

# Pacific Heads of Health

## Réunion des directeurs de la santé du Pacifique



## Pacific Legislative Framework for Non-Communicable Diseases

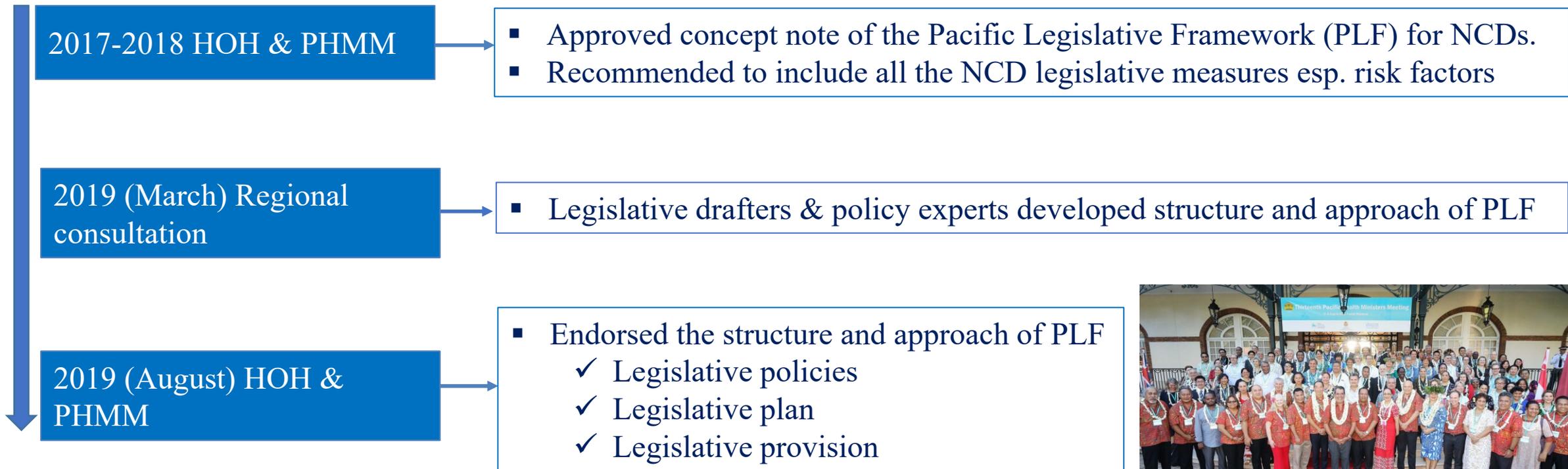
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# Background

- Legislative measures are critical tools in addressing the growing burden of NCDs.
- MANA baseline status highlighted the need to develop and strengthen NCD related laws and regulations in PICTs.



# Progress on the development of PLF

2019 (Nov) Follow up regional consultation

- Identified legislation gaps using MANA and reviewed global and regional policy frameworks, legislations, and conventions e.g. WHO FCTC.
- Conducted 2<sup>nd</sup> regional consultation meetings with legal and health policy experts from PICTs, development partners and academic institutions.

2020 Online Consultations

- Further online consultation with legislative drafters & policy experts
- Incorporated the technical input and recommendations.

2021 Finalising for endorsement and implementation

## Contents/Areas

- Tobacco control
- Liquor control
- Health promotion foundation
- Code on marketing of breastmilk substitutes
- Marketing of food and non-alcoholic beverages to children
- NCD taxation measures
- Regulations of levels of salt, sugar, trans-fat

## Components in each area

- Legislative policies
- Legislative plan
- Legislative provision

## Implementation

- Proposed process for implementation
- Adopt/adapt taking into account the drafting practices, styles and the relevant laws in respective jurisdictions



## Why action is needed now

- The COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters and other competing priorities have resulted in the **delay in developing and implementing NCD related laws**.
- **Emerging issues** including the socioeconomic, environmental, and commercial factors influencing NCDs across the Pacific e.g., the industries' interference.
- Urgent need for PICTs to **strengthen, implement and enforce** NCD related laws to keep up with changing environments and needs in the region.
- The **capacity and expertise** to develop and implement NCD related laws remains limited in many PICTs.
- The PLF is intended to **guide the development of NCD related laws** and PICTs could choose to opt in and to take advantage of the regional framework in accordance with their national priorities and circumstances.

