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# Non Communicable Diseases



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#### DEFINITION



## Non-Communicable Disease (NCD)

Also known as chronic diseases they are not passed from person to person. They are of long duration and generally slow progression.

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(WHO, 2011)



## **Characteristics**

- Non-contagious origin (non-communicable)
- Do not result from an (acute) infectious process
- Long latency period
- Insidious onset
- Prolonged course of illness
- Functional impairment or disability
- Premature morbidity, dysfunction, and reduced quality of life
- Incurability
- Complex etiology (causes)
- Multiple risk factors

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## Non-Communicable Disease (NCD)

In some definitions, NCDs also include:

- Chronic mental illnesses
- Injuries, which have an acute onset, but may be followed by prolonged convalescence and impaired function



## **Types of NCDs**

- Cardiovascular diseases (Coronary heart disease, Stroke)
- Cancer
- Chronic lung diseases
- Diabetes
- Chronic neurologic disorders (Alzheimer's, dementias)
- Arthritis/Musculoskeletal diseases



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#### **BURDEN OF DISEASE**





#### on NonCommunicable Diseases

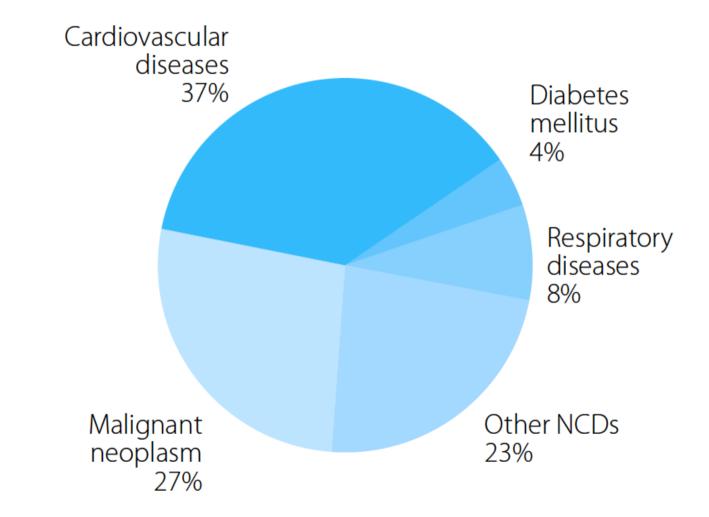
#### 1. NCDs account for 63% of all deaths.

Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), primarily cardiovascular diseases, cancers, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes, are responsible for 63% of all deaths worldwide (36 million out 57 million global deaths).

- 2. 80% of NCDs deaths occur in low- and middleincome countries.
- 3. More than 9 million of all deaths attributed to NCDs occur before the age of 60.
- 4. Around the world, NCDs affect women and men almost equally.



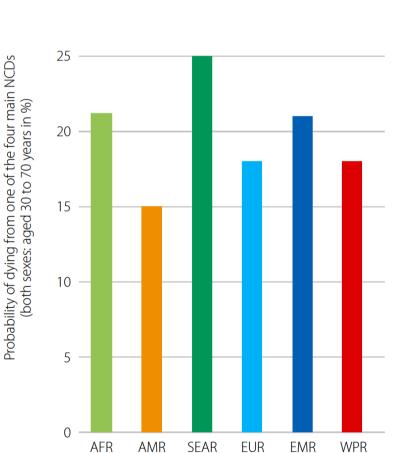
#### Proportion of global deaths under the age 70 years, by cause of death (comparable estimates, 2012)





#### Probability of dying from one of the four main NonCommunicable diseases between the ages of 30 and 70 years, by WHO region

(comparable estimates, 2012)



AFR=African Region, AMR=Region of the Americas, SEAR = South-East Asia Region, EUR=European Region, EMR=Eastern Mediterranean Region, WPR=Western Pacific Region

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#### A closer look to data...



### **Cardiovascular Disease**

Group of disorders of the heart and blood vessels

Coronary heartDisease of the blood vesselsdiseasesupplying the heart muscle

CerebrovascularDisease of the blood vesselsdisease (Stroke)supplying the brain

Peripheral arterialDisease of blood vessels supplyingdiseasethe arms and legs

Congenital heart disease

Malformations of heart structure existing at birth



### Global Burden of Cardiovascular Disease

- CVDs are the #1 cause of death globally.
- An estimated 17.3 million people died from CVDs in 2008. (30% of all global deaths)
  - 7.3 million were due to coronary heart disease
  - 6.2 million were due to stroke
- Over 80% CVD deaths occur in low- and middle- income countries.
- By 2030, almost 25 million people will die from CVDs.



#### Diabetes

- Diabetes is a disorder of metabolism—the way the body uses digested food for growth and energy.
- There are 4 types: Type 1, Type 2, Gestational, and Pre-Diabetes (Impaired Glucose Tolerance).
- Type 2 is caused by modifiable risk factors and is the most common worldwide.
  - >90% of all adult diabetes cases are Type 2

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#### Diabetes

- 347 million people worldwide have diabetes.
- In 2004, an estimated 3.4 million people died from consequences of high blood sugar.
- More than 80% of diabetes deaths occur in lowand middle-income countries.
- WHO projects that diabetes deaths will increase by two thirds between 2008 and 2030.
- Healthy diet, regular physical activity, maintaining a normal body weight and avoiding tobacco use can prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes.





- Generic term for a large group of diseases that can affect any part of the body.
- "Rapid creation of abnormal cells that grow beyond their usual boundaries, and which can then invade adjoining parts of the body and spread to other organs." (WHO, 2012)
- Benign tumors
- Malignant tumors

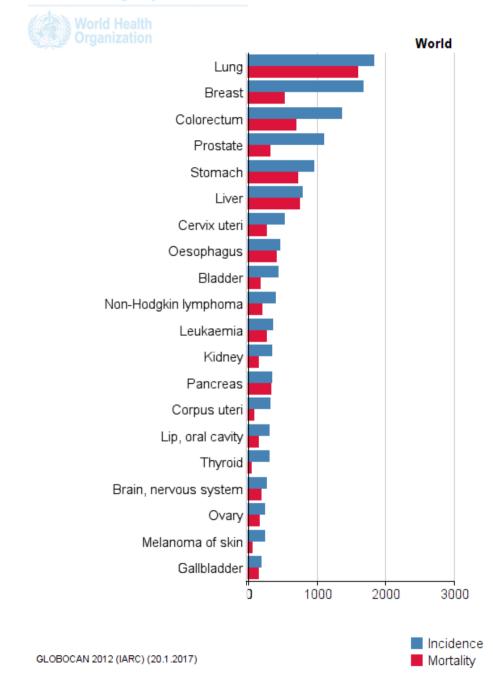


#### **Global Burden of Cancer**

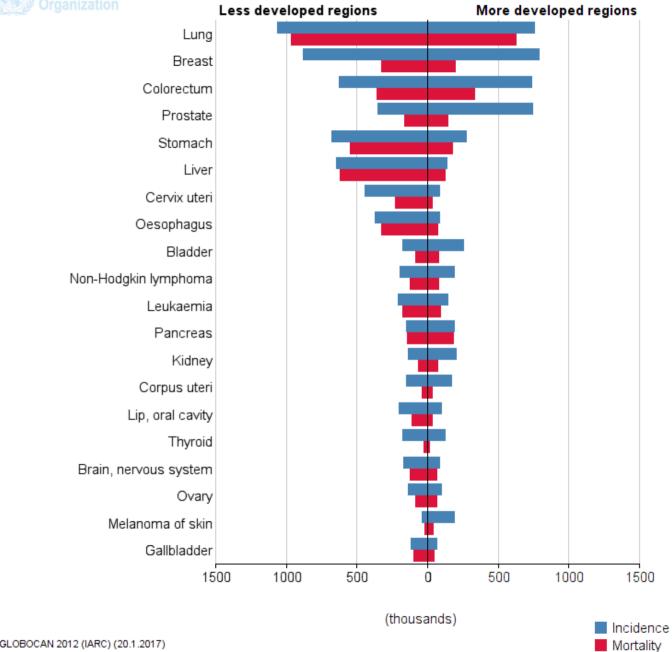
- 7.6 million people died from cancer in 2008
- 70% of all cancer deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries
- Deaths from cancer are estimated to reach 13.1 million by 2030
- About 30% of cancers are attributable to behavior risk factors



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### Global Burden of Chronic Respiratory Disease

- A leading cause of death
- High under-diagnoses rates
- 90% of deaths occur in low-income countries

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#### **Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease**

- COPD term used for lung diseases that prevent proper lung airflow
- Chronic bronchitis, emphysema
- More than just "smoker's cough"



#### **COPD: Burden**

- Accurate epidemiologic data on COPD prevalence, morbidity, and mortality are difficult and expensive to collect.
- 65 million people worldwide have moderate to severe COPD.
- More than 3 million people died of COPD in 2005 (3% of all deaths globally).
- Almost 90% of COPD deaths occur in lowand middle-income countries.



