Transforming Population Health: The Novartis Foundation in 2021 and beyond

Around the world, health systems are under tremendous strain, battling to respond to the dual burden of infectious and chronic diseases, the constant threat of emerging diseases, the global shortage of skilled health workers, and rapid urbanization. These threats present an urgent need for innovative, multisector and data-driven approaches to improve the health of populations. That’s why the Novartis Foundation uses evidence from its most impactful interventions to help decision makers enhance population health policy. Population health approaches prioritize reducing health inequalities, promoting partnerships and public health initiatives, and maximizing the application of technology to strengthen health systems.

Our ultimate aim is to re-engineer our current care systems into true health systems that prioritize keeping people healthy, rather than caring for them only when they are unwell. COVID-19 has been a wake-up call for this urgent re-engineering. And, as the pandemic hit urban populations particularly hard, cities are the best place to start.

Cardiovascular population health initiative

We work with city authorities and other partners to co-design and implement fast, adaptive responses to cardiovascular health.

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Urban Population Health Toolkit

Discover insights, evidence-based strategies, tools and best practices to improve cardiovascular population health.

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AI4BetterHearts

This global data collaborative aims to deliver tools for enhancing cardiovascular population health policy.

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AI in health policy

We help countries identify how they can accelerate their readiness to deploy AI in health and care.

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HealthTech innovation

Innovation in data, digital and AI can re-engineer health systems from being reactive, to becoming proactive, predictive and preventative.

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Brazil COVID-19 Response

AI platform in São Paulo, Brazil helps diagnose COVID-19 patients faster

HealthTech Dialogue Hub

The HealthTech Dialogue Hub aims to catalyze technology-enabled innovation that strengthens health systems in low- and middle-income settings.

Broadband Commission

The Novartis Foundation co-chairs the commission's Working Group on Digital and AI in Health, which provides recommendations for how countries can realize mature integration of AI in health systems.

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