



World Obesity Federation

Conflict of Interest Statement

Project Name	Cost of Obesity
Partnering Organisations (if applicable)	RTI International
Funder(s)	Novo Nordisk
Funder type	Pharmaceutical company
Funding Type	Unrestricted Grant

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There is a pressing need to better calculate the economic and social costs of obesity across heterogeneous contexts in the world. Estimates of the cost of obesity across countries using a comparable method will help to build a common understanding of the problem and provide impetus for stronger action to prevent and manage obesity and its disease sequela across the world.

In response to the above, World Obesity and RTI International have joined forces to produce a replicable, comparable, and understandable modelling framework to calculate the current and projected economic and social costs of obesity. An unrestricted grant from Novo Nordisk has been accepted to conduct this project.

While World Obesity pride themselves on collaboration and engagement, there is a strong commitment throughout the organisation to work according to our strategic goals, free of bias and influence and for the benefit of the wider obesity community. The publicly available '*World Obesity Financial Policy*' helps to assess the appropriateness of any engagements and to ensure that credibility and reputation are maintained at all times.

World Obesity and RTI International are putting the following safeguards in place to maintain transparency, reproducibility, and iterative critical review of the research process for the Cost of Obesity project.

Considerations	Safeguards
Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 'Policy Alignment Assessment' matrix completed- 'Conflict of Interest' statement completed (available on request)- Content, dates and attendance of Advisory Group meetings to be recorded- Content, dates and attendance of Funder meetings to be recorded, including what, if any, input is made in project decision making- RTI's role, as an independent and nonprofit research institute, in developing the methodology and conducting the analysis to be clearly delineated

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Reproducibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Project findings, methodology, data, and sources to be made publicly available and easily accessible (on World Obesity website and peer-reviewed journals)
Critical review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Independent Advisory Group (Cost of Obesity Advisory Group), comprised of respected leaders in the field of obesity, to be established to guide and oversee the conduct of the research- Regular meetings of the Cost of Obesity Advisory Group to be held to receive critical feedback on the methodology and analysis, any weaknesses that exist in the modelling framework that is developed to be documented and made publicly available- Prioritise getting results into a peer-reviewed journal- Detailed rationale for chosen methodology to be written- List of anticipated critiques and questions regarding methodology and results, and subsequent responses, to be developed prior to publication