#### Chronic Respiratory Diseases: Asthma

- Recurrent attacks of "breathlessness and wheezing" (WHO, 2012)
- A gradient of severity
- Can cause sleepiness, fatigue
- Low fatality rates, but often underdiagnosed
- 235 million people affected

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#### PREVENTION



#### 10 facts

#### on NonCommunicable Disease

5. NCDs are largely preventable.

Noncommunicable diseases are preventable through effective interventions that tackle shared risk factors, namely: tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and harmful use of alcohol.

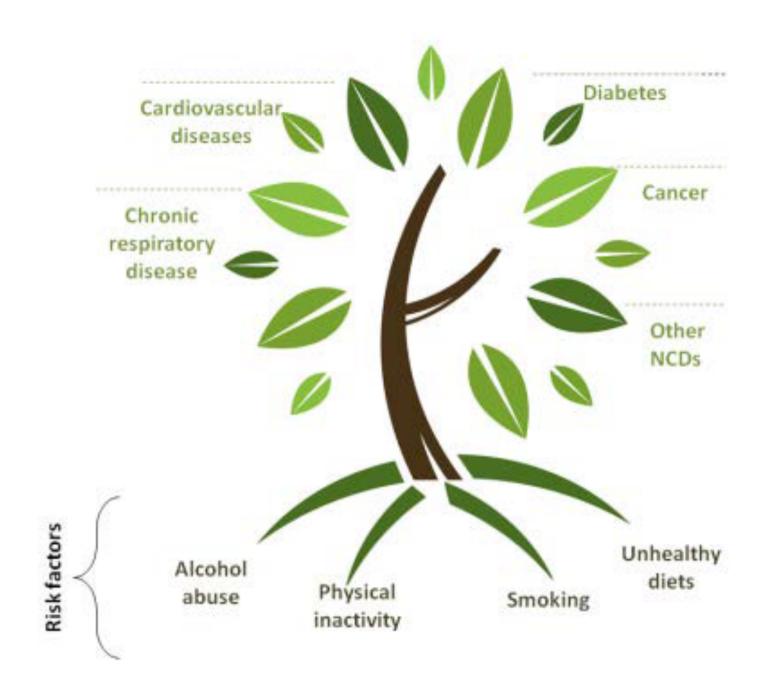
6. NCDs are not only a health problem but a development challenge as well.

Noncommunicable diseases force many people into, or entrench them in poverty due to catastrophic expenditures for treatment. They also have a large impact on undercutting productivity.

- 7. 1.5 billion adults, 20 and older, were overweight in 2008.
- Nearly 43 million children under 5 years old were overweight in 2010.
- 9. Tobacco use kills nearly 6 million people a year. By 2020, this number will increase to 7.5 million, accounting for 10% of all deaths.
- 10. Eliminating major risks could prevent most NCDs.

If the major risk factors for noncommunicable diseases were eliminated, at around three-quarters of heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes would be prevented; and 40% of cancer would be prevented.







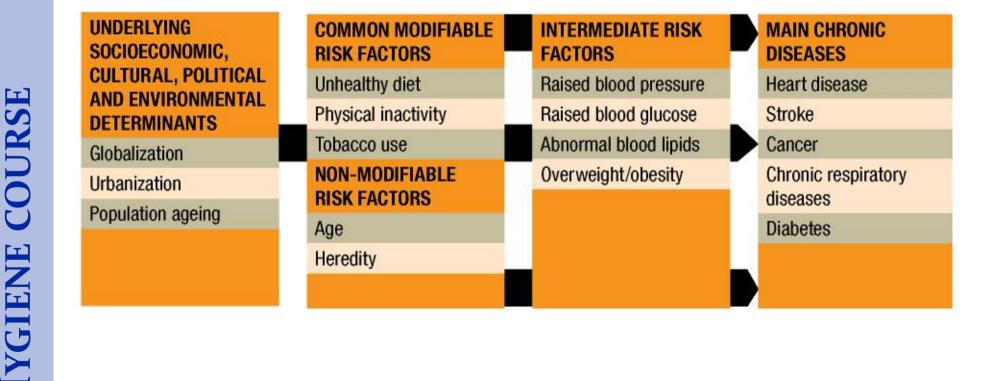
### **Risk factor**

"An aspect of personal behavior or lifestyle, an environmental exposure, or a hereditary characteristic that is associated with an increase in the occurrence of a particular disease, injury, or other health condition."



