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Briefing on
Noncommunicable diseases

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Country actions and demands
Fourth UN High-level Meeting on NCDs and mental health
Preparatory processes

World Health Organization
Preparatory process for the 4th High Level Meeting on NCDs, 2025

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Key high-level events on the Road to 2025

- **Apr 2022**
  - International Strategic Dialogue on NCDs – Global NCD Compact

- **Dec 2022**
  - Global and regional technical meeting on NCDs in emergencies

- **June 2023**
  - SIDS Ministerial Conference on NCDs and mental health – 2023 Bridgetown declaration on NCDs and Mental Health in the SIDS

- **Sep 2022**
  - 1st Gathering of Global Group of HoSG for NCDs & mental health

- **Jan 2023**
  - SIDS High-level technical meeting on NCDs and mental health

- **Sep 2023**
  - 2nd Gathering of Global Group of HoSG for NCDs & mental health

- **June 2024**
  - 2nd Global NCD Financing meeting

- **Feb 2024**
  - Global Meeting on NCDs in emergencies

- **Oct 2024**
  - 2nd International Conference on Air Pollution

- **Sept 2025**
  - 4th UN High-level Meeting on NCDs and mental health

- **April 2024**
  - 1st Symposium on Meaningful Engagement
Global NCD Compact 2020-2030 launched at International Strategic Dialogue on NCDs (Ghana | April 2022)

Five Commitments

1. **Save lives** of 50 million people from dying prematurely of NCDs.

2. Protect lives of 1.7 billion people living with NCDs during humanitarian emergencies, through preparedness and health emergency risk management.

3. Cover all people with quality essential health services and medicines and health products for NCD prevention and control by integrating NCDs into PHC and UHC.

4. Cover all countries with comprehensive NCD surveillance and monitoring actions.

5. **Meaningfully engage** 1.7 billion people living with NCDs and mental health conditions to encourage Governments to develop more ambitious national NCD responses.

Actions

- Engage
- Accelerate
- Invest
- Align
- Account
From **Conference, to Action** on NCDs and mental health in SIDS

High-level Policy expert group formed to provide strategic and technical guidance

- High Level Policy expert group to provide support towards 2025
- Regular follow-up with countries (3x per year sessions)
- Technical support
- Resource mobilization
- SIDS Newsletter
- SIDS focus in GPW14
- Inputs to Global SIDS meetings (e.g. Intl Conf in Antigua and Barbuda, 2024)

**SID(s) Commitment Page**

Strengthening the NCD and mental health response in SIDS On the Road to 2025
The Global Group of Heads of State and Government meets annually during UNGA, to:

- Raise the priority accorded to the prevention and control of NCDs within the national and international SDG response.
- Deliberate on the [Global NCD Compact 2020-2030](#) and showcase national and international actions on NCD and the SDGs.
- Discuss on how to leverage the collective to inspire and support global action on NCDs and the SDGs.
- Discuss how to accelerate national action as part of the NCD Implementation Roadmap 2023-2025
Global High-Level Technical Meeting on NCDs In Humanitarian Settings
27-29 February 2024, Copenhagen, Denmark

Purpose

To raise global awareness of the need to consider NCDs as part of emergency preparedness and response, and to forge relationships between the NCD, Humanitarian, Refugee and Health Systems communities in advance of the UN High Level Meeting on NCDs in 2025.

Objectives

2. Recommend strategic and integrated approaches to improve technical assistance to countries across preparedness, response, and recovery phases and agree on practical steps to better address NCD and the health of displaced persons in acute and protracted emergencies.
3. Inform the report to the UN Secretary General before the UN High Level meeting on NCDs in 2025, drawing on WHO recommendations endorsed during the 75th session of the World Health Assembly.
Objective
The WHO Second Global Dialogue on Sustainable Financing for NCDs - which this time will also explicitly address mental health - will explore approaches on how to include NCDs and mental health responses within national health and financing plans.

