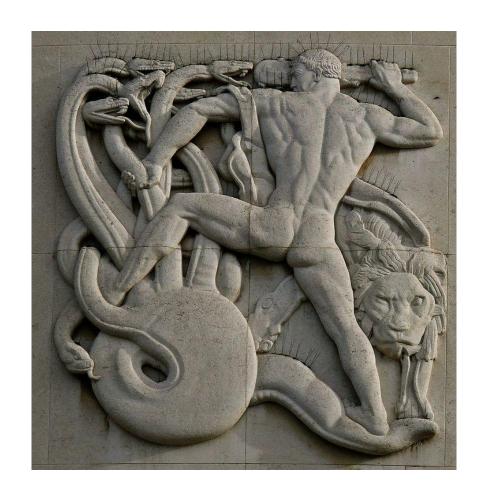
## Ready for change? What does the SDG agenda mean for health?

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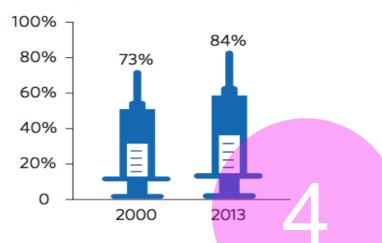
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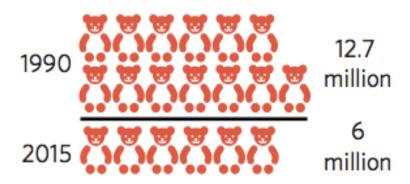


#### **MDG** successes

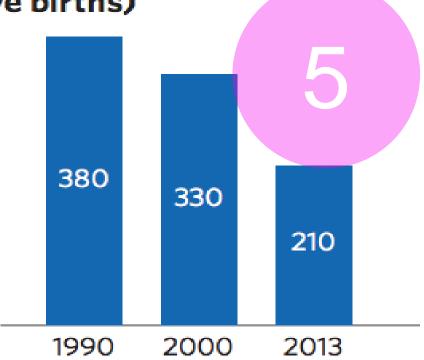
#### Global measles vaccine coverage



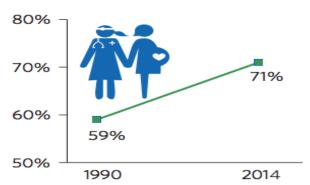
### Global number of deaths of children under five



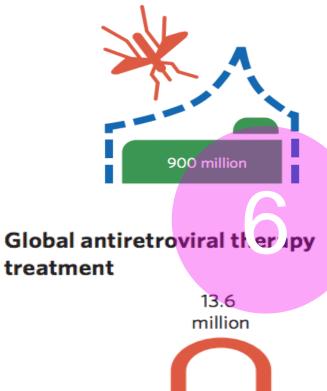
Global maternal mortality ratio (deaths per 100,000 live births)



Global births attended by skilled health personnel



Number of insecticidetreated mosquito nets delivered in sub-Saharan Africa, 2004-2014





#### **MDG** limitations

Lack of response to changing burden of disease



Fragmented health systems



Top down approach, lack of systems of accountability



# SDGs: New opportunities

Goal 3: 9 Health Targets

Directly related targets in other goals:

Goal 2 (nutrition)

Goal 5 (gender equality)

Goal 6 (water and sanitation)

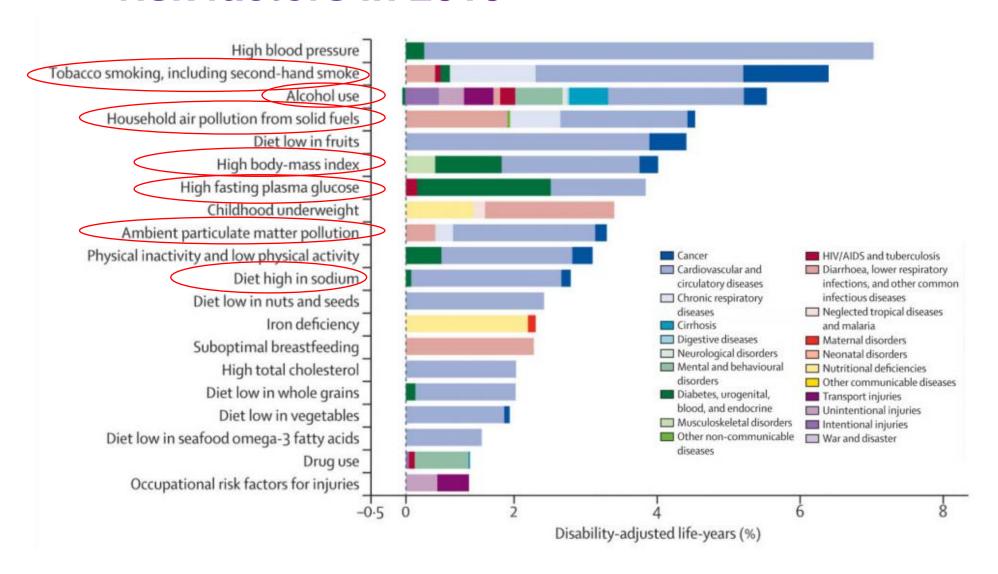
Goal 11 (sustainable cities)

Goal 16 (inclusive institutions and societies)

- Agenda is all-encompassing
- Indivisible, inter-dependent goals and targets
- Wide ownership based on unprecedented consultation

 Health targets reflect (better) burden of disease (than MDGs)

## Burden of disease attributable to leading risk factors in 2010



# Achieving the goals: 5 shifts needed

- 1) ensuring leadership for intersectoral coherence and coordination on the structural drivers of health;
- 2) shifting the focus from treatment to prevention through locally-led, politically-smart approaches to a far broader agenda;
- 3) identifying effective means to tackle the commercial determinants of ill-health;
- 4) further integrating rights-based approaches;
- 5) enhancing civic engagement and ensuring accountability.

# Shift 1: Intersectoral leadership & coordination

- Action across sectors to achieve health goals raises questions of:
  - Governance
  - Prioritization
  - Planning
  - Investment

"The problem is that the health sector is very strong in convincing itself that other sectors should do something. And it is very weak in speaking the language of the other sectors..." Gopinathan et al, 2015, DOI: 10.1186/s12992-015-0128-6

- How to align interests and incentives across sectors?
- What can we learn from other sectors?

# Shift 2:Politically smart approaches to a broad agenda - emphasis on prevention

Health systems are vital, but primary prevention likely more effective and potentially more equitable

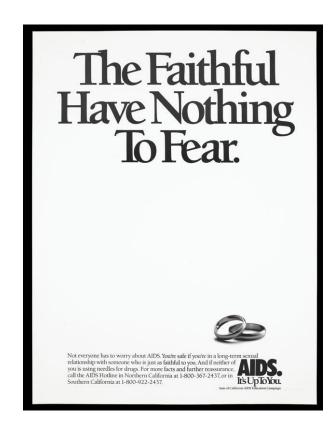
- Restrict taxes on tobacco and alcohol, access to alcohol sales,
- Regulate smoke-free public places, bans on advertising of tobacco and alcohol, control salt level in food
- Replace trans fats with polyunsaturated
- Regimens of health care aspirin, immunisation (HBV, HPV)
- Reinforce positive images diet and physical activity

# Challenges in shifting from treatment to prevention

- "Culture of treatment" predominates:
  - Biomedicine
  - Law and human rights
  - Global Health

 Economic and political incentives allied with promoting treatment

### Preventing epidemics: Responsible framing of responsibility?







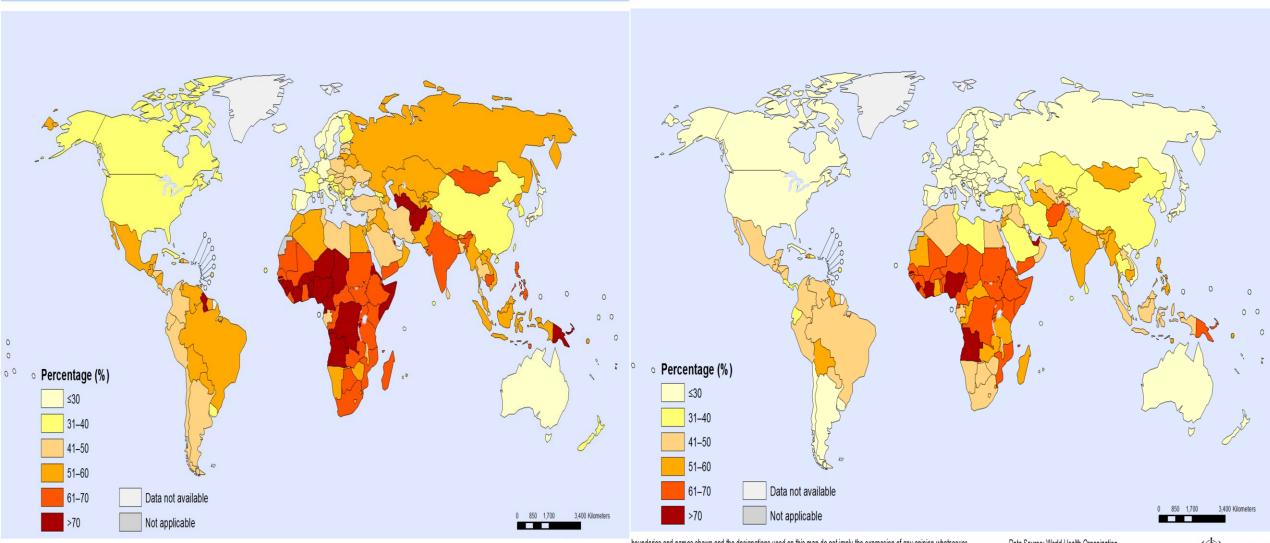
### Shift 3: Putting people before profits?

Governing the profit-driven determinants of disease

#### NCDs are largest contributor to premature mortality in LMICs

Percentage of deaths due to noncommunicable diseases occuring under age of 70 Male, 2012

Percentage of deaths due to noncommunicable diseases occuring under age of 70 Female, 2012



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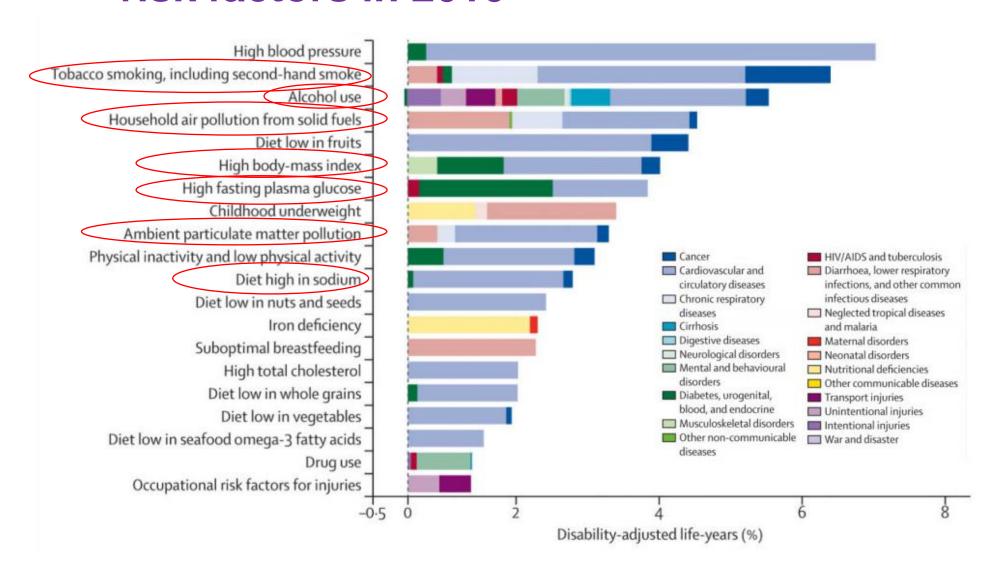
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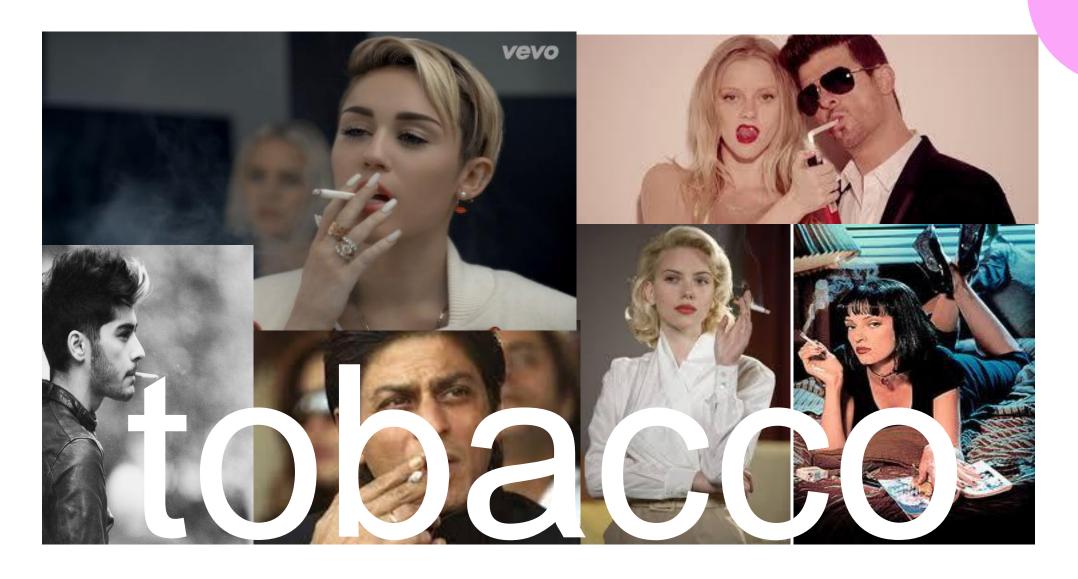
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#### THE BIG KILLERS











#### Models of public/private regulation

- Self-regulation by private sector
- Co-regulation e.g. public private partnerships
- Public sector regulation
- How to safeguard public health interest in all 3 models? See next 2 slides!

### Shift 4: Promoting the Right to Health

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Article 25 1. Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and wellbeing of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Article 7 the right of everyone to safe and healthy working conditions; Article 12(b) The improvement of all aspects of environmental and industrial hygiene;

## Right to a health-promoting environment

Realising right to healthy environment will have substantial and sustained impact on population health and health equity

Commission on Social Determinants, Lancet, 2008

#### Potential actions:

- Reframing of rights
- Expansion of mandate and resources for Special Rapporteur
- Greater use of Human Rights Council

### Shift 5: Engagement and accountability

- Multistakeholder (and multidisciplinary/multisectoral) platform as governance structure
- Implement accountability mechanisms
  - National level mechanisms e.g. NAC
  - Global e.g. COIA for Women and Children's Health
  - Enhanced and resourced role for civil society

#### Conclusion

- SDGs offer opportunity for a 'paradigm shift' "a series of peaceful interludes punctuated by intellectually violent revolutions" (κυhη, 1962)
- Achieving SDG3 means thinking outside the health system box
  - Health as intersectoral issue
  - Shift discourse to promotion of health capabilities & disease prevention alongside treatment of illness
  - New platform for governance for health including governance of prevention
- Think more politically about what will it take to fulfil the 2030 health agendas