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#### **Risk factor**





- A risk factor that **cannot** be reduced or controlled by intervention, for example:
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Race
  - Family history (genetics)

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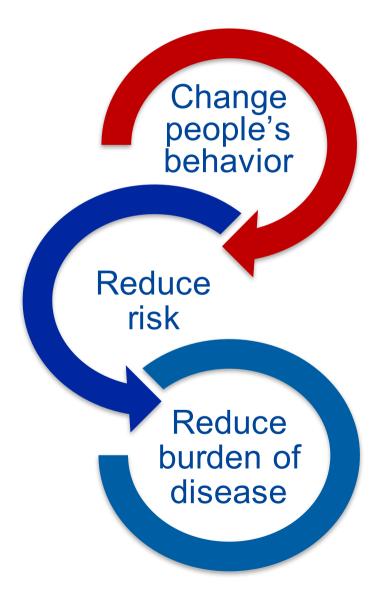


## **Modifiable risk factor**

- A behavioral risk factor that **can** be reduced or controlled by intervention, thereby reducing the probability of disease.
- WHO has prioritized the following four
  - Physical inactivity
  - Tobacco use
  - Alcohol use
  - Unhealthy diets (increased fat and sodium, with low fruit and vegetable intake)



#### **Risk factors surveillance**





## **Tobacco Use**

- Tobacco kills up to half of its users.
- Tobacco kills nearly 6 million people each year
- Annual death toll could rise to more than 8 million by 2030
- Nearly 80% of the world's 1 billion smokers live in low- and middle-income countries



## **Tobacco Use: health effects**

#### Among smokers

- Cancer
- Coronary heart disease
- Diseases of the lungs
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Stroke
- Fetal complications and stillbirth

# Second-hand smoke causes

- Heart disease, including heart attack
- Lung cancer







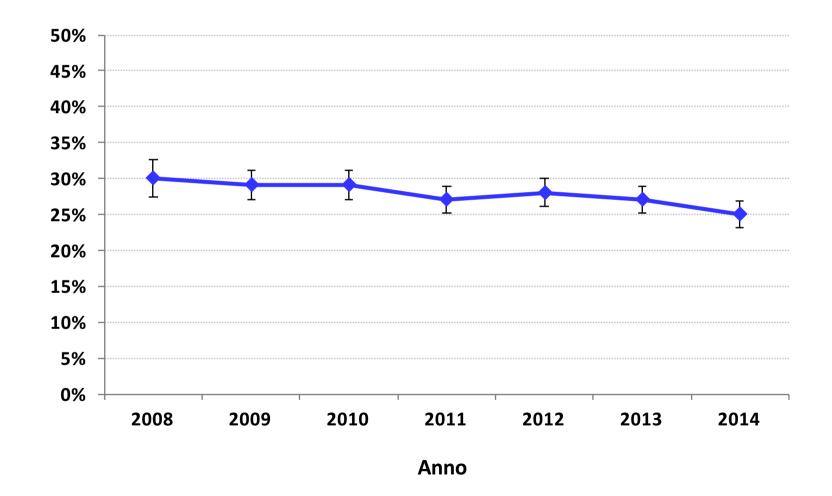
- ✓ 26.6% of Apulian people are smokers
- ✓ 46.5% of Apulian HCWs suggest to their patients to stop smoking
- ✓ 96.3% of people who want stop smoking try with any outer help



#### **Proportion of smokers**



#### Annual trend. Apulia, 2008-14









Proportion of smokers, by Region. Italy, 2008-14.



