

Global health research centre on non-communicable diseases opens in India

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The £10 million funding for the Centre will cover a five-year period from October 2022

The George Institute for Global Health, India and Imperial College London have announced the establishment of NIHR Global Health Research Centre on Non-Communicable Diseases and Environmental Change. The Centre will work to tackle the dual challenges of a rapidly growing burden of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and the threat of global environmental change in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs).

The launch event for the NIHR Global Health Research Centre on NCDs and Environmental Change was held on 17 November 2022 in New Delhi.

The NIHR Global Health Research Centre for NCDs and Environmental Change includes an interdisciplinary group of academics from the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Research (Bangladesh), Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education & Research (India), and University of Brawijaya (Indonesia), who will work to address specific health concerns related to environmental change.

Research priorities have been developed with the target communities, with empowerment, engagement and outreach are the heart of the Centre's research programme which will see local populations and primary healthcare professionals actively involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of interventions.

A key aspect of the Centre's programme of work over the five years will be to address the urgent need to build research capacity to enable identification of effective strategies and interventions within local communities. The team will deliver a number of capacity-building activities for researchers at different stages of their careers, institutions and wider communities.