

Diabetes Alliance Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

Prioritising people with diabetes across South Africa.

Mission

The Diabetes Alliance is a non-profit organisation committed to improving the health and wellness of people living with diabetes in South Africa. We do this by creating conditions for **new ways** that government, philanthropic foundations, civil society, business, academic institutions, health professionals and people living with diabetes can work together in improving access to treatment and care.

We aim to:

- Present a united voice for diabetes in South Africa.
- Advocate for better access to care, health budget and education for people with diabetes.
- Create a network of collaboration: connecting the dots between all the players in the diabetes field and giving them a voice.

Objectives:

1. Awareness and prevention

65% of South Africans aged 15 years or older have intermediate hyperglycaemia / prediabetes (National Department of Health, Statistics South Africa, South African Medical Research Council, and ICF. 2019. *South Africa Demographic and Health Survey 2016*. Pretoria, South Africa, and Rockville, Maryland, USA). We have an opportunity to prevent this portion of our population from developing Type 2 diabetes, if we act now.

2. Education

Diabetes is primarily a self-managed chronic condition that should not be lethal. The right diabetes education can empower people with diabetes to live long, healthy lives. This includes the education of health care professionals. People living with diabetes need to be engaged in the development, review and updating of all promotional and educational resources.

3. Management and access to care

We know there is suboptimal control of people living with diabetes, with less than 20% meeting their treatment targets. We need to ensure that all healthcare disciplines work together on strengthening and ensuring continuity of care and integrated care pathways.

4. Surveillance

We need data on who has diabetes in South Africa: strong systems to monitor and measure our efforts and progress.

5. Innovation and research

Digital health, telemedicine and innovations could improve diabetes management in South Africa. This could expand cost-effective access to care from a shrinking pool of health professionals.



Values

Transparency

We are open and honest about all our work.

Collaboration

We believe real change happens when we join forces for diabetes.

Accountability

We strive to ensure the accountability of public, private and individual diabetes care providers, including ourselves.