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Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases Annual Scientific Meeting 2025

# *Programme*

KIGALI, RWANDA | 9 TO 12 JUNE 2025

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# Welcome to Kigali!

## Welcome to the Annual Scientific Meeting 2025 from Morven Roberts

Chief Executive of the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases



I am truly delighted to welcome you to the GACD Annual Scientific Meeting being held here in Rwanda.

We have aimed to put forward a dynamic and engaging programme of sessions that capture your interest. We hope you will take every opportunity to share your knowledge and experience to enrich the GACD Research Network.

I look forward to meeting you.

## Special thanks



Our thanks are extended to the following Research Network members for reviewing the Annual Scientific Meeting agenda and helping to shape the programme: (alphabetical order by first name)

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...and a big thank you to **Carolyn Johnson** who now works for a different team but has been such an important part of organising this year's ASM.

## Important notices

**Photography and videography:** Photography and filming are taking place at this event. If you don't want to be included, please let a member of the GACD team know.

**Location of sessions:** Sessions will take place primarily in the Kilimanjaro Ballroom, with some parallel sessions in the Rubavu Ballroom. During break times, refreshments will be served in the Kilimanjaro Foyer; lunches will be served in the Soko Restaurant. The Gala Dinner will take place in the Kilimanjaro Ballroom.

**Knowledge Sharing Competition:** Entries to the Knowledge Sharing Competition should be on display by the end of lunch time on Day 1 (Monday 9 June 2025). Delegates who have an entry are kindly asked to ensure their displays are set up on time.

**Interpersonal levelling:** All titles and postnominals have been removed from the programme, Digital Delegate Handbook, and name badges. Academic cultures and the significance attached to titles vary greatly across the globe. What might be a standard form of address in one country could be perceived very differently in another. By adopting a universal policy of removing titles, we want to foster a sensitivity to these diverse norms and create a more welcoming and equitable space for all delegates.

**Code of conduct:** GACD events are an opportunity for like-minded people and teams to exchange ideas, share experiences, and contribute to ongoing conversations in implementation science and global health. GACD are committed to supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion across our events and activities.

Please read our code of conduct:


<https://tinyurl.com/GACD-conduct>

# Programme overview

LOCAL TIME	DAY 1: MONDAY 9 JUNE	DAY 2: TUESDAY 10 JUNE	DAY 3: WED. 11 JUNE	DAY 4: THURSDAY 12 JUNE
		8:30–9:30am Conversation groups	8:30–9:30am Conversation groups	8:30–9:30am Conversation groups
9:30am	From 9:30am Morning refreshments	From 9:30am Morning refreshments	From 9:30am Morning refreshments	From 9:30am Morning refreshments
10:00am	10:00–11:00am <b>1. Setting the stage:</b> Orientation and networking	10:00–10:15am <b>5. CEO’s welcome</b> 10:15–11:00am <b>6. NCD perspectives from Rwanda</b>	10:00–11:00am <b>10. Partnerships are the essence of implementation research: PRESCRIP-TEC</b>	10:00–10:30am <b>13. Connecting the dots</b>
10:30am				10:30–11:15am <b>14. Real world results spotlights: UPSIDES (MH23)</b>
11:00am	11:00am–12:30pm <b>2. From intervention to implementation strategies</b>	11:00am–12:00pm <b>7. Joint activities highlights</b>	11:00am–12:00pm <b>11. Hot topics in implementation science</b>	11:15am–12:00pm <b>15. Real world results spotlight: GREAT4DIABETES (SU23)</b>
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1:00pm				
1:30pm		1:30–3:30pm <b>PARALLEL SESSION</b> <b>8. Research Programme sessions</b>	1:30–2:00pm <b>11 cont. Hot topics in implementation science</b>	1:30–3:00pm <b>16. Film festival</b>
2:00pm	2:00–4:00pm <b>PARALLEL SESSION</b> <b>3. Technical workshops</b>	<b>A. Scale Up</b> <b>B. Cancer</b> <b>C. Life Course and Mental Health</b> <b>D. Healthy Cities</b>	2:00–3:00pm <b>12. World Café: Equity across the implementation research community</b>	
2:30pm	<b>A. Behaviour change</b> <b>B. Study designs</b>			
3:00pm			3:00–3:30pm Afternoon refreshments	3:00–3:30pm <b>17. Prize giving and close</b>
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4:00pm	Comfort break	4:00–6:30pm <b>PARALLEL SESSION</b> <b>9. Roundtables and happy hour</b>		<i>Refreshments will be available, including hot drinks, soft drinks, and snacks</i>
4:30pm	4:30–6:30pm <b>4. Knowledge sharing forum</b>			
5:00pm	<i>With a welcome drinks reception from 5:00pm</i>	<i>A bottle bar will be available for delegates to purchase drinks, including wine and beer</i>		
5:30pm				
6:00pm				
6:30pm			From 6:15pm <b>Networking drinks</b> From 7:00pm <b>Gala dinner</b>	

# Day 1: Monday 9 June 2025

**09:00–09:30** **Drop-in session for speakers**  
 If you are speaking at the Annual Scientific Meeting and have any last minute queries for the GACD team, please come along to the Kilimanjaro Foyer to chat.

**From 09:30** **Registration and refreshments**  
 **Venue:** Kilimanjaro Foyer and Terrace  
 Start your day off right by joining us for coffee and picking up your essential event materials. Grab your name badge and a convenient programme summary to stay organised and make the most of your time here.