- Different government authorities deal with different NCD-related legislation. An **integrated government approach and commitment** from the political leaders are crucial to strengthen the implementation of the PLF.
- The endorsement of the PLF and utilising it to reform NCD related laws in respective jurisdictions will enhance implementation of **laws and regulations across all relevant sectors** and contribute to meeting the **global NCD targets**.

## 2030: The future we want to see

To reduce **premature mortality** from NCDs by one third by 2030, to achieve our vision of ‘Pacific people live long, healthy, and productive lives’.

## To get there, we need

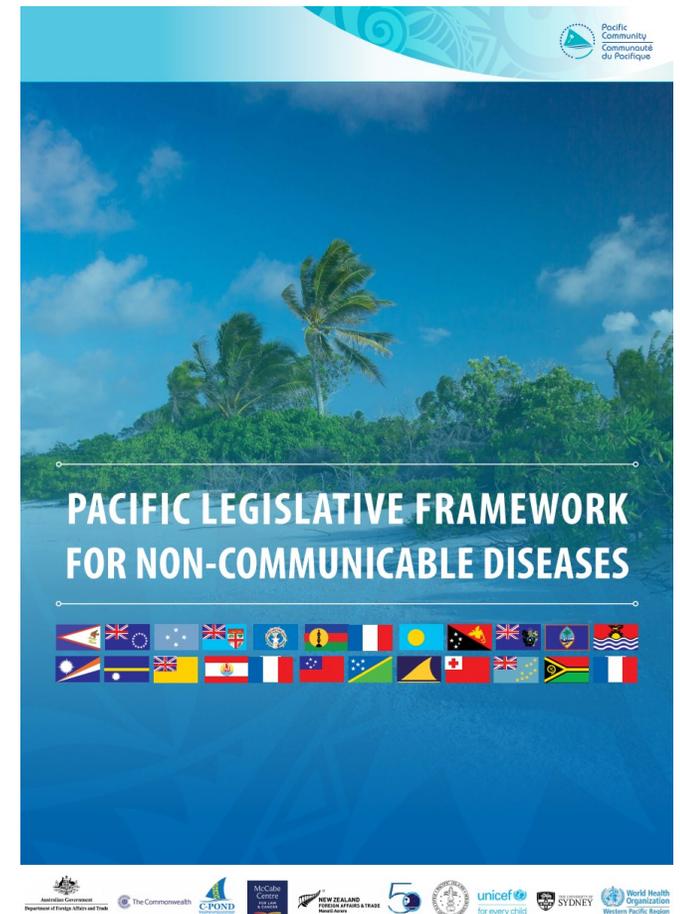
Enhanced **implementation and enforcement of policies, laws and regulations** drawing on an endorsed Pacific Legislative framework

Strong **multisectoral and high-level commitment** to ensure the use of legislative approaches across all relevant sectors that address NCD and associated risk factors

# Recommendations for governments

## Pacific Heads of Health are invited to:

- **Review the final Pacific Legislative Framework** for NCD (Annex) with a view to **endorse** and present at the Pacific Health Ministers Meeting in 2021 for further discussion and decision;
- **Support that regional endorsement** at high level from political leaders i.e., Forum Leaders and/or Forum Ministers level would be the most appropriate endorsement approach to ensure implementation of the Pacific Legislative Framework and to consider more opportunities for Pacific-level actions; and
- **Commit to utilise and adapt** the Pacific Legislative Framework in reviewing and reforming NCD related laws in respective jurisdictions to accelerate actions on NCD to meet global NCD targets and regional commitments and use MANA dashboard to monitor implementation in five years after endorsement.



## Development partners are invited to:

- **Support the regional endorsement and the implementation** of the Pacific Legislative Framework for NCD at national level, in particular through leveraging cross sectoral opportunities; and
- **Advocate and raise awareness** on the Pacific Legislative Framework at national, regional, and international level.