

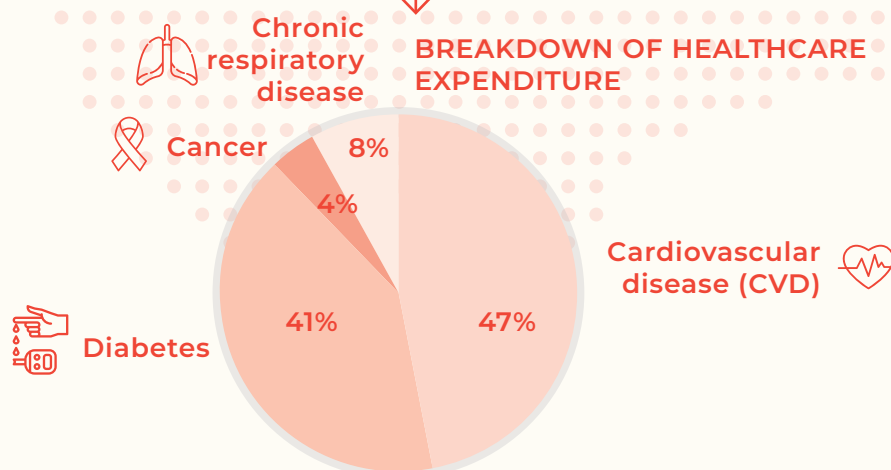
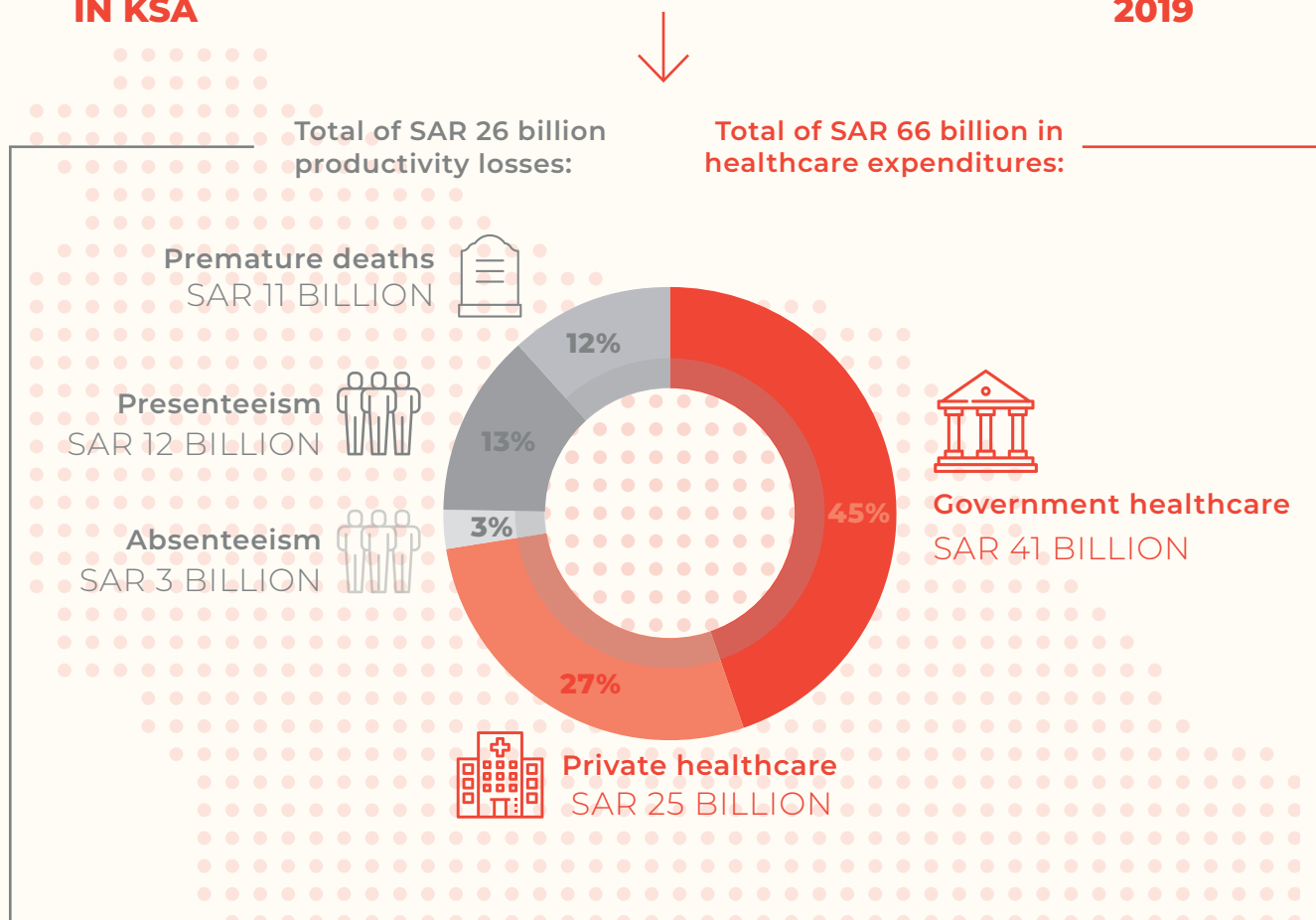
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## THE BURDEN OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDs)