**01** **Setting the stage: Orientation and networking**  
**10:00–11:00** **Venue:** Kilimanjaro Ballroom  
**60 minutes**  
 Ease into the ASM with this sociable orientation and networking session. It is an opportunity to settle in, meet fellow delegates, and start making connections in a relaxed environment  
 The networking activity is completely optional – no pressure to join! However, we can promise it will be a fun, informal way to kick things off and you are encouraged to get involved. The GACD team will be there to support you and make it as non-awkward as possible.  
**Speakers:**

- Margaret Bee – Senior Impact & Policy Manager, GACD
- Izzy Bandurek – Research Capacity Manager, GACD

**02** **From intervention to implementation strategies**  
**11:00–12:30** **Venue:** Kilimanjaro Ballroom  
**90 minutes**  
 How do we distinguish between an intervention and an implementation strategy? This session features project presentations on how teams developed their strategies, where the lines are clear and where they are blurred.  
**Speakers:**

- Arunah Chandran – International Agency for Research on Cancer, France // CP17
- Darcelle Schouw – Stellenbosch University, South Africa // SU23, SU24

**12:30–14:00** **Lunch break**  
**Venue:** Soko Restaurant (dedicated GACD space will be signposted)

**03** **PARALLEL SESSIONS | Technical workshops**  
**14:00–16:00**  
**2 hours**  
 These interactive workshops offer practical insights into key areas of implementation science. Delegates will engage with concepts and real-world examples to enhance their skills in developing interventions and designing projects.


<b>A: Behaviour change science</b>	<b>B: Study designs for implementation research</b>
<b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom Learn key behavioural science theories and how to apply them in co-creating effective public health interventions.	<b>Venue:</b> Rubavu Ballroom Explore common study designs, decision-making factors, and language differences in implementation research through presentations and group discussions.

	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simon Bacon – Concordia University, Canada // LC14, HC04</li> <li>• Sandhya Kanaka Yatirajula – The George Institute for Global Health, India // LC11</li> <li>• Kim Lavoie – University of Quebec at Montreal, Canada // LC14</li> <li>• Mariantonia Lemos Hoyos – Universidad EAFIT, Colombia // LC14</li> <li>• Devina Nand – Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Fiji // LC13</li> <li>• Mohammed Khali – Ministry of Education, Fiji // LC13</li> </ul>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Samanta Lalla Edward – Ezintsha, Wits Health Consortium, South Africa // HC08</li> <li>• Sagar Jilka – University of Warwick, UK // LC19</li> <li>• Anderson N. Soriano-Moreno – Prisma ONG, Peru // SU27</li> </ul>
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16:00–16:30	<p>Afternoon refreshments</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Foyer and Terrace</p>
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04	Knowledge sharing forum
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<p>16:30–18:30</p> <p>Approx. 2 hours</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> Across the Kilimanjaro Ballroom and Kilimanjaro Foyer spaces</p> <p>This is the primary opportunity for those who have entered the Knowledge Sharing Competition (either stream) to present their entry to the judging panels and discuss their work with other delegates. The order of presentations is noted below.</p> <p><b>Reminder for entrants:</b> Please set up your knowledge sharing output either before the start of the Annual Scientific Meeting sessions, or during one of the breaks. It should be ready in time for the start of the Knowledge Sharing Forum at 16:30.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"> <p><b>Judging panel for Stream 1</b></p> <p><i>Creative Communication</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret Bee – Senior Impact &amp; Policy Manager, GACD</li> <li>• Rose Gahire – Rwanda NCD Alliance</li> <li>• Brad Newsome – Fogarty International Center (NIH), US</li> </ul> </td> <td style="width: 50%;"> <p><b>Judging panel for Stream 2</b></p> <p><i>Science Showcase</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morven Roberts – Chief Executive Officer, GACD</li> <li>• RS Dhaliwal – Indian Council for Medical Research</li> <li>• Ntobeko Ntusi – South African Medical Research Council</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><b>Judging panel for Stream 1</b></p> <p><i>Creative Communication</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret Bee – Senior Impact &amp; Policy Manager, GACD</li> <li>• Rose Gahire – Rwanda NCD Alliance</li> <li>• Brad Newsome – Fogarty International Center (NIH), US</li> </ul>	<p><b>Judging panel for Stream 2</b></p> <p><i>Science Showcase</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morven Roberts – Chief Executive Officer, GACD</li> <li>• RS Dhaliwal – Indian Council for Medical Research</li> <li>• Ntobeko Ntusi – South African Medical Research Council</li> </ul>
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<p>From ~17:00</p> 	<p><b>Welcome reception</b></p> <p>A relaxed and festive welcome reception to kick off the Annual Scientific Meeting. Enjoy drinks, canapes, and great company as you connect with fellow delegates in an informal setting.</p>
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# Knowledge Sharing Competition

