With appropriate prevention, awareness and early interventions, noma can be effectively prevented. The WHO Regional Office for Africa is coordinating the Regional Programme for Noma Control and provides technical support to eight countries in the African region. International NGOs, many of them members of the NoNoma Federation, are involved in collaboration with the Ministries of Health of countries affected in prevention, care and rehabilitation of noma patients, as well as resource mobilization.

**ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES IN ENHANCING DETECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF NOMA**

Support comprehensive measures that contribute to reducing poverty, malnutrition and other environmental and behavioural risk factors of noma for children.

Strengthen early detection of noma cases based on integrated community health strategies.

Provide rapid and appropriate primary care for patients with early stages of noma.

Ensure referral of patients with advanced noma to specialist care.

Strengthen integrated surveillance systems through documentation and reporting of noma cases.

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