



# NCDI-MH Surv

## Strengthening Surveillance for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), Injuries and Mental Health (MH) in the African Region

### Context

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and mental disorders are on the rise globally; 80% of annual deaths from NCDs occur in low and middle-income countries. In 2019, NCDs, including mental disorders, caused over 2.1 million premature deaths, and more than 204 million disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) were lost due to NCDs on the African continent. This represents an increase of 21% since 2007. NCD, injury and mental disorder prevention and control require reliable, timely and integrated data. In line with the 'Africa CDC Non-Communicable Diseases, Injuries Prevention and Control and Mental Health Promotion Strategy (2022-26)', Africa CDC supports African Union (AU) Member States in their efforts to strengthen national NCD, injuries (I) and mental health (MH) surveillance and to build integrated health information systems. In the second GHPP funding phase, Africa CDC and the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) are working together to identify strengths, good practices and gaps in NCDI/MH surveillance on the African continent. The results will be translated into a continent-wide guidance document intended to strengthen national NCDI/MH surveillance systems. Furthermore, in recognition of the need for continuity of NCD and MH care in public health crises, Africa CDC and RKI will develop a guidance document for the integration of NCDs and MH into national emergency preparedness and response plans.

### Objective

Strengthening surveillance systems for improved data availability and evidence-informed decisions on non-communicable diseases, injuries and mental health in African countries.

### Key facts

**Duration**

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025

**Budget**

~ EUR 200,000

**Partner countries / Region**

Africa

**Implemented by**

Robert Koch Institute (RKI)

**Commissioning party**

German Federal Ministry of Health (BMG)

### Thematic focus

Strengthening of public health systems

Surveillance and reporting

Resolutions and international agreements

## Activities



### RESEARCH AND PROVISION OF EVIDENCE

Facilitating peer-to-peer situational analyses of NCDI/MH surveillance in selected AU Members States, using adapted and contextualised WHO and IANPHI assessment tools; developing a guidance document intended to strengthen national NCDI/MH surveillance; identifying national EPR plans that address the topics of NCDs/MH and developing a continent-wide guidance document for NCD/MH integration in EPR plans



### TRAINING AND COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT

Fostering expert collaboration in and across African regions; strengthening interdisciplinary networking across technical areas, including surveillance, NCDI/MH monitoring and emergency preparedness and response



### NETWORKING AND COOPERATION

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## In cooperation with

- Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)

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