	Stream 1: Creative Communication	Stream 2: Science Showcase
ABOUT	This stream is all about creative ways you have communicated messages, ideas, and complex science in your GACD project, tailoring the communication format and content to a specific audience.	This stream is about showcasing the technical research aspects of your GACD project – methods, tools, application of frameworks, designing implementation strategies, analysing results, interpreting outcomes, and more.
PRIZES	There are three prizes available – a GACD Community Choice Award (voted for by delegates) and two Judges’ Choice Awards (awarded by judging panels). During the dedicated session on Day 1 please explore all entries and submit your first and second choice votes that <i>span across both streams</i> via the voting slip. You may wish to consider the criteria noted below when voting. The competition entry with the most votes will be the winner.	
JUDGING CRITERIA	<p>Selection of output format.</p> <p>Tailoring of the scientific message to suit the audience(s).</p> <p>Communication of complete ideas or concepts in ways that facilitate understanding.</p> <p>Creativity and originality.</p> <p>Scientific accuracy.</p>	<p>Overall appearance (the poster is legible and not cluttered with text; visuals are effective).</p> <p>Components organised in a logical flow.</p> <p>Clarity of written content, tables, and figures.</p> <p>Scientific accuracy.</p> <p>Quality of poster presentation.</p>
REMINDEES	The judging panel will move between entries in a set order from ~16:30 on Day 1 (see below).	
	When the judging panel comes to your entry, please be prepared to give a <b>short introduction to your entry (up to three minutes)</b> covering your chosen format and how you tailored scientific communications to your target audience.	When the judging panel comes to your entry, please be prepared to give a <b>short presentation (up to three minutes)</b> on your poster’s scientific content.
ORDER OF ENTRIES	<p><b>C1</b>   Awareness Is Power: Transforming Lives through Innovative Cervical Cancer Awareness Tools (CP02 Gauravi Mishra)</p> <p><b>C2</b>   Using art to disseminate results of SISTAQUIT RCT (LD15 Gina La Hera Fuentes)</p> <p><b>C3</b>   Participatory intercultural guide to promote mental health and psychosocial care for indigenous Kaingang youth in Brazil (LC20 Maria Gabriela Curubeto Godoy)</p> <p><b>C4</b>   SHE-CAN, Co-designing a cervical screening program using self-collection in Mizoram (CP06 Mary Vanlalhruii Tonsing)</p> <p><b>C5</b>   Goals in motion. A journal to record, plan, and achieve your goals [Metas en movimiento. Un diario para registrar, planear y lograr tus metas] (LC14 Elizabeth Rendón Vélez)</p> <p><b>C6</b>   Poster to encourage women to attend exercise classes in urban Faridpur, Bangladesh (SU16 Joanna Morrison)</p> <p><b>C7</b>   Bridging the Gap: An African Think-Tank for Adolescents’ and Youths’ Health (LC01 Joy Mauti-Akpan)</p> <p><b>C8</b>   The Sangathi Toolkit - A mental health toolkit for community volunteers (MH33 Miriam Sequeira)</p> <p><b>C9</b>   Noncommunicable Disease Prevention in Canadian and Jamaican Youth: A Proposal to Partner and Co-Design Solutions (HC03 Rosain Stennett and Thera Edwards)</p> <p><b>C10</b>   Scaling up food policies in Fiji – key findings and next steps (SU18 Aliyah Palu)</p> <p><b>C11</b>   An Infographic introducing the Community Health Assessment Program in the Philippines (CHAP-P) to Stakeholders and Policy Makers (SU11 Gina Agarwal)</p>	<p><b>S1</b>   Impact of functional health literacy on the chronic conditions and health behaviours of low-income older adults in the Philippines and Canada (SU11 Jasdeep Brar)</p> <p><b>S2</b>   It Takes a Village: The Prev.Action Municipal-Level Strategy to Prevent Adolescent Alcohol Use (LC09 Zila van der Meer Sanchez)</p> <p><b>S3</b>   Applying an Artificial Intelligence-Decision Support System during screening for cervical cancer in Bangladesh and Uganda, a CFIR analysis (CP10 Jaap Koot)</p> <p><b>S4</b>   Introducing a new educators’ portal on the GACD e-Hub (GACD e-Hub team Kevin Mao)</p> <p><b>S5</b>   Enhanced Community-Based Health Education and Communication to Reduce Cholangiocarcinoma Risk (eCHEC) (CP01 Pattapong Kessomboon)</p> <p><b>S6</b>   Application of EPIS framework across different phases of IpreventNCD project (LC10 Shreeshti Uchai)</p> <p><b>S7</b>   Preliminary Results of Community Health Assessment Program - Philippines (CHAP-P) Scale-Up Project (SU11 Ric Angeles)</p> <p><b>S8</b>   Involvement and Role of Community Personnel (Bajenu GOX) in the Project to Adapt and Implement a Patient Navigation Program for Cervical Cancer Screening in Urban and Rural Settings in Senegal (CP20 Assane Sall)</p> <p><b>S9</b>   Multidimensional Model Incorporating Women Empowerment for Cervical Cancer Elimination in India – WECAN (CP02 Gauravi Mishra)</p> <p><b>S10</b>   Designing implementation strategies for the scale up of iSISTAQUIT Ngurrajili (CP07 Gina La Hera Fuentes)</p> <p><b>S11</b>   IMPACT: Co-development with Kalinago adolescents and multisectoral stakeholders in Dominica (LC20 Seeromanie Harding)</p> <p><b>S12</b>   Understanding barriers and opportunities for NCD Risk reduction during pregnancy in urban Ethiopia (HC11 Eleni Papadopoulou)</p>

# Day 2: Tuesday 10 June 2024

08:30–09:30	<b>Conversation groups</b>		
60 minutes	<p>Join us for informal discussions over morning coffee and connect with fellow delegates who share your interests. These conversation groups offer a relaxed space to exchange experiences, advice, and gain new skills over a morning tea or coffee.</p> <p>Topics of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project-related: Explore topics relevant to multiple GACD projects.</li> <li>• Delegate-led: Start your own conversation group on any topic of interest.</li> </ul> <p>How to participate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join an existing group: Several groups have been pre-scheduled.</li> <li>• Start your own: Propose a new topic and invite others to join. Let us know if you would like to promote your group.</li> </ul>		
	<p><b>A: Hispanohablantes</b></p> <p><b>Lugar:</b> Salón Rubavo</p> <p>Discusión informal para hispanohablantes sobre el contenido del día anterior.</p> <p>¡Todos bienvenidos!</p> <p><b>Facilitador:</b> Anderson N. Soriano-Moreno – Prisma ONG, Peru // SU27</p> <p><b>Apoyo de GACD:</b> Sheree Folkes</p>	<p><b>B: Nutrition and food systems</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p>Working on nutrition or food systems? Just interested in implementing diet-related programmes to address NCDs? Then this is the conversation for you!</p> <p>All welcome.</p> <p><b>Lead:</b> Izzy Bandurek</p>	<p><b>C: Ad hoc conversation groups</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p>Space is reserved for any spontaneous conversation groups. Delegates are also invited to arrange their own conversation groups in advance and use this space accordingly ☺</p>

From 09:30	<p><b>Morning refreshments</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Foyer and Terrace</p>
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05	<b>Welcome from GACD’s CEO</b>		
10:00–10:15	<p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p>The Chief Executive Officer of GACD will open Day 2 with brief remarks on GACD’s key activities since the last Annual Scientific Meeting and reflect on upcoming events in the global health calendar.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Morven Roberts – Chief Executive Officer, GACD</p>		
15 minutes			

