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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and has the honour to inform them that estimates related to noncommunicable diseases (such as cardiovascular diseases, chronic respiratory diseases, diabetes and cancers) and associated risk factors and conditions (such as physical inactivity, body mass index, underweight, overweight, obesity and hypertension), as derived from statistical models, are regularly prepared.

Following WHO's quality standards for data publication and prior to the official release of the above estimates, WHO is consulting its Members States to review, comment and provide advice on the comparable estimates for these disease and risk factor estimates and to ensure that latest country data have been identified and used for production of the comparable estimates.

The consultation will be conducted via email with a designated person as country focal point. This focal point should liaise with appropriate topic-specific experts. To ensure accurate and timely estimates, the designation of the focal point, together with contact details, should be sent no later than 16 May 2025 to the Department of Noncommunicable Diseases, Rehabilitation and Disability, by email, to ncdestimates@who.int.

The next set of noncommunicable disease estimates being prepared by WHO will be of body mass index, underweight, overweight and obesity in adults and adolescents. WHO will share these preliminary estimates and accompanying documentation electronically with the nominated focal point, who will have six weeks to review the estimates. Any submissions after this date may not be considered in the final publication of country estimates.

Preliminary estimates of physical inactivity in adolescents are expected to be shared in late 2025 and other consultations will follow in 2026.

The World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States the assurance of its highest consideration.

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