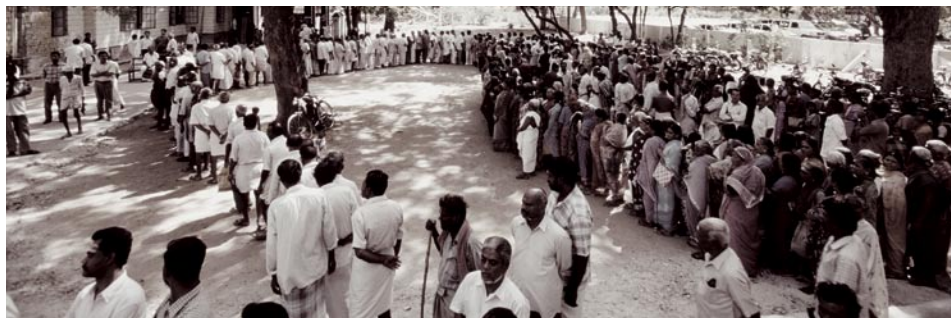




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### **WDF Diabetes Summit Hanoi 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> february 2006**

Diabetes is becoming a major public health problem and impacting the lives of millions of people all over the world. The problem is much more severe in societies undergoing rapid economic transition. Eight out of the top ten countries with highest number of people with diabetes are in the developing world and six of them in Asia. While people with diabetes are at a great risk of associated conditions and complications such as hypertension, heart attacks, paralytic strokes, blindness, limb amputations, kidney failure etc; prevention and treatment strategies directed at diabetes are also beneficial for many non communicable diseases. Diabetes is therefore one of the most significant public health challenges of this century as well as an opportunity to improve public health by promoting healthy living.

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The World Diabetes Foundation (WDF) is dedicated to supporting prevention and treatment of diabetes in the developing world. The WDF was launched in 2002 with the primary objective to prevent and improve the care of people with diabetes in the poorest countries through funding of sustainable projects within the fields of awareness and advocacy; building healthcare capacity, and enhancement of detection, treatment and monitoring.

The WDF in collaboration with the Ministry of Health Vietnam and the Western Pacific Diabetes Declaration is convening a Diabetes Summit from the 21st to 23rd February 2006, in Hanoi, Vietnam. The Western Pacific Declaration on Diabetes is a joint effort by the World Health Organization, the International Diabetes Federation, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community to bring diabetes to the attention of professionals and policy-makers in the Region.

The Summit will be attended by several diabetes care and NCD related stakeholders from the Western Pacific and South Asia regions, including project partners of the many WDF funded diabetes projects in Asia such as the large project in Vietnam where the WHO and ministry of health Vietnam are direct partners. The purpose of the summit is to bring to attention the health and socio economic burden posed by the rising prevalence of diabetes and its complications in the region and discuss steps to mitigate the burden.



An important goal of the summit is to bring to the notice of policy makers, health officials, care providers and specific donors the need for possible prevention strategies and better diabetes care in the developing world. Many of the WDF funded projects in the region will be presented at the meeting as examples of what action is being already taken. The summit offers a wide array of relevant topics presented by International experts. The program allows enough time for participative interactive workshops to help come up with ideas and solutions for future work. We hope the summit will serve as a forum of interaction between the various stakeholders and WDF partners and help create a network of committed and interested people to move the agenda on prevention and care for non communicable diseases forward. We anticipate that over 100 participants would attend the summit.

On behalf of the organizers, we invite you to join the summit and be part of this important event.

We very much look forward to your response no later than 1. Jan. 2006. Please visit our website; [www.worlddiabetesfoundation.org](http://www.worlddiabetesfoundation.org) for additional information and please feel free to contact the WDF Secretariat if there are any question or area that we can offer our assistance.

Best regards

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Please find enclosed the Diabetes Summit 2006 programme and the WDF annual review 04.