06	<b>NCD perspectives from Rwanda</b>		
10:15–11:00	<p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p>This session highlights Rwanda’s national response to NCDs, featuring perspectives from government, clinical, academic, and civil society leaders. Speakers will share insights on policy, practice, and research shaping NCD prevention and control in Rwanda.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Morven Roberts – Chief Executive Officer, GACD</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rose Gahire – Rwanda NCD Alliance</li> <li>• Abebe Bekele – University of Global Health Equity, Rwanda</li> <li>• Francois Uwinkindi – Rwanda Biomedical Centre</li> </ul>		
45 minutes			

<b>07</b>	<b>Joint activity highlights</b>	
11:00–12:00 60 minutes	<b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom Want to know more about GACD projects are breaking down barriers and working together? Attend this session for quick-fire updates on their goals, accomplishments, and obstacles. It is a great way to stay informed and contribute to the conversation. <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jaap Koot – University Medical Center Groningen, Netherlands // On behalf of the <b>Systems approach to scale up working group</b></li> <li>• Gina Agarwal and Jasdeep Brar – McMaster University, Canada // On behalf of the <b>SPARK working group</b></li> <li>• Kevin Mao – Baker Heart &amp; Diabetes Institute, Australia // <b>GACD e-Hub</b> Project Manager</li> <li>• Maisha Syed – UK Department for Health and Social Care // Lead author of the <b>GACD Diabetes Research Programme Report</b></li> <li>• [via short video] John Hurst – University College London, UK, Lijing Yan – Duke Kunshan University, China, and Giulia Loffreda – Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research // On behalf of the <b>NCDs and acute infections working group</b></li> </ul>	
12:00–13:30	<b>Lunch break</b> <b>Venue:</b> Soko Restaurant (dedicated GACD space will be signposted) <b>Invitation:</b> Anyone early in their career, or perhaps early in their implementation science journey, is welcome to join the GACD team for an informal networking lunch. Please get your meal and join us in the Soko Restaurant from ~12:15. The tables will be signposted.	
<b>08</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS   Research Programme workshops</b>	
13:30–15:30 2 hours	Led by your elected co-chairs, these interactive sessions are the heart of the ASM. Join fellow delegates to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share insights and experiences from your projects.</li> <li>• Exchange advice and best practices with other teams.</li> <li>• Collaborate on new initiatives and build partnerships.</li> </ul>	
	<b>A: Scale Up projects</b>	<b>B: Cancer projects</b>
	<b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro 3 <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katrina Kissock – The George Institute for Global Health, Australia // SU19, SU25</li> <li>• Gada Waqa – Fiji National University, Fiji // SU18</li> <li>• Dike Ojji – University of Abuja, Nigeria // SU25</li> <li>• [via short video] Puhong Zhang – The George Institute for Global Health, China // SU14</li> </ul>	<b>Venue:</b> Rubavu Ballroom <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arunah Chandran – International Agency for Research on Cancer (WHO), France // CP17</li> <li>• Sue Crengle, Kate Parker, and Karen Bartholomew – on behalf of CP09</li> <li>• Gauravi Mishra – Tata Memorial Centre, India // CP02</li> <li>• Michaela Riddell – Kirby Institute and Papua New Guinea Institute for Medical Research, Papua New Guinea // CP04</li> <li>• Gina la Hera Fuentes – Southern Cross University, Australia // CP07</li> <li>• Ali Ssetalaa – UVRI-IAVI HIV Vaccine Program, Uganda // CP13</li> </ul>

	<p><b>C: Life Course and Mental Health projects</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro 1</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ouma Simple – The AIDS Support Organization, Uganda // LC16</li> <li>• Jill Murphy – St Francis Xavier University, Canada // LC18</li> <li>• Bernd Puschner – Ulm University, Germany // MH23</li> <li>• Carolina Ziebold – Universidade Federal de São Paulo, Brazil // LC23</li> <li>• Ana Paula Bortoletto Martins – University of São Paulo, Brazil // LC08</li> <li>• Muthoni Mathai – University of Nairobi, Kenya // MH31</li> <li>• David Ndeti – Africa Institute of Mental and Brain Health, Kenya // LC27</li> </ul>	<p><b>D: Healthy Cities projects</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro 2</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ngozi Idemili-Aronu – IVAN Research Institute, Nigeria // HC16</li> <li>• Jacqui Boyle – Monash University, Australia // HC01</li> <li>• Victor Mogre – University for Development Studies, Ghana // HC04</li> <li>• Emily Luyiga – Makerere University School of Public Health, Uganda // HC12</li> </ul>
15:30–16:00	<p>Afternoon refreshments</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Foyer and Terrace</p>	
09	<p><b>PARALLEL SESSIONS   Roundtables and happy hour</b></p>	
16:00–18:30 2 ½ hours	<p>Join us for facilitated discussions on focused topics and contribute your unique perspectives. These roundtables are designed to foster equal participation, generate new ideas, and reach consensus on key issues.</p>	
	<p><b>A: Principal Investigators’ roundtable</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Rubavu Ballroom</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Morven Roberts – Chief Executive Officer, GACD</p>	<p><b>B: Educators’ roundtable</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Kevin Mao – Baker Heart &amp; Diabetes Institute, Australia // GACD e-Hub Project Manager</p>
	<p><b>C: GACD projects in Nepal roundtable</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Rajshree Thapa – Monash University, Australia // HC01</p>	<p><b>D: Indigenous Populations special interest group roundtable</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Seeromanie Harding – King's College London, UK // LC20</p>
Until 18:30	<p>Open collaboration space</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom and Foyer</p> <p>This is dedicated time and physical space for delegates to use for collaboration and joint activities, which will run concurrently with the roundtables. There is no need to book or arrange seating in advance. If you need any flipchart paper, pens, or sticky notes, please ask the GACD team.</p> <p>After a productive day of sessions, unwind and socialise with our bottle bar, where delegates can purchase drinks, including wine and beer. Enjoy a refreshing drink and connect with others in a relaxed atmosphere.</p>	

