Every *Heart* Counts

Cardiovascular diseases **are a group of blood and heart disorders that can lead to heart attack and stroke.**

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cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death worldwide

1 out of 3

deaths worldwide are due to cardiovascular deaths

3 out of 4

deaths from cardiovascular diseases occur in low- and middle-income countries

An Increasing Burden

Low- and middle-income countries often face:

- Double burden of communicable and noncommunicable diseases
- Limited access to effective and equitable health care services
- Delayed detection and treatment

These conditions can lead to:

- Over-burdened, less resilient health systems
- High productivity losses from premature death and disability
- Strained economic development

CDC's Response

In collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO) and other global organizations, CDC provides technical support for global initiatives such as:

The HEARTS technical package
Supports Ministries of Health to strengthen cardiovascular disease management in primary health care settings

The REPLACE action package
Aims to eliminate industrially-produced trans fat from the global food supply by 2023

To support governments around the world to prevent and control cardiovascular diseases, CDC:

- Provides scientific, technical, and programmatic assistance
- Supports the launch and scale up interventions
- Strengthens epidemiological workforce
- Enhances surveillance, laboratory, and public health capacity

Global Targets

CDC's work aligns with global targets to reduce premature deaths from noncommunicable diseases through prevention and treatment:

- WHO 13th General Programme of Work - 20% by 2023
- WHO NCD Global Monitoring Framework - 25% by 2025
- UN Sustainable Development Goals - 33% by 2030

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