

# Joint independent evaluation of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases

## Background

The United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs), provides a platform for cooperation among UN system agencies and intergovernmental organizations to support governments address NCDs and mental health conditions. The Task Force was established by the UN Secretary-General in 2013 pursuant to ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2013/12.

Actions of the Task Force and its members are to support the realization of the commitments made in the Political Declaration of the 2011 High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of NCDs and further elaborated in the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs 2013-2020, now extended to 2030.

As this is the first independent evaluation of the Task Force, and given that the current strategy ends in 2025, the tenth-year anniversary of its establishment provides an important opportunity to conduct this evaluation. It will provide recommendations for enhancing its effectiveness in supporting Member States and their development partners to scale up action on NCDs and mental health conditions. The evaluation will also feed into the development of the next Task Force strategy and where appropriate updating the current strategy.

## Objectives

The objectives of the evaluation will be to:

- Assess the work of the Task Force towards the achievement of its purpose and strategic priorities
- Document the facilitating factors and challenges that hindered the progress
- Provide lessons, and make recommendations for future use for the Task Force and its members

## Evaluation questions

- How well have the priorities of the Task Force aligned with the stated needs of governments, nonstate actors, the affected population, and with strategic priorities of its key UN agency members in light of the SDGs?
- To what extent has the Task Force coordination and collaboration, including through its joint programmes, working groups and more recently the Health4Life Fund, been compatible with other initiatives?
- To what extent What results has the Task Force achieved, its objectives and results, whether intended or unintended, and what have been enabling and hindering factors? What challenges have emerged?
- To what extent the benefits of the Task Force strategies and its implementation likely to continue?
- To what extent has the Task Force strategy and work addressed gender, equity and human rights concerns, disability inclusion, as well as other overarching principles in the WHO Global NCD Action Plan, 2013-2030 to ensure that activities are consistently and meaningfully informed by considerations of overall equity?

## Methods

The evaluation process will include the following key activities:

- A revision of the Task Force's theory of change during inception
- A documentary and secondary data review
- Key Informant interviews with around 60 stakeholders from the Task Force and external stakeholders
- A survey directed to the Task Force's membership
- Country case studies to understand the Task Force's contribution in depth in specific contexts
- A workshop to co-create recommendation held in a hybrid modality in Geneva

## Indicative timeline

