



**UN INTERAGENCY
TASK FORCE ON NCDs**
10 YEARS SUPPORTING COUNTRIES



Innovating to scale up technical support with and for Member States to deliver the health-related Sustainable Development Goal targets

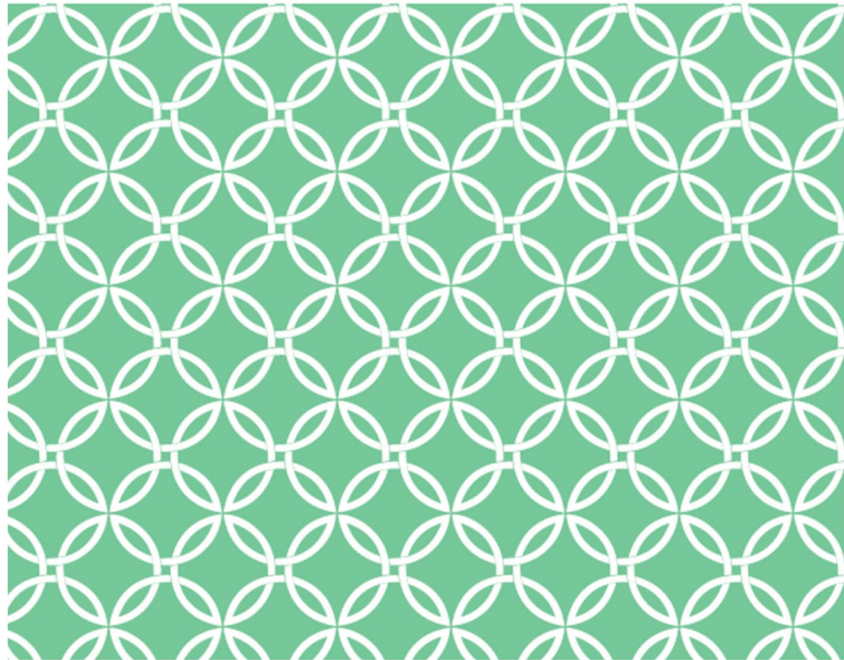
**United Nations General Assembly
'Friends of the Task Force' meeting**

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

2022–2025 strategy



The 4 strategic priorities...

- Supporting countries to deliver multisectoral action on the NCD-related SDG targets
- Mobilising resources to support the development of national responses to reach the NCD-related SDG targets
- Harmonising action and forging partnerships
- Being an exemplar for UN reform

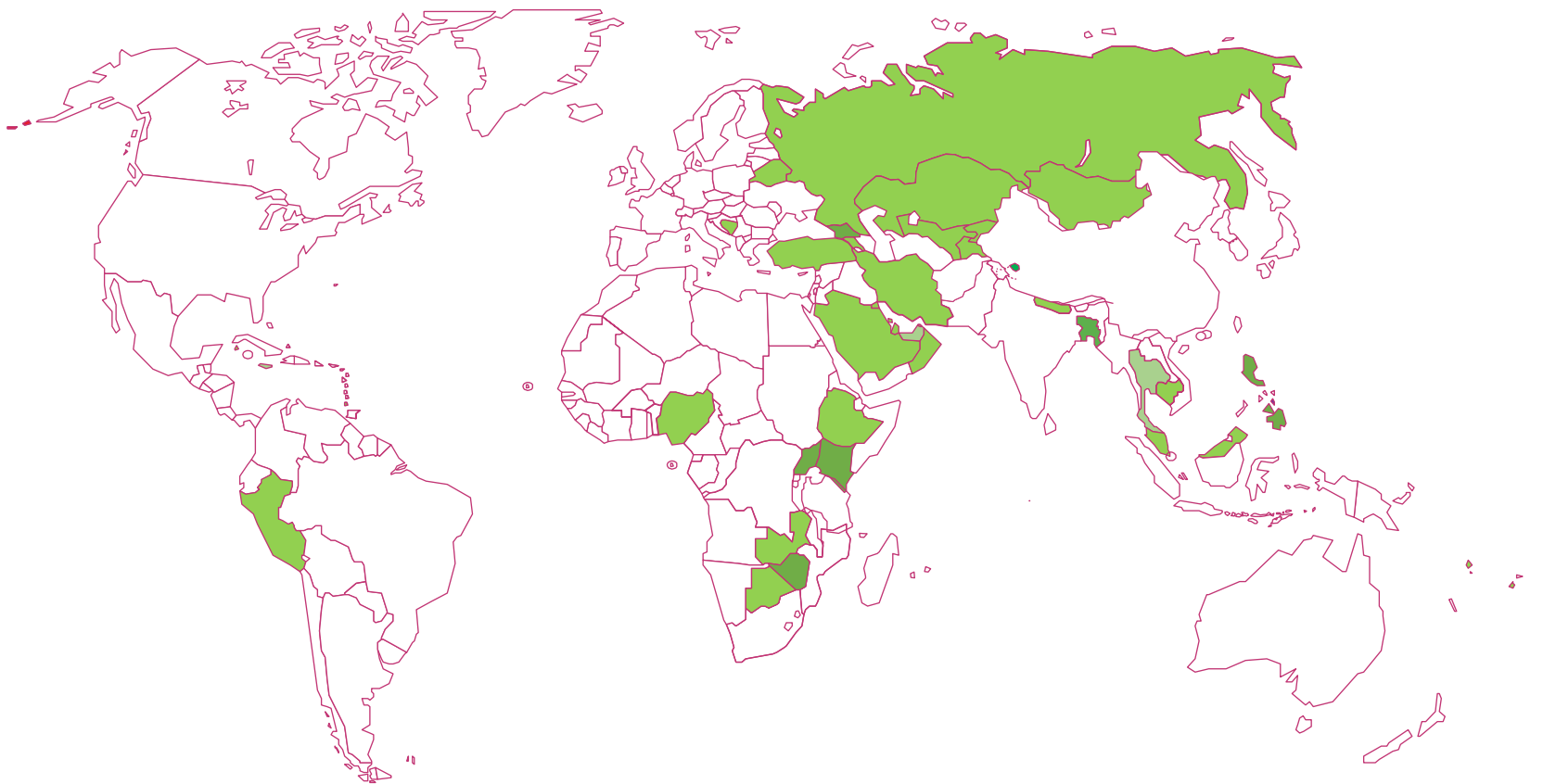
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The Task Force's 2023 report to ECOSOC made a number of recommendations, including the need to:

- Further support all countries, especially small-island developing States, and promote **joint activities by and between United Nations entities**
- Work with bilateral, multilateral and other development partners to mobilize resources for the UN **multi-partner trust fund** (Health4Life) led by WHO, UNDO and UNICEF and explore opportunities for new and innovative ways of mobilizing resources
- Support Member States in intensifying the use of **digital health technologies** for the prevention and control of NCDs and mental health conditions



Support to countries continues through joint programming missions and follow up activities