#### Smoking determinants

- Age>24 years
- Male gender
- Middle school or higher educational level
- Financial difficulties



## **Global Changes in Diet**

Most countries have increased overall daily consumption of

- Daily calories
- Fat and meats
- Energy dense and nutrient-poor foods such as:
  - Starches
  - Refined sugars
  - Trans-fats



## **Unhealthy Diet: Health Effects**

- Coronary heart disease
- Stroke
- Cancer
- Type 2 diabetes
- Hypertension
- Diseases of the liver and gallbladder
- Obesity

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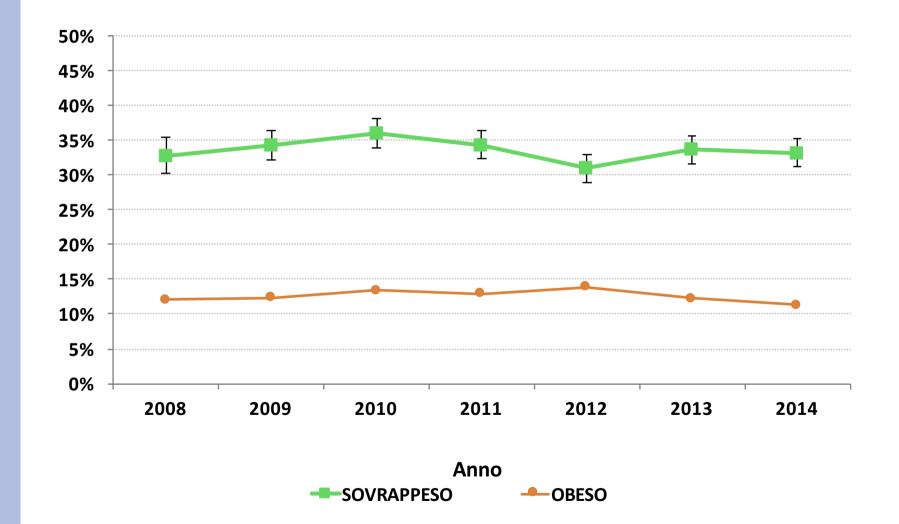
## Where are we?

✓ Almost 50% of Apulian people are overweight or obese

- ✓ **46.5%** of Apulian HCWs suggest to their patients to loose weight
- ✓ 60.6% of overweight people are aware of their nutritional status



#### **Proportion of overweight and obese people** Annual trend. Apulia, 2008-14





## Where are we?

Proportion of overweight and obese people, by Region. Italy, 2008-14.

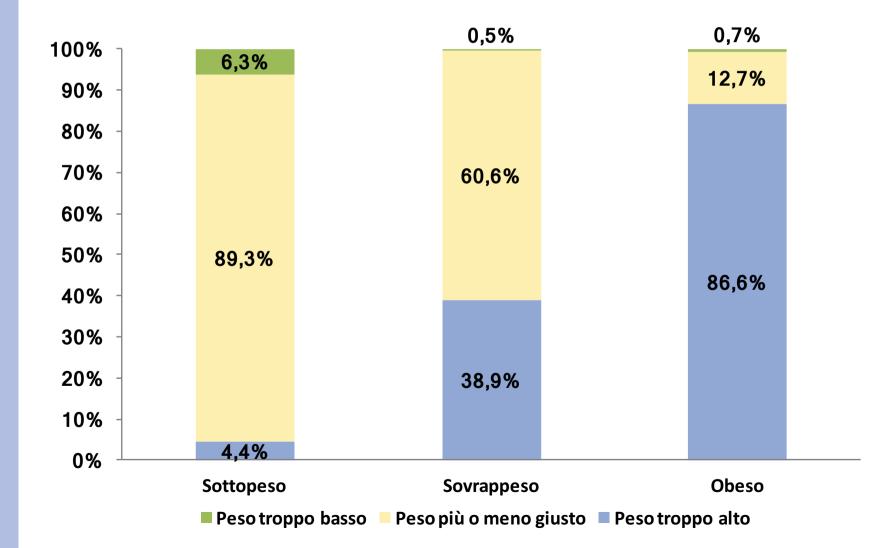


Obesity and overweight determinants:

- Age>35 years
- Female gender
- Low educational level



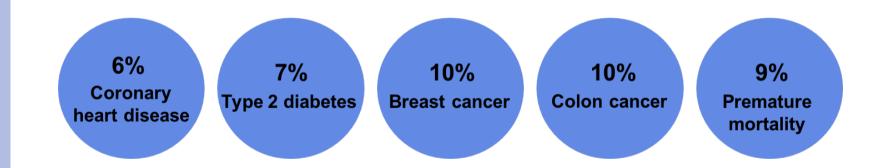
#### Distribution of nutritional status perception by BMI Apulia, 2011-14