# Day 3: Wednesday 11 June 2024


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60 minutes	<p>Join us for informal discussions over morning coffee and connect with fellow delegates who share your interests. These conversation groups offer a relaxed space to exchange experiences, advice, and gain new skills over a morning tea or coffee.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Today’s conversation groups will all take place in the Kilimanjaro Ballroom (at separate tables).</p>						
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10:00–11:00	<p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p>This session explores how strong collaborations lead to successful implementation research. Drawing on experiences from the PRESCRIP-TEC project, speakers will reflect on the value, challenges, and lessons of working together across sectors and contexts to address cervical cancer.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jaap Koot – University Medical Center Groningen, Netherlands // GACD project CP10, SU02</li> <li>• Shamim Namagembe – Uganda Rural Development and Training Programme-URDT, Uganda // GACD project CP10</li> </ul>						
60 minutes							
11	<b>Hot topics in implementation science</b>						
<b>Part 1</b>	<p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p>This session offers a platform to understand critical and emerging issues in implementation science. Speakers will share innovative approaches, challenges, and insights from across the GACD Research Network. Discussions will help shape future directions for research, capacity building, and funding priorities.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Morven Roberts – Chief Executive Officer, GACD</p>						
11:00–12:00							
60 minutes							
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13:30–14:00							
30 minutes							
	<p><b>Note:</b> Today’s lunch break will be integrated into the ‘Hot topics’ session.</p>						


12:00–13:30	Lunch break
	<p><b>Venue:</b> Soko Restaurant (dedicated GACD space will be signposted)</p> <p><b>Note:</b> A full lunch break is scheduled within the ‘Hot topics’ session. Delegates will have a dedicated and complete break to ensure they can step away from the discussions.</p>

12	World Café: Equity across the implementation research community
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<p><b>Part 1</b></p> <p>14:00–15:00 60 minutes</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p>A World Café is a structured conversational process that facilitates open and intimate discussions in small groups. Participants rotate between tables, each focused on a specific question or theme, contributing to a growing body of shared knowledge. This method values collective intelligence and is particularly suited to complex issues that benefit from diverse perspectives.</p>
<p><b>Part 2</b></p> <p>15:30–17:00 90 minutes</p>	<p><b>Facilitators:</b> <i>(alphabetical order by first name)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greg Oswianik – The European Commission</li> <li>• Jaap Koot – University Medical Center Groningen, Netherlands // SU02, CP10</li> <li>• Jacqui Boyle – Monash University, Australia // HC01</li> <li>• Kate Parker – Te Whatu Ora / Health New Zealand // CP09</li> <li>• Katherine Frohlich – Institute of Population and Public Health (CIHR), Canada</li> <li>• Kevin Mao – Baker Heart &amp; Diabetes Institute, Australia // GACD e-Hub Project Manager</li> <li>• Kim Quimby – The University of the West Indies, Barbados // GACD-CONNECT alumni</li> <li>• Maisha Syed – UK Department for Health and Social Care, UK</li> <li>• Margaret Bee – Senior Impact &amp; Policy Manager, GACD</li> <li>• Morven Roberts – Chief Executive Officer, GACD</li> <li>• Ngozi Idemili-Aronu – IVAN Research Institute, Nigeria // HC16</li> <li>• RS Dhaliwal – Indian Council for Medical Research</li> <li>• Vanessa Elias de Oliveira – FAPESP, Brazil</li> <li>• Victor Mogre – University for Development Studies, Ghana // HC04</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Today’s afternoon refreshment break will be integrated into the World Café session.</p>


15:30–16:00	Afternoon refreshments
	<p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Foyer and Terrace</p> <p><b>Note:</b> A full refreshment break is scheduled within the World Café session. Delegates will have a dedicated and complete break to ensure they can step away from the discussions.</p>

<p>From 18:15</p> 	<p>Pre-dinner networking</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Foyer and Terrace</p> <p>An informal opportunity to unwind and connect with fellow delegates ahead of the Gala dinner. Enjoy light refreshments in a relaxed setting while strengthening relationships and sparking new conversations.</p>
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<p>From 19:00</p> 	<p>Gala dinner</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p>An evening to celebrate the GACD Research Network with good food, drinks and conversations. The Gala dinner brings together delegates for a special shared experience at the close of the day’s programme.</p>
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# Day 4: Thursday 12 June 2024

**08:30–09:30**  
60 minutes



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**From 09:30**

**Morning refreshments**

**Venue:** Kilimanjaro Foyer and Terrace

**13**

**Connecting the dots across the Research Network**

**10:00–10:30**  
30 minutes

**Venue:** Kilimanjaro Ballroom

This session explores cross-cutting themes, emerging insights, and shared learning across different projects and regions. A space to reflect on how our collective work links together.

**Moderator:** Morven Roberts – Chief Executive Officer, GACD

**Speakers:**

- Bernd Puschner – Ulm University, Germany // MH23
- Michaela Riddell – Papua New Guinea Institute for Medical Research, Papua New Guinea // CP04
- Katrina Kissock – The George Institute for Global Health, Australia // SU19, SU25
- Representatives from Healthy Cities projects and Life Course projects

**14**

**Real world results spotlight: The UPSIDES Project**

**11:15–12:00**  
45 minutes

**Venue:** Kilimanjaro Ballroom

Discover how peer support, offered by those with lived experience of mental illness, is transforming recovery journeys globally. The UPSIDES project is widening access to this vital support across diverse settings. Learn how this innovative approach fosters trust and provides practical help.

