

Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues

Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

Proposed workplan for the global coordination mechanism on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases for 2020

CONTEXT

1. In response to paragraph 15 of the terms of reference of the World Health Organization (WHO) global coordination mechanism on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (GCM/NCD),¹ the present document outlines the proposed workplan of the GCM/NCD for 2020.
2. The workplan takes into account the terms of reference of the GCM/NCD, its workplans for 2014–2015, 2016–2017 and 2018–2019² and the global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020.³ In addition, it takes into account the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases,⁴ the outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases,⁵ the Political Declaration of the third High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases⁶ and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.⁷
3. The workplan further takes into account the preliminary evaluation of the GCM/NCD⁸ and the outcomes of its general meeting, mandated in paragraph 12 of its terms of reference and convened in Geneva on 5 and 6 November 2018 by the Government of Switzerland and WHO with the support of the Governments of Israel, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka. The outcomes of the general meeting

¹ Document A67/14 Add.1, Annex, Appendix 1.

² Documents A67/14 Add.3 Rev.1; A68/11, Annex 3; and A70/27, Annex 3, respectively.

³ Endorsed by the World Health Assembly in resolution WHA66.10 (2013).

⁴ See General Assembly resolution 66/2 (2011).

⁵ See General Assembly resolution 68/300 (2014).

⁶ See General Assembly resolution 73/2 (2018).

⁷ See General Assembly resolution 70/1 (2015).

⁸ Document A71/14 Add.1.

include an update of the strategic priorities of the GCM/NCD in the light of the findings of the preliminary evaluation.¹

WORKPLAN FOR 2020

Strategic priorities

4. The workplan for 2020 is organized around three strategic priorities, in accordance with the five functions of the GCM/NCD stated in its terms of reference, as follows:

Strategic priority 1. Foster multistakeholder collaboration, partnerships and accountability by means of online platforms that consolidate and disseminate current scientific knowledge and available evidence, and that provide the basis for a review of national experience of engagement with non-State actors in order to assess the significance and effectiveness of that engagement in implementing national strategies to achieve Sustainable Development Goal target 3.4 on noncommunicable diseases;

Strategic priority 2. Promote a better understanding of the challenges to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal target 3.4 on noncommunicable diseases identified at the national level and implement the best buys and other recommended interventions in support of the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases,² as well as the preliminary lessons learned and successful approaches to overcoming the challenges identified;

Strategic priority 3. Pilot capacity-building approaches with a view to developing a technical package on how to establish or strengthen national multistakeholder dialogue mechanisms for noncommunicable diseases³ while giving due regard to managing conflicts of interest, including by supporting WHO programmes for implementing the multisectoral and multistakeholder components of the technical packages MPOWER, SAFER, SHAKE, REPLACE, ACTIVE and HEARTS.⁴

Actions

5. The following actions will be undertaken in close collaboration with the relevant WHO technical programmes and the WHO-led United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases, in consultation with GCM/NCD participants, as appropriate.

Strategic priority 1

- Strengthen the GCM/NCD knowledge action portal on noncommunicable diseases by, inter alia, conducting a continuous global stocktaking exercise on the engagement of

¹ See <http://www.who.int/global-coordination-mechanism/events/2018-gcm-general-meeting/en/>.

² In accordance with resolution WHA70.11.

³ In accordance with paragraph 25 of General Assembly resolution 73/2.

⁴ These technical packages aim, respectively, to reduce tobacco use; reduce the harmful use of alcohol; reduce salt intake; eliminate industrially produced trans-fats from the food supply; promote physical activity; and improve cardiovascular health.

governments with non-State actors, including through public–private partnerships, in order to accelerate ambitious action to achieve Sustainable Development Goal target 3.4 by 2030.

- Develop an approach to register, publish and track the commitments and contributions of civil society, philanthropic foundations and academic institutions to achieving Sustainable Development Goal target 3.4.¹
- Promote meaningful civil society engagement, including through the WHO Civil Society Working Group on the third High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, in order to encourage governments to develop ambitious national multisectoral responses for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and to contribute to their implementation.²

Strategic priority 2

- Convene GCM/NCD participants to develop a policy brief providing recommendations on how to raise the priority assigned by national agendas to, and strengthen political choices on, jointly providing noncommunicable diseases and mental health and social care services, including primary health care, in community-based settings.
- Convene GCM/NCD participants to develop a policy brief providing recommendations on how to raise the priority assigned by national agendas to, and strengthen political choices on, jointly reducing air pollution and the risk of dying prematurely from noncommunicable diseases.
- Convene GCM/NCD participants to develop a policy brief providing recommendations on how to overcome challenges at the national level to addressing the impact of economic, market and commercial factors on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.
- Convene GCM/NCD participants to promote investments in implementation research in low- and middle-income countries.

Strategic priority 3

- Develop a technical package to support governments in their domestic efforts to establish or strengthen: (a) multistakeholder dialogue mechanisms, as appropriate, to support the implementation of national multisectoral action plans for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in order to attain national targets;³ and (b) a national multisectoral mechanism, such as a high-level commission, agency or task force, to oversee the engagement, policy coherence and mutual accountability of different spheres of policy-making that have a bearing on noncommunicable diseases, in order to advance the implementation of health-in-all-policies, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, as well as to

¹ This will complement the approach that can be used to register and publish the contributions of the food and non-alcoholic beverage industry, as described in document EB144/20, Annex 3.

² In accordance with paragraph 42 of General Assembly resolution 73/2.

³ In accordance with paragraph 25 of General Assembly resolution 73/2.

advance action on, and monitoring of, the determinants of noncommunicable diseases, including social and environmental determinants.¹

- Pilot the above-mentioned technical package in a small group of up to six countries, including by convening national multistakeholder dialogues.
- Provide for the stocktaking and dissemination of advocacy campaigns and develop communication packages, in forms suitable for replication and adaptation by countries, that educate the public about the harms of smoking and/or tobacco use and second-hand smoke, the harmful use of alcohol and the risks of excessive intake of fats (in particular saturated fats), trans-fats, sugars and salt; and that promote the consumption of fruits and vegetables, the choice of healthy, balanced and sustainable diets and the reduction of sedentary behaviour.²

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

6. The Executive Board is invited to note the report.

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¹ In accordance with paragraph 30(a)(vi) of General Assembly resolution 68/300.

² In accordance with paragraph 34 of General Assembly resolution 73/2.