

Briefing Paper: 2021 ECOSOC Resolution on the Task Force*

COVID-19

This year's resolution once again notes '*with great concern*' the threat to human health caused by COVID-19, recognizing that people living with NCDs are among the hardest hit by the pandemic.

It also highlights that the pandemic risks reversing hard-won development gains and hampering progress towards the SDGs and the need for action on NCDs and mental health conditions to be a central part of the COVID-19 response and recovery.

The resolution calls upon the Task Force to provide additional technical resources to support national COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

NCD and mental health multi-partner trust fund

The resolution welcomes the establishment of the new United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund to support countries to catalyze action on NCDs and mental health.

The resolution encourages bilateral and multilateral donors and relevant stakeholders to support Member States through the Catalytic Fund.

Tobacco control

The resolution encourages the Task Force to support Member States in their national capacities and efforts to implement the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The resolution also requests members of the Task Force to continue to develop and implement their own policies on preventing tobacco industry interference, including those related to novel and emerging tobacco products.

Regulatory and legal frameworks

The resolution requests the Task Force to support countries to strengthen their regulatory and legal frameworks to reduce the burden of NCDs and mental health conditions.

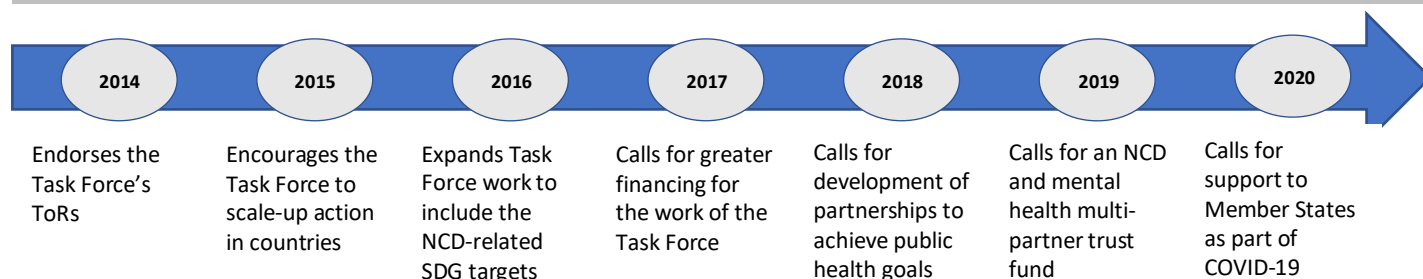
Health system strengthening

The resolution requests the Task Force to provide additional support to Member States in their efforts to address NCDs and mental health, including those in vulnerable situations, for example by:

- Strengthening health systems and maintaining essential health-care services;
- Providing evidence-based digital health programmes;
- Promoting research and development of and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable diagnostics, therapeutics, essential medicines, vaccines and other health technologies.

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