**Speakers:**

- Bernd Puschner – Ulm University, Germany // MH23
- Jasmine Kalha – Center for Mental Health Law and Policy, India // MH23
- Ramona Hiltensperger – Ulm University, Germany // MH23

15	Real world results spotlight: The GREAT-4-DIABETES Project
11:15–12:00 45 minutes	<p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p>Discover the GREAT-4-DIABETES project’s ‘whole facility’ approach to chronic diabetes care. It’s more than just training; it is about leadership commitment and staff engagement across all roles, from pharmacists to receptionists. Learn how this integrated strategy is transforming patient care.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Darcelle Schouw – Stellenbosch University, South Africa // SU23, SU24</p>
12:00–13:30	<p>Lunch break</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Soko Restaurant (dedicated GACD space will be signposted)</p> <p><b>Invitation:</b> Anyone interested in chatting about funding is welcome to join the GACD team and staff from funding agencies for an informal networking lunch. Please get your meal and join us in the Soko Restaurant from ~12:15. The tables will be signposted.</p>
16	Film Festival
13:30–15:00 90 minutes	<p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p>This session features short films from the GACD Research Network that inform, inspire, or influence. The festival highlights how videos can powerfully communicate complex ideas and bring the human side of science to life. The audience alongside expert panel will vote for their favourites to receive the ‘GACD Oscars’.</p> <p><b>Hosts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret Bee – Senior Impact &amp; Policy Manager, GACD</li> <li>• Brad Newsome – Fogarty International Center, US // GACD Programme Subcommittee</li> </ul> <p><b>Judging panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ekow Tachie-Mensah – Communications Officer, GACD</li> <li>• Kim Quimby – The University of the West Indies, Barbados // GACD-CONNECT alumni</li> <li>• Kasia Jurczak – European Commission // GACD Strategy Board member</li> <li>• ...and you, the audience!</li> </ul> <p>Please see the final pages of this programme for details on the films being screened at the Film Festival.</p>
17	Prize giving and formal close
15:00–15:30 30 minutes	<p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p>To mark the end of the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting, this closing session will celebrate outstanding contributions throughout the ASM including the competition winners and offer reflections on key takeaways for the year ahead.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morven Roberts – Chief Executive Officer, GACD</li> <li>• Ntobeko Ntusi – South African Medical Research Council // GACD Strategy Board member</li> </ul>
Until 17:30	<p>Open collaboration space</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Kilimanjaro Ballroom</p> <p>This is dedicated time and physical space for delegates to use for collaboration and joint activities; no need to book or arrange seating in advance. If you need any flipchart paper, pens, or sticky notes, please ask the GACD team.</p>

## *Film Festival entries*

### Introduction to the Enhanced Community-based Health Education and Communication (eCHEC) Program

**Project:** CP01 – Evaluating a community-based behaviour change communication model to prevent cholangiocarcinoma in Khon Kaen, Thailand

**Representative at the ASM:** Pattapong Kessomboon and Nusaraporn Kessomboon

**Blurb:** This short film describes the Enhanced Community-based Health Education and Communication (eCHEC) Program, its rationale, and the experiences of community partners/leaders during the pilot program. Khon Kaen Province in Northeast Thailand has the highest incidence of cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer). The eCHEC program, a collaborative initiative between Khon Kaen University (Thailand) and McMaster University (Canada), tackles this pressing public health issue by implementing effective community-based health education and communication strategies to reduce cholangiocarcinoma risk. A key component of this program includes engaging local leaders and health volunteers to disseminate important lifestyle and diet information to the community. The film also features local testimonials, highlighting the positive impact of this approach in addressing cholangiocarcinoma.

**Intended audience:** Community at large

**Acknowledgements:** Pattapong Kessomboon, Nusaraporn Kessomboon, Paiboon Tuansombat, Thanapon Srivong, Paitoon Promthet, Pannaphat Thirawatthanasak, Patarawadee Moomak, Banchon Sripa, Nomjit Nualnetr, Sukunta Muadthong, Oranuch Thongchandee, Lilita Liawthanyarat, Chanyarat Noksakda, Wannisa Suppasso, Pakjira Phaphu, Kruawan Inthong, Jasdeep Brar, Ricardo Angeles, and Gina Agarwal

### Sabai Sakriya / Activity for All

**Project:** HC06 – Participatory Engagement for City Communities Against NCD Risk in Bangladesh and Nepal (The PECAN Project)

**Representative at the ASM:** Joanna Morrison

**Blurb:** Through personal story telling and reflection from people with disabilities, the film describes the factors affecting access to outdoor gyms in urban Kathmandu, Nepal.

**Intended audience:** General

**Acknowledgements:** Diverse Patterns. Funded by UCL Global Engagement fund.

### Hold My Hand

**Project:** LC19 – Implementing Early Mental & Physical Health Detection & Support: Promoting a Whole-School Approach to Health and Well-being (ISOBAR)

**Representative at the ASM:** Sagar Jilka

**Blurb:** Hold My Hand follows the life of Rhea, a young girl who encounters emotional difficulties. Rhea is teased by her peers, feels overwhelmed, anxious about school, and as a result, develops negative and distorted thoughts about herself. Rhea's low school attendance, alongside her loss of appetite and irritability make her parents worry that someone has 'cast an evil eye'. She begins to withdraw from everyone. A teacher notices these changes and notifies her parents, and arranges support from a counsellor, who supports her in her journey to feeling loved and feeling like herself again.

**Intended audience:** All audiences, including schools, parents, young people

**Acknowledgements:** We wish to thank Neeru Khera (Creative Gypsy), and all ISOBAR partners. This work was funded under the GACD Life Course Research Programme. The Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD) is a collection of the world's largest research funding agencies. GACD initiates, facilitates, and supports research activities in low- and middle- income countries and in vulnerable and Indigenous communities in high-income countries to improve the health of those nations. Researchers funded through the GACD form a group of international researchers who actively participate collaborations on implementation science with the goal of moving evidence-based interventions into practice and policy.

### Change starts with a chat: Showreel of social media videos

**Project:** CP07 – iSISTAQUIT scale-up in Indigenous populations in Australia

**Representative at the ASM:** Gina La Hera Fuentes on behalf of the iSISTAQUIT team

**Blurb:** Our showreel highlights a series of short videos co-designed to encourage Aboriginal women to quit smoking before and during pregnancy as part of the iSISTAQUIT project. They are based on themes gathered through community consultations with Aboriginal members and healthcare providers across several Australian states. The showreel opens with a series of short video clips that highlight the barriers to quitting smoking, aimed at encouraging health professionals to have a conversation around quitting: "change starts with a chat". This is followed by short community-focused motivational videos, calling for Aboriginal women to "join the smoke-free Sistahood". The final clip is a powerful inspiration for health professionals to engage in conversations about smoking cessation,

featuring a couple telling their story about quitting together with the support of their doctor. Launched in 2022, these videos remain a key part of the iSISTAQUIT social media campaign, which reaches both health professionals and Aboriginal communities.

