Next Steps Timeline

Jan 2017 – 140th WHO Executive Board meeting. Decision-makers decided to hold formal discussions on RHD at next Executive Board meeting in June 2017

Feb-May 2017 – Strong civil society advocacy pushed governments to support concept of RHD Resolution before formal discussions in June

Feb 2017 – RHD Action called on civil society to demand that governments & decision-makers propose and support an RHD Resolution (global policy process)

01-02 June 2017 – 141st WHO Executive Board meeting. Decision-makers formally recommended a Draft Resolution on ‘Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease’

Aug-Oct 2017 – WHO Regional Meetings – opportunity to advocate to key decision-makers to support the Draft Resolution

Jan 2018 – 142nd WHO Executive Board meeting – opportunity to advocate to key decision-makers to support the Draft Resolution

May 2018 – 71st World Health Assembly. Decision-makers have first opportunity to pass Resolution. (If Resolution is not passed here, discussions continue into 2019)

Looking ahead – Once the Resolution is passed, we will ensure governments stick to their commitments and begin to fund and implement work on RHD in countries around the world

Key Dates

Feb-May 2017 – Civil society advocated to decision-makers, encouraging them to support the RHD Resolution.

22-31 May 2017 – Decision-makers met at the 70th World Health Assembly (Geneva, Switzerland)

01-02 June 2017 – Decision-makers recommended a Draft Resolution on ‘Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease’ at the 141st WHO Executive Board meeting. (Geneva, Switzerland)

Aug 2017 - May 2018 – Ongoing civil society advocacy to decision-makers, encouraging them to support the RHD Resolution text (Global)

22- 27 Jan 2018 – 142nd WHO Executive Board meeting – opportunity to advocate to key decision-makers to support the Draft Resolution (Geneva, Switzerland)

21-26 May 2018 – Decision-makers meet at the 71st World Health Assembly to discuss the Draft Resolution. This is the earliest opportunity for the Resolution to be finalized and passed (Geneva, Switzerland)