Outcomes
1. Actionable strategies
   Including a measurement approach defining how each strategy contributes to ensuring that sufficient budget is allocated to the prevention and management of NCDs and mental health conditions
2. Policy recommendations

Timeline

- External Technical Expert Group (ETEG) meets on regular basis by demand
- WHO Scientific and Programmatic Committee (S&PC) meets every 4-6 weeks
In 2013 the WHA adopted the NCD GMF and 9 global targets – these ambitious but achievable targets were intended to drive change in prevention and control of NCDs.

The current GMF and targets are until 2025, and the upcoming 4th UNHLM is an opportunity to review progress and look beyond 2025 with an updated GMF and targets.

WHO will facilitate a process for updating and agreeing the post-2025 GMF and targets, ensuring opportunity and reflection to refine, recalibrate and renew a new GMF aligned to emerging NCD challenges.

The process will engage experts, Member States, NSAs, and will align with the processes and preparations for the 4th UNHLM.
WHO Global status report on cancer 2025

**Mandate:**
(1) WHA 70.12 (2017): progress on implementation of cancer programmes
(2) WHA 73.2 (2020): cervical cancer progress report

**Objectives:**
(1) Present current best practices, inequalities in cancer control including mapping of childhood cancer
(2) Gather and present MS with models and tools to improve outcomes through an integrated approach
(3) Promote incorporation of key indicators for WHO cancer initiatives into routine national NCD reporting

**Anticipated Outputs:**
(1) Stock takes presented to EB 154 (2024) annual NCD report
(2) WHO global status report [EB 156 (2025)]
(3) Updated mandate / programme of work for 2024-2025

**Phase 1** (Q1 2023)
- Methodology & stakeholder engagement including MS, UN agencies & NSA

**Phase 2** (2023-2024)
- Data collection and synthesis
- Multi-sectoral working group

**Phase 3** (Oct 2024)
- Report on mapping & implementation support
- EB 156 (2025)
Timeline of preparatory process to the 4th UN HLM on NCDs and mental health

**2017-2023**
- 3rd UNHLM-NCD (2018)
- A71/14 (2018)
- A72/19 (2019)
- EB146/7 (2020)
- EB148/7 (2021)
- EB152/6 DG report (2022)

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- Technical inputs from key high-level meetings to feed into zero draft
- Regional consultations
- WHO Regional Committees
- Member State Briefings – Geneva, NY
Update

Dialogues with the private sector toward commitments and contributions to the NCD response

Pharmaceutical and health technologies Industry
Member State requests

- **All Member States** invited to participate in regular thematic briefings part of the preparatory process for the 4\textsuperscript{th} UN High-level Meeting on NCDs and mental health and share key inputs (details to be announced) as well as the Global meetings as planned in the preparation.

- **All Member States** encouraged to engage in the Global Group of Heads of State and Government on NCDs and in their 3. Gathering September 2024 during UNGA

- **All SIDS Member States invited to submit commitments and actions** to the SIDS Commitment Page on NCDs and mental health.
The Mandate to engage with the private sector

• Following the September 2011 United Nations (UN) High-Level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, the first in a series of three high-level meetings, WHO has led a series of consultations with Member States, UN agencies, NGOs, and the private sector to fulfil commitments made in the UN Political Declaration on NCDs.

• Paragraph 37 of resolution A/RES/68/300 (2014)

• Paragraphs 43 and 44 of resolution A/RES/73/2 (2018)
Why the Dialogues - Focus on fulfilling commitments made

Strengthening the collaboration between WHO and the Private Sector in accordance with the WHO Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) towards the development of contributions and commitments by relevant private sector entities to improve access to medicines and associated health technology products for diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of NCDs.

• Paragraphs 43 and 44 of resolution A/RES/73/2 (2018):
  We, Heads of State and Government, assembled at the United Nations General Assembly for the third High-level Meeting on NCDs, commit to:

  • Engage with the private sector for its meaningful and effective contribution to the implementation of national responses to NCDs in order to reach SDG target 3.4 on NCDs, while giving due regard to managing conflicts of interest;
  • Invite the private sector to strengthen its commitment and contribution to the implementation of national NCD responses by contributing to further improving access to and the affordability of safe, effective and quality medicines and technologies in the prevention and control of NCDs
Why the Dialogues - Focus on fulfilling commitments made

Paragraph 37 of resolution A/RES/68/300 (2014):