**IN 2020, NEARLY 20,000 PEOPLE DIED FROM THE FOUR MAIN NCDs IN KSA**

**THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF NCDs IN 2019 WAS SAR 92 BILLION (3% OF GDP)**

**NCDS ACCOUNTED FOR SAR 41 BILLION OR 35% OF GOVERNMENT HEALTH EXPENDITURE IN 2019**



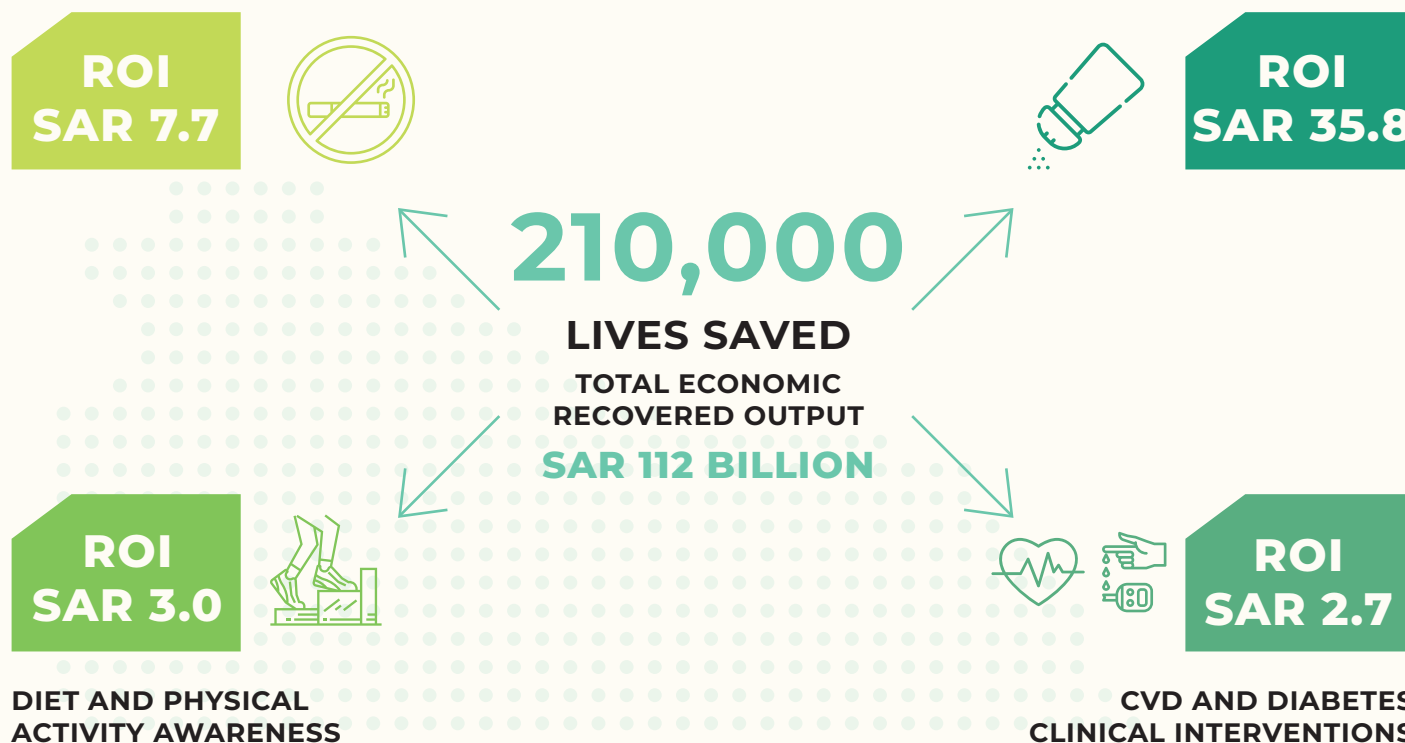


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## RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI) FROM EVIDENCED-BASED INTERVENTIONS OVER 15 YEARS

### TOBACCO CONTROL

### SALT REDUCTION



### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 Invest and scale-up:** Invest in new and scale-up current cost-effective clinical and population-based interventions, enhancing efficiency in the health sector and public sector fiscal sustainability. Increase taxes on health-harming products and shift subsidies from health-harming products to health-promoting ones.
- 2 Engage and collaborate:** Strengthen multisectoral, whole-of-government and whole-of-society action on NCDs and increase public awareness of NCDs and their risk factors.
- 3 Monitor and account:** Strengthen monitoring and evaluation and accountability across sectors.
- 4 Innovate:** Implement novel policy approaches and test innovative solutions to increase utilization of existing services and incentivize healthy behaviour.
- 5 Build back better:** Ensure that prevention and control of NCDs is a central element of the COVID-19 response and recovery.



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