## Task Force strategic priorities and WHO’s Thirteenth General Programme of Work

The Task Force has 4 strategic priorities.¹ This briefing paper illustrates how they support many of the GPW13 outputs.²

### 1. Supporting countries to deliver multisectoral action on the NCD-related SDG targets

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<td>• Advocate at the highest level of governments for greater investment in the prevention and control of NCDs and support for mental health, including whole-of-government and whole-of-society action.</td>
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<td>• Provide and facilitate technical assistance to countries, through global, regional and country joint programming, both directly and through UN country teams and their respective regional offices, including identifying and sharing knowledge on best practices on the prevention and control of the NCD-related SDG targets.</td>
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<td>• Serve as an entry point for countries to obtain on-demand joint UN technical support.</td>
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### GPW13 outputs

1.2.3 Countries enabled to improve institutional capacity for transparent decision making in priority-setting and resource allocation, and analysis of the impact of health in the national economy.

1.3.2 Improved access to essential medicines, vaccines, diagnostics and devices for primary healthcare.

2.3.3 Essential health services and systems maintained and strengthened in fragile, conflict and vulnerable settings.

3.1.1 Countries enabled to address social determinants of health across the life course.

3.1.2 Countries enabled to address environmental determinants of health, including climate change.

3.2.1 Countries enabled to develop and implement technical packages to address risk factors through multisectoral action.

3.3.1 Countries enabled to adopt, review and revise laws, regulations and policies to create an enabling environment for healthy cities and villages, housing, schools and workplaces.

4.3.3 Effective, innovative and secure digital platforms and services aligned with the needs of users, corporate functions, technical programmes and health emergencies operations.

### 2. Mobilizing resources

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<td>• Work with Member States and development partners to launch a financing mechanism(s) to enable governments to catalyse action on NCDs and mental health, including accessing technical support and policy advice from the UN system and other development partners, including non-state actors to reduce the levels of NCDs and improve mental health.</td>
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<td>• Build the technical and financial resource base of the UN system to support national responses, encouraging its members to increase their individual and collective human and financial resources to make a more effective contribution towards supporting countries in responding to NCDs and mental health conditions.</td>
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### GPW13 outputs

1.2.1 Countries enabled to develop and implement equitable health financing strategies and reforms to sustain progress towards universal health coverage.

4.2.1 Leadership, governance and external relations enhanced to implement GPW13 and drive impact in an aligned manner at the country level, on the basis of strategic communications and in accordance with the SDGs in the context of UN reform.

4.2.4 Planning, allocation of resources, implementation, monitoring and reporting based on country priorities, achieving country impact and ensuring value for money and the strategic priorities of GPW13.

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### 3. Harmonising action and forging partnerships

The Task Force will support countries by harmonising its work with other global health and development initiatives and forging multi-stakeholder partnerships and alliances at all levels to achieve public health and NCD-related SDG targets.³

The Task Force will:

- Identify synergies with relevant global health institutions, partnerships and initiatives and areas of cooperation and joint action within the context of the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All,⁴ including support for operationalisation primary health care approaches to the prevention and control of the NCD-related SDG targets.
- Expand and develop new partnerships with governments and non-state actors (including, community-led interventions) while ensuring that the Task Force and its members are protected from undue influence by any form of vested interest. These include UN joint programmes, collaborations and thematic groups.
- Advocate for and support ‘making the money work’ – ensuring countries’ domestic resources and development assistance are optimally planned for and utilized for “best buys” and deliver maximum impact.

### 4. Being an exemplar for UN reform

In line with the UN Secretary-General’s commitment to reposition the UN development system to deliver on the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, the Task Force will enable its members, at all levels, to work as one, in supporting governments respond to the NCD-related SDG targets.

The Task Force will:

- Support Task Force members build their own technical and advocacy capacity in accordance with their agency-specific mandates while deepening collaboration between its members at global, regional and country level.
- Promote the inclusion of NCD-related SDG targets and outcomes in United Nations Sustainable Development Frameworks (UNSDFs), policies, strategies and plans at country level and support resource mobilization for their delivery.
- Encourage its Members’ governing bodies to consider NCDs and mental health in the context of the triple billion targets and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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