**Intended audience:** Health professionals and Aboriginal communities

**Acknowledgements:** iSISTAQUIT team (Gina La Hera Fuentes, Ratika Kumar, Rebecca Hyland, Nicole Ryan, Karen McFadyen, Ally Hart, Gillian Gould), Gilimbaa

### Hearts Intervention targeting young Adults and Ageing Population (HRIDAYA-Nepali word for Hearts)

**Project:** HC01 – Co-Designing a Multi-level Intervention for Improving Continuum of Care for Non-Communicable Diseases in Three Diverse Cities in Nepal: Heart’s Intervention Design Targeting Younger Adults & Ageing Population (HRIDAYA – Nepali word for ‘Heart’)

**Representative at the ASM:** Rajshree Thapa

**Blurb:** Hypertension and diabetes (NCDs) are associated with serious complications including cardiovascular disease. NCDs are increasing in Nepal yet many people remain unaware, undiagnosed or have suboptimal treatment. Our project HRIDAYA ( Heart in Nepali) is working with many stakeholders: those with lived experience, female community health volunteers, health providers and policy makers. In this film we hear about their experiences with NCDs and discuss how HRIDAYA will improve knowledge, support screening and management and implement a mobile app to support integration of health systems and provide data to inform timely medication procurement.

**Intended audience:** To introduce HRIDAYA to stakeholders in Nepal.

**Acknowledgements:** We would like to acknowledge all the people living with cardiovascular diseases who shared their stories. Special thanks to the policy makers, female community health volunteers and primary health for sharing their experiences and insights. Thanks to our HRIDAYA team:Mr. Nischal Thapa, Ms. Sunita Dhungel, Ms. Simran Parajuli, Mr. Sagar Dahal, A/Prof Jacqueline Boyle, Dr. Rajshree Thapa and Dr Kiran Bam for the footage. Thanks to all chief investigators.

### Prev.Action: Preventing the use of alcohol among adolescents

**Project:** LC09 – Reducing alcohol use among adolescents through a community-based, multicomponent intervention: an implementation research approach

**Representative at the ASM:** Zila van der Meer Sanchez

**Blurb:** The video presents the Prev.Action project, which aims to reduce alcohol consumption among adolescents through a multicomponent, community-based intervention. The initiative consists of three components: (1) family, focusing on the development of parental skills; (2) school, promoting life skills in children and adolescents; and (3) community environment, targeting the control of underage alcohol sales. The project is co-created with local stakeholders, with strong engagement of municipal officials at every stage. The video showcases the development of this multicenter initiative, highlighting current stages, testimonials from participants, and footage from all implementation sites: São Paulo and Ceará in Brazil, and Maputo in Mozambique.

**Intended audience:** Researchers present in the event, implementation science researchers, funding agency partners.

**Acknowledgements:** Antonio Breno Feitosa (for filming and editing), Andreia Candelarea, Ana Claudia, Fernanda Santiago, Maria Eduarda (for being engaged stakeholders), Zila Sanchez, Sheila Caetano, Juliana Valente, Palmira Santos, Hugo Cogo-Moreira, Fabiane Gubert, Luis Eduardo Soares-Santos, Marília de Souza, Lidiane Rebouças, Edna Juga, Amir Roque (for leading the study in each center), and all graduate students, research assistants and stakeholders (a total of 25) involved in the implementation of the study. Footage: All images were captured by team participants during project activities and have proper authorization for use.

### SMARTHealth in Malang, East Java: From Innovation to Solution

**Project:** SU21 – Scale-up of a primary care intervention for cardiovascular risk management in Malang, Indonesia

**Representative at the ASM:** Sujarwoto and Asri Maharani

**Blurb:** This video showcases the SMARTHealth Indonesia project, a pioneering initiative aimed at improving the early detection and management of cardiovascular disease through community-based screening and digital health solutions. By empowering health workers and community volunteers with mobile health technology and decision-support tools, SMARTHealth Indonesia strengthens primary healthcare services in rural areas, contributing to the reduction of cardiovascular disease burden in the country.

**Intended audience:** Our intended audience includes global health researchers, policymakers, healthcare professionals, donors, and community health advocates, particularly those working in non-communicable disease prevention and control in low- and middle-income countries. This will include all participants for GACD meeting.

**Acknowledgements:** We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of the SMARTHealth Indonesia research team, primary care health workers, community health volunteers (kaders), local government stakeholders, and participating communities. We extend our sincere appreciation to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Australia and the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD) for their support.

## Co-creation of a multisectoral intervention for the dual benefit of health and air pollution due to plastic burning in Malang, Indonesia

**Project:** GACD-CONNECT Alumni

**Representative at the ASM:** Nushrat Khan

**Blurb:** Plastic pollution is a serious problem in Malang district in Indonesia where communities often openly burn plastic. Plastic burning releases toxins and microplastics in the air, posing significant risks to our health. To address this, our Centre has been working with the local community to co-create a multisectoral intervention. In this video we describe our bespoke co-creation process and the multisectoral intervention components to better manage plastic waste and tackle plastic burning in our intervention villages in Malang.

**Intended audience:** General public and academics interested in implementing co-creation in low-and middle-income countries.

**Acknowledgements:** This research was funded by the NIHR-Global Health Research Centre award scheme (Grant number GHRC for NCDs and EC: NIHR203247) using UK international development funding from the UK Government to support global health research.

