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Draft recommendations on how to strengthen the design and implementation of policies, including those for resilient health systems and health services and infrastructure, to treat people living with noncommunicable diseases and to prevent and control their risk factors in humanitarian emergencies

STATEMENT BY THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY

Honorable chair, distinguished delegates,

The International Society of Nephrology welcomes WHO's work in delivering health-care services to affected populations during humanitarian emergencies and urges you to include kidney disease within its non-communicable disease strategic preparedness and response plans.

People suffering from chronic kidney disease are highly vulnerable in humanitarian emergencies, given the frequent disruption of essential life-saving treatments, ranging from simple blood pressure medication to dialysis.

The kidney disease burden amongst populations impacted by natural and man-made emergencies is increasing. Therefore, the incorporation of kidney disease and treatment into emergency preparedness and response plans is urgently needed.

As such, we call upon Member States and the WHO to:

- Integrate essential medication and diagnostics for kidney disease into the existing NCD emergency plans
- Ensure the delivery of high-quality, essential services for people living with kidney disease in humanitarian emergencies by increasing investment in such plans



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