

Task Force Award Winners Network

Terms of Reference

The Task Force Award Winners Network has been established to provide a **platform for winners to exchange information** on their ongoing activities to deliver the NCD- and mental health related Sustainable Development Goal targets, in line with WHO Global action plan for the prevention and control of NCDs and the WHO Mental health gap action programme (mhGAP) guideline for mental, neurological and substance use disorders. By enabling past awardees to share insights, foster collaboration, and mentor peers, the Network serves as a mechanism to strengthen health and multisectoral responses, including implementation research.

Objectives

- **Celebrate and connect**, by maintaining awareness of the ongoing achievements of past award winners.
- **Exchange best practices**, by fostering a vibrant community for sharing innovative approaches and experiences. Periodically and on a voluntary basis, members of the Network will be invited to present their work to other participants.
- Provide the opportunity for **mentorship and peer-to-peer learning**.

Membership

- The Network works as a **platform** and is open to all previous winners.
- Participation is **voluntary** and membership does not entail any financial contribution.
- The Task Force Secretariat provides overall **coordination**.

Roles and responsibilities

Members

- To provide the Task Force Secretariat¹ with short **biographies and activities** (including newsletters and other updates) with relevant weblinks for those participating in the Network, in line with current and future data protection requirements.
- In line with their capacity, to contribute **expertise, mentorship and peer-to-peer learning** and to **attend meetings**.

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Task Force Secretariat

- **Consolidate biographies and activities** into an accessible database.
- Identify **periodic Network Spotlights** (e.g., quarterly highlights of members' achievements) to increase visibility and inspire exchange of best practice.
- **Share updates** from members with the Network by email.
- Establish a **knowledge exchange platform**, such as LISTSERV or Google Groups to facilitate dialogue, opportunities for advocacy, knowledge sharing and partnership.
- Create a **WhatsApp group** among those willing to join to foster informal and real-time exchanges.
- Share **short summaries of meetings** on the [Network page](#) of the [Task Force website](#).
- Update members on opportunities to **engage with the wider work of the Task Force**.

Meetings

Meetings will be held **at least twice a year**, via video conference. The first meeting of the Network was held on 19 March 2025.

Resources and budget

There are no dedicated resources for this informal Network, where participation is voluntary.

Review and amendments

Terms of Reference will be updated as and when required, based on informal assessment of progress and value-added from the Members.

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