We, Heads of State and Government assembled at the United Nations General Assembly for the second High-level Meeting on NCDs, call upon WHO, while ensuring appropriate protection from vested interests, to develop an approach that can be used to register and publish contributions of the private sector to the achievement of the nine voluntary targets for NCDs.
Process

- WHO NCDs Department leads bi-annual dialogues with the pharmaceutical and health technology industry
- Defined process governing the selection of participants, agenda and subject to due diligence and risk assessment in accordance with FENSA.
- Development of WHO asks
- Thematic approach: Diabetes, Hypertension - Cancer in 2024
- Strong collaboration with Medicines and Health products division

Dialogue with the private sector on medicines and health technologies for hypertension, June 2022
Results so far

• Several manufacturers have come forward with commitments and contributions
  • Participation in the WHO prequalification and pooled procurement mechanisms. (Insulin, Blood glucose monitors, point-of-care glycated haemoglobin (HbA1c)
  • Capacity building in domestic manufacturing and supply chain management (including cold storage), following international good practice standards
  • Data on the heat stability of insulin
  • Technology transfer and local production of insulin
    • USA and Egypt: WHA side-event
    • South Africa and Denmark: UNGA side event
We encourage more commitments and contributions by the private sector. The process underscores the power of dialogue and collaboration, where governments, international organizations, and private sector entities come together for a common cause—the cause of humanity.

The dialogues and any type of collaboration needs to be aligned with FENSA to protect against any undue influence and not compromise WHO’s integrity, independence, credibility and reputation.

WHO looks forward to more commitments and further partnerships that will emerge from our ongoing dialogues, and is confident that together, we can make a profound difference in the lives of vulnerable patients living with NCDs around the world.

Thank you for your attention

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Technical updates

Chronic Respiratory Diseases: an essential part of the global NCD agenda

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Credit: WHO/Tom Pietrasik
Half a billion people are living with CRDs

**COPD**
212 million people living with COPD, 3rd leading cause of death

**Asthma**
Commonest chronic condition in children
262 million people living with asthma

4 million deaths
7% of all global deaths

>90% of premature CRD deaths occur in LMIC
Linking PROMOTE and PROVIDE in GPW14
Risk factors for asthma and COPD cause new cases and worsen existing disease
Global leadership

- Global Alliance against Chronic Respiratory Diseases
- GARD community on the WHO Knowledge Action Portal on NCDs
- WHO Spotlight webinar on CRDs
- Events for World Asthma Day, World COPD Day and World Lung Day
- Stakeholder meeting and editorial (International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease)
Technical products

Recommendations for asthma management in children and adolescents
  • With Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Department

CRD interventions in updated Appendix 3 and UHC Compendium
NCD facility-based monitoring guidance – CRD indicators
STEPS module on obstructive lung disease
Package of Interventions for Rehabilitation – COPD module
Framework for collaborative action on TB and comorbidities
  • With TB Department

Tobacco Knowledge Summaries on asthma and COPD
  • With Tobacco Free Initiative

Communication tools relating to air pollution and CRD
  • With Environment, Climate Change and Health Department
Country support
Integration of CRD prevention and management into primary care
Opportunities to accelerate progress

Integrated primary care approach
• Essential benefits packages and UHC

Strengthen access to essential medicines and technologies
• Peak flow meters – available in 25% of LMIC
• Bronchodilator inhalers – available in 60% of LMIC
• Steroid inhalers – available on 40% of LMIC

Strengthen monitoring and evaluation

Continue the cross-programmatic work with risk factors like air pollution and tobacco and across the life-course
Thank you for your attention

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Resolutions and decisions:
WHA66.10 Global action plan for the prevention and control of NCDs
WHA72(11) Extension of WHO GAP
WHA75(11) Implementation Roadmap 2023-2030
WHA76(9) Updated Appendix 3

UNGA 66/2, 68/300, 73/2 UNHLM on NCDs
UNGA 70/1 Agenda for Sustainable Development
UNGA 74/2, 78/4 UNHLM on Universal Health Coverage
UNGA 73/3, 78/125 UNHLM on TB

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

WHA68.8 Health impact of air pollution
WHA69(11) Road map for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution