The global impact of dementia

Around the world, there will be 9.9 million new cases of dementia in 2015, one every 3 seconds.

46.8 million people worldwide are living with dementia in 2015. This number will almost double every 20 years.

68% in 2050

Much of the increase will take place in low and middle income countries (LMICs): in 2015, 58% of all people with dementia live in LMICs, rising to 63% in 2030 and 68% in 2050.

The total estimated worldwide cost of dementia in 2015 is US$ 818 billion. By 2018, dementia will become a trillion dollar disease, rising to US$ 2 trillion by 2030.

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If global dementia care were a country, it would be the 18th largest economy in the world exceeding the market values of companies such as Apple and Google.

We must now involve more countries and regions in the global action on dementia.

This map shows the estimated number of people living with dementia in each world region in 2015.

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