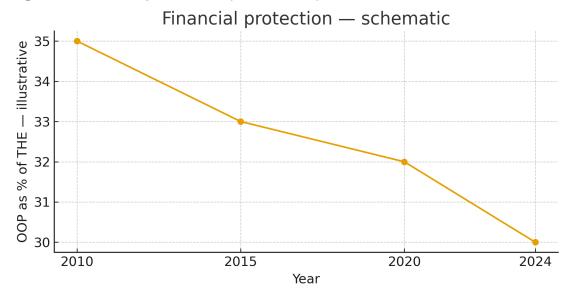


Table 17.15-A. Core components of integrated PHC

Component	Operational content
People & teams	Multidisciplinary PHC teams (nurse/health
	officer/physician/HEW), with rehab, dental,
	mental health linkages.
Platforms	Chronic care clinics with shared records;
	group education; home/community
	follow-up.
Inputs	Essential medicines, diagnostics, assistive
	devices; private space; referral transport
	map.
Processes	Stepped care protocols; task-sharing; case
	review; referral feedback loops; safety and
	rights.
Data & learning	HMIS/DHIS2 indicators; registry/lists;
	dashboards; audit and QI cycles.

# Table 17.15-B. Ethiopia essential packages — contents & delivery

Package	Key contents (facility/community)
HTN/DM/CKD	BP/glucose/creatinine/UACR;
	ACEi/ARB/metformin/insulin; counselling;
	CKD referral thresholds.
COPD/Asthma	Spirometry where available; inhaled
	bronchodilators; steroid trials; trigger
	control; exacerbation plans.
MH/SUD	Screens (PHQ-9/GAD-7/AUDIT-C); brief
	counselling; psychotropics; suicide risk;
	referral for SMI.
Oral health	ART/extractions; fluoride varnish; infection
	control; school programmes.
MSK/Rehab	Back-care education; physio exercises;
	assistive devices; ergonomic/work
	reintegration.

## Table 17.15-C. Indicators & formulas

Indicator	Formula / definition
Package coverage (%)	100 × (People receiving defined bundle /
	Eligible population).
3-month retention (%)	100 × (Patients retained in care at 3 months
	/ Patients enrolled).
Referral feedback (%)	100 × (Referrals with documented
	feedback / All referrals).
Stockout days/quarter	Sum of days without each tracer medicine
	per quarter.
OOP share of THE (%)	100 × (Household out-of-pocket / Total
	health expenditure).

# Table 17.15-D. Data sources & triangulation

Source	What it provides / note
HMIS/DHIS2 & LMIS	Service volumes, retention, outcomes,
	medicine stockouts.
Facility readiness surveys	Staff, equipment, space, protocols;
	essential-package tracer items.
Household surveys/HEA/NHA	Utilization, expenditures, financial
	protection.
UHC & PHCPI trackers	Coverage and quality indices;
	cross-country benchmarks.
Special registries	Condition-specific cohorts (e.g., CKD,
	COPD) linked to PHC panels.

# Table 17.15-E. Quality, safety & equity practices

Domain	Operational practice
Continuity & person-centredness	Care coordinators, shared plans,
	culturally-appropriate education,
	community health worker follow-up.
Safety	High-risk meds monitoring, imaging
	stewardship, incident reporting.
Equity	Outreach to rural/pastoralist/IDP
	populations; language access;
	disability-inclusive facilities.
Digital & data	Unique IDs; referral/feedback in DHIS2;
	dashboards for decision-makers; data
	governance.
Financing	Protective benefits for essential packages;
	capitation/BLM pilots; purchasing aligned
	to quality.

Organize PHC around population panels with shared chronic-care clinics, group education, and home follow-up. Use task-sharing and stepped care across packages, with clear referral maps and feedback loops. Align procurement and LMIS to maintain essential medicine availability and minimize stockouts. Use DHIS2 dashboards to track coverage, retention, stockouts, referral feedback, and equity disaggregation. Pilot payment mechanisms (e.g., blended capitation) tied to quality for essential packages; progressively scale based on evaluation.

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- PHCPI Primary Health Care Performance Initiative https://improvingphc.org/
- World Bank Health financing & UHC https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/health/publication/uhc
- Ethiopia FMoH Guidelines & health accounts https://www.moh.gov.et/

# **Unified Chapter Summary**

## Scope & Rationale

Chapter 17 synthesized major adult non-communicable diseases (cardiometabolic, respiratory, kidney, cancer, mental health, MSK/oral, injury & violence, ageing, and environmental exposures) and cross-cutting delivery strategies in primary health care (PHC). The framing is pragmatic: align Ethiopia's PHC platforms to prevent avoidable mortality and disability while protecting households from catastrophic costs.

### **Burden Patterns & Data**

NCDs now account for the majority of adult DALYs and deaths. Cardiometabolic risk (hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia) and chronic respiratory disease are rising with urbanization, air pollution, tobacco and occupational exposures. Chronic kidney disease (CKD)—often an NCD complication—requires early albuminuria/eGFR testing. Cancers (by site) need stepwise prevention, screening where cost-effective, and timely referral. Mental/substance use disorders drive disability and present high treatment gaps. Injuries/violence remain prominent among working-age adults. Population ageing increases multimorbidity and polypharmacy.

## **Primary Care First**

Across conditions, Ethiopia's value case is PHC-first: task-shared screening and risk management, standardized treatment protocols, continuity and referral loops, and a rehabilitation-forward approach that emphasizes function and return-to-work. For mental health, mhGAP integration into chronic-care platforms closes treatment gaps. For oral health, ART/fluoride varnish in PHC and school programmes reduce pain and tooth loss. For MSK, non-opioid, imaging-stewardship, and community rehab are central.

## **Equity, Rights & Protection**

Equitable design targets rural, pastoralist, and low-income urban communities; ensures language access; and embeds rights-based practices (privacy, consent, least-restrictive care). Financial protection is strengthened through essential packages and benefit design, while LMIS and procurement reduce stockouts.

# **Data & Triangulation**

Routine indicators in DHIS2/HMIS (screening coverage, control rates, treatment cascades, readiness, stockouts) are triangulated with surveys (STEPS, DHS/MICS, school/occupational), registries (dialysis, cancer, injury/trauma), and environmental monitoring. Where CRVS is incomplete, verbal autopsy and sentinel systems improve mortality attribution. Dashboards and regular audits drive quality improvement.

### **Environmental & Social Determinants**

Household solid-fuel use and urban PM2.5 are major risks; a twin-track policy (clean cooking and urban emissions control) yields rapid health gains with climate co-benefits. Road-safety and violence-prevention partnerships complement clinical trauma care. Social-protection linkages for older persons and persons with disability enhance adherence and independence.

## **Implementation Priorities**

1) Scale integrated PHC packages (HTN/DM/CKD; COPD/asthma; mhGAP; oral/MSK/rehab). 2) Close referral loops and deploy transport maps. 3) Steward medicines and imaging. 4) Build trauma signal functions and EMS coverage in high-risk corridors. 5) Expand clean-cooking adoption and air-quality monitoring. 6) Establish registries (dialysis, oncology, trauma) and publish open health dashboards. 7) Finance essential packages and incentivize quality and equity.

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