

Novo Nordisk Foundation enters into strategic framework agreement with WHO to advance global health

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Novo Nordisk Foundation has entered into strategic framework agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO) to advance global health. With the agreement, the Foundation expands its existing collaboration with WHO, committing to a granting frame of up to DKK 380 million over the next four years.

The Foundation and WHO are deepening the partnership, adopting a more strategic approach through the signature of a framework agreement that will enable the two organisations to accelerate progress by working together.

This includes opportunities to collaborate on the promotion, provision and protection of health, addressing the growing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) with emphasis on cardiometabolic diseases; critical gaps in the health workforce; inequity in access to quality NCD services as well as antimicrobial resistance.

For several years, the Foundation and WHO have supported WHO's emergency health response operations, in addition to supporting WHO's work on NCDs in emergencies. The strategic framework agreement for the coming four years is an expansion of this engagement.

The Novo Nordisk Foundation sees WHO as a key partner when it comes to realising the Foundation's vision of improving human and planetary health.

"WHO plays a unique role in the global health ecosystem, providing normative guidance, monitoring diseases, building country capacity for resilient health systems and supporting learning and evidence," says Mads Krogsgaard Thomsen, CEO of the Novo Nordisk Foundation.