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Foreword



Bangladesh has been passing through an epidemiological transition. The disease patterns have been changing from predominance of communicable diseases to non-communicable diseases such as heart diseases, strokes, chronic respiratory diseases, and cancers. Many of these major killer diseases are largely preventable by appropriate lifestyle measures. Use of tobacco is one of such lifestyle factors. This study provides a very comprehensive evidence-based data on tobacco-related illnesses and their impact on Bangladesh economy. I hope that the data and information contained in this report will provide valuable insight not only to Bangladesh but also to other developing and transitional economies for tobacco control measures such as legislations and programme implementations.

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