## **Global Changes in Physical Activity**

~ 6-10% of major NCDs worldwide is attributable to physical inactivity



Lee IM, Shiroma EJ, Lobelo F, Puska P, Blair SN, Katzmarzyk PT; Lancet Physical Activity Series Working Group. Effect of physical inactivity on major non-communicable diseases worldwide: an analysis of burden of disease and life expectancy. Lancet. 2012 Jul 21;380(9838):219-29



## **Physical Activity: Health Effects**

#### Reduces

- High blood pressure
- Adverse lipid profile
- Arthritis pain
- Psychiatric issues

#### **Reduces risk of**

- Type 2 diabetes
- Certain cancers
- Heart attacks
- Stroke
- Falls
- Early death



## Where are we?

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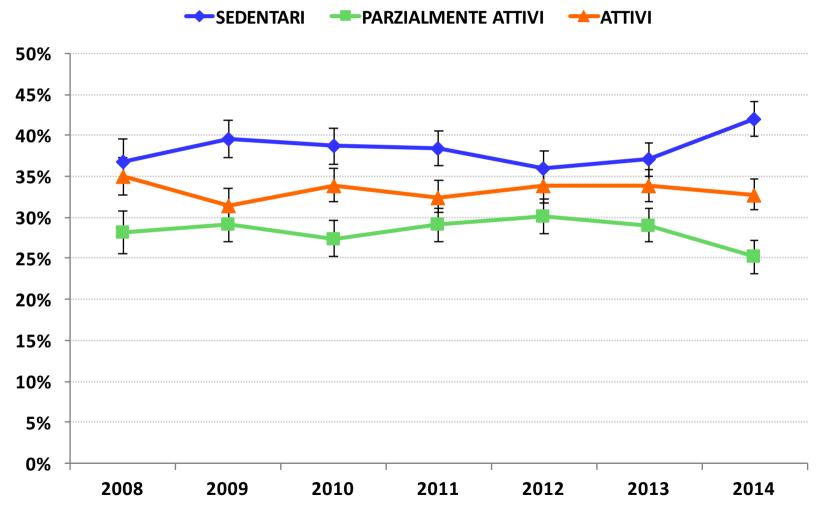
✓ **38.4%** of Apulian people are physically inactive

✓ Only 26% of Apulian HCWs suggest to their patients to start doing physical activity

✓ 1 of 6 physically inactive people is unaware of his/her own low physical activity level



#### Distribution of interviewed people by physical activity level Annual trend. Apulia, 2008-14







## Where are we?

Proportion of physically inactive people by Region. Italy, 2011-14

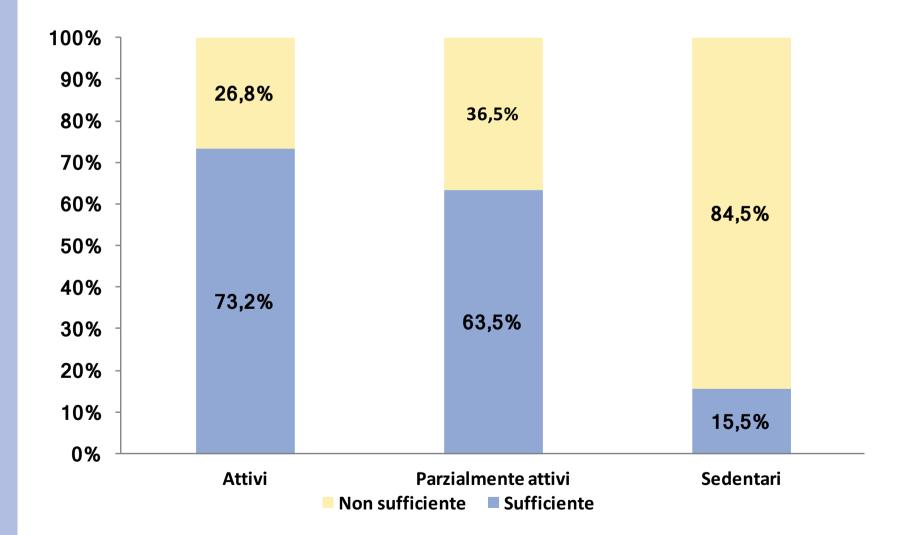


Physical inactivity determinants:

- Age>35 years
- Female gender
- Lower educational level
- Financial difficulties



### **Physical activity level perception** Apulia, 2011-14





- 11.5% of all global drinkers are episodic, heavy users.
- 2.5 million people die from alcohol consumption per year
- The majority of adults consume at low-risk levels
- Estimated worldwide consumption of alcohol has remained relatively stabl



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## Harmful Use of Alcohol

#### Excessive drinking, per day

• Heavy drinking – on average



Binge drinking – single occasion





## Harmful Use of Alcohol: Effects

#### **Immediate effects**

- Diminished brain function
- Loss of body heat
- Fetal damage
- Risk for unintentional injuries
- Risk for violence
- Coma and death

Long-term effects

- Liver diseases
- Cancers
- Hypertension
- Gastrointestinal disorders
- Neurological issues
- Psychiatric issues



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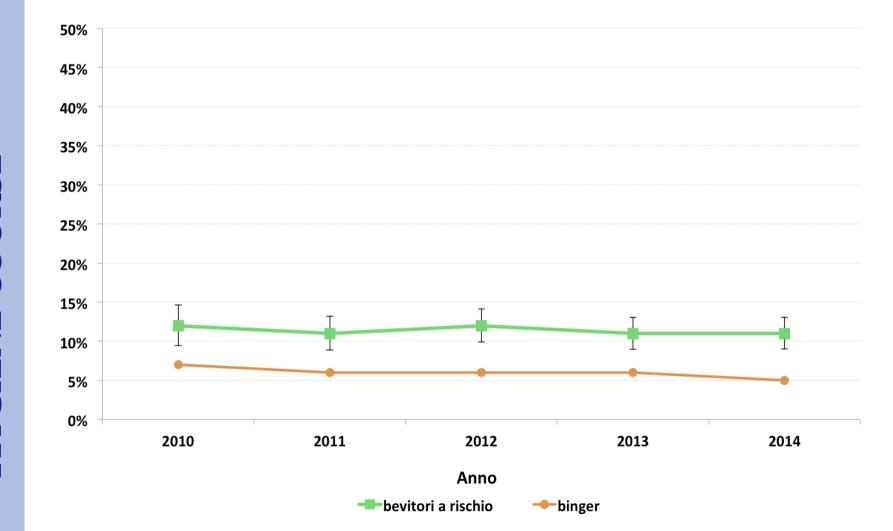
## Where are we?

- ✓ **47.6%** of Apulian people drink alcohol
- ✓ **11.3%** of Apulian people have a at-risk drinking pattern
- ✓ Only 7.5% of people with hazardous alcohol consumption was suggested to reduce alcohol consumption by a HCWs



## Proportion of at-risk drinkers and binge drinkers

Annual trend. Apulia, 2008-14





## Where are we?

Hazardous alcohol consumption, by Region. Italy, 2011-14



Binge drinking by Region. Italy, 2011-14



peggiore del valore nazionale
simile al valore nazionale
migliore del valore nazionale



## **Metabolic Risk Factors**

- Raised Blood Pressure (Hypertension)
- Raised Cholesterol
- Raised Blood Glucose
- Overweight and Obesity

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### MANAGEMENT



## **Management of NCDs**

- Includes the detection, screening and treatment of NCDs as well as palliative care.
- Such interventions are essential for achieving the global target of a 25% relative reduction in the risk of premature mortality from NCDs.
- Integration into primary health is essential to prevent a majority of premature deaths and disability



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## **MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE**



## **Monitoring and surveillance**

- Fundamental tools for public health
- Good quality health information is essential for planning and implementing health policy in all countries
- Provide health information in a timely manner so that countries have the information that they need to fight epidemics now or plan for the future.

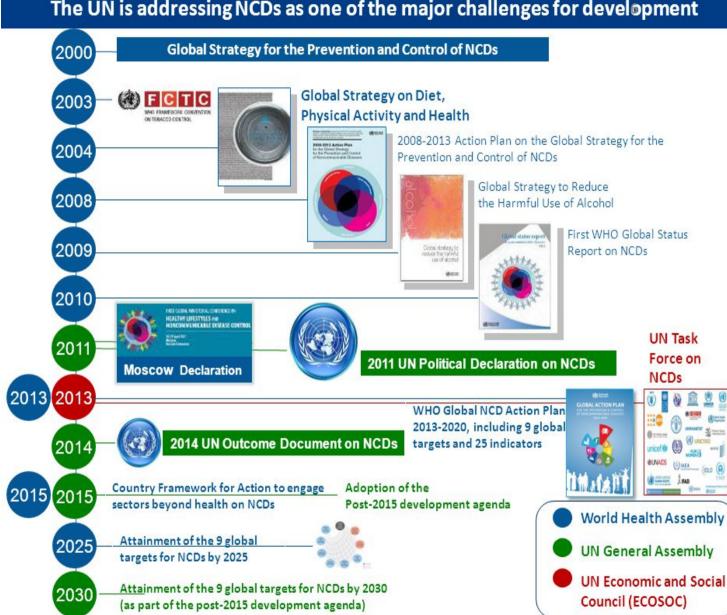
#### Comprise

- regular collection of health information in terms of health indicators
- routinely analysis of indicators over time, place and between population groups,
- sharing of available scientific knowledge as well as the regular dissemination of results.

#### **Main indicators**

- Mortality and morbidity
- Risk factors
- National systems response
- Health outcomes monitoring





The UN is addressing NCDs as one of the major challenges for development

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## **Global Action Plan objectives**

To raise the priority accorded to the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in global, regional and national agendas and internationally agreed development goals, through strengthened international cooperation and advocacy.

To strengthen national capacity, leadership, governance, multisectoral action and partnerships to accelerate country response for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.

To reduce modifiable risk factors for noncommunicable diseases and underlying social determinants through creation of health-promoting environments.

To strengthen and orient health systems to address the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the underlying social determinants through people-centred primary health care and universal health coverage.

To promote and support national capacity for high-quality research and development for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.

To monitor the trends and determinants of noncommunicable diseases and evaluate progress in their prevention and control.



## **Global Action Plan target**



A **25%** relative reduction in risk of premature mortality from cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory diseases.



At least **10%** relative reduction in the harmful use of alcohol, as appropriate, within the national context.



A **10%** relative reduction in prevalence of insufficient physical activity.



A **30%** relative reduction in mean population intake of salt/sodium.



A **30%** relative reduction in prevalence of current tobacco use in persons aged 15+ years.



## **Global Action Plan target**



A **25%** relative reduction in the prevalence of raised blood pressure or contain the prevalence of raised blood pressure, according to national circumstances.



Halt the rise in diabetes and obesity.

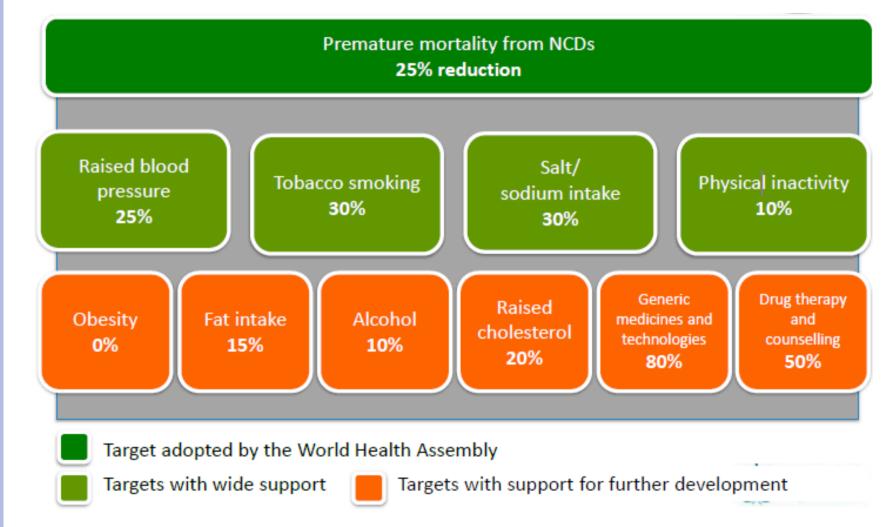


At least **50%** of eligible people receive drug therapy and counselling (including glycaemic control) to prevent heart attacks and strokes.



An **80%** availability of the affordable basic technologies and essential medicines, including generics, required to treat major noncommunicable diseases in both public and private facilities.







## Thanks for your attention