## What moves me

**Project:** HC04 – Leveraging the built environment to promote physical activity in primary care settings: implementation of a precision health strategy

**Representative at the ASM:** Tracie Barnett

**Blurb:** As part of our Healthy Cities project, we prompted patients and citizens to capture scenes or settings that inspire them to engage in physical activity. The images are meant to reflect when, where, and how they are—or wish to be—active in daily life. It highlights similarities and differences in the cultural, environmental, and personal perspectives with respect to “what moves them”.

**Intended audience:** Healthcare providers, policy makers, patients, researchers, and the wider community.

**Acknowledgements:** This Photovoice activity is part of a larger research project funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research through the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases. We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of our patient partners in Montreal, Canada and Tamale, Ghana, whose photographs and reflections are central to this work. Special thanks to our collaborating institutions, Office of Ed-TECH (Education Technology and E-learning Collaboration for Health), McGill Department of Family Medicine, University of Development Studies; community partners, and the participants who generously shared their time and perspectives.

## IMPACT – Mental Health of Indigenous Adolescents from Southern Brazil

**Project:** LC20 – IMPACT: implementation of a multisectoral programme to improve indigenous adolescent mental health in Brazil and Dominica

**Representative at the ASM:** Ieda Maria Ávila Vargas Dias

**Blurb:** The video describes the progress of the IMPACT study, despite the worst flood in history having hit the village where it is being developed. Among the activities carried out, the adolescents themselves created vignettes that will be used in mental health promotion workshops and the cultural adaptation of the WHO MI-mh-GAP Intervention Manual. The video also presents the testimony of an indigenous Kaingang adolescent who participated in the study, who mentions the invisibility of the indigenous people of southern Brazil and the importance of the IMPACT Study for the adolescents in that village.

**Intended audience:** Researchers, funding agencies, NGOs, those interested in indigenous health

**Acknowledgements:** We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Guarita indigenous community for their valuable support, active collaboration and commitment to this project. Their involvement has been fundamental in shaping this work and ensuring its relevance and impact. We would like to thank our funders, the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD) and the Medical Research Council (MRC).

## HPV Self-Sampling: Empowering Women, Transforming Lives

**Project:** CP02 – Women Empowerment-Cancer Awareness Nexus (WE-CAN) Project

**Representative at the ASM:** Gauravi Mishra

**Blurb:** India bears over one-fifth of the global cervical cancer burden. However, the screening coverage is below 2%. The major barriers are lack of knowledge and accessibility to screening test and reluctance to undertake gynaecological examination. HPV self-sampling overcomes these barriers as compared to other modalities by empowering women to self-test herself. The current film demonstrates the implementation of HPV self-sampling in diverse settings of India using multifaceted approaches. The study uses culturally tailored art-based health education tools, uses family centric health education and involves all levels of stakeholders in an effort to integrate self-sampling in existing health services.

**Intended audience:** Policy Makers, Researchers, Funding agencies, Doctors, Delegates from Public Health background, Medical Specialists, Scientists, NGO, Civil Society representatives, Ministers of Health and people living with or affected by cancer

**Acknowledgements:** Gauravi Mishra, Manadana Vahabi, Sharmila Pimple, Aisha Lofters, Josephine Wong, Kavita Anand, Amita Maheshwari, Vasundhara Kulkarni, Sanjay Biswas, Rupinder Khairarom, Ranjit Mondal, Abhay Nirgudem Kalavathy Mathur Chennath, Umesh Mahantshetty, Ashish Gulia, Srabana Bhagabatty, Kallol Roy

### Together we can make our public places tobacco-smoke free

**Project:** HC07 – Tobacco Free Cities: implementation research with city governments in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Vietnam

**Representative at the ASM:** Helen Elsey and Tran Thi Tuyet, Hanh

**Blurb:** While many countries in Asia have laws to control smoking in public places, few have managed to implement them. On World No Tobacco Day, 31st May, this film reports high levels of second-hand smoke in public places in Asian cities. We share findings from research in Bangladesh and Pakistan showing unacceptably high levels of exposure of children to second-hand smoke, most of which happens in public places. The Tobacco Free Cities project works with city actors to implement and monitor tobacco control laws in cities across Bangladesh, Pakistan and Vietnam in restaurants, cafes and transport hubs where exposure is highest.

**Intended audience:** Policy makers at national and city level in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Vietnam; Global-level policy makers; Researchers working on tobacco control.

**Acknowledgements:** The TFC team in Vietnam, Hanoi University of Public Health: Assoc. Prof. Tran Thi Tuyet Hanh, Mr. Long Quan Hoang, Ms Vu Ha Linh and members of No Smoking Club at HUPH and city actors and research partners in Vietnam.

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### EVO+ Colombia: Leading the Way to Better Habits

**Project:** LC14 – Adaptation and development of an implementation strategy for a novel artificial intelligence-driven ehealth behaviour change program in Colombia

**Representative at the ASM:** Mariantonia Lemos

**Blurb:** EVO+ Colombia is a program that uses behavioral science and technology to promote healthier lifestyles among Colombians, focusing on nutrition and physical activity. This video shares the results of the first phase and invites users to join the next one. We aim to make behavioral changes easy and appealing. In the first phase, we visited eight of the nine regions of Antioquia and spoke to over 300 people to identify challenges and enablers for using technology, eating healthy and doing physical activity. The next phase will focus on making the program accessible and tailored to local needs.

**Intended audience:** People 18 years old in Antioquia (we know that this is different than our target audience in the project, but it could be easily to intervene families and not individuals)

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### Home Visits with Heart

**Project:** SU27 – ANDES study: Addressing Hypertension and Diabetes through Community-Engaged Systems in Puno, Peru

**Representative at the ASM:** Anderson Soriano-Moreno

**Blurb:** This short film follows a community health worker in Puno, Peru, as she visits homes for the ANDES Trial. We see her check blood pressure, share simple health tips, and build trust with families. Through these everyday moments, the film shows how small acts of care can make a big difference in fighting hypertension in mountain communities. A warm, hopeful look at healthcare that comes directly to people's doors.

**Intended audience:** Researchers, implementers, and policymakers interested in the role of CHWs in delivering frontline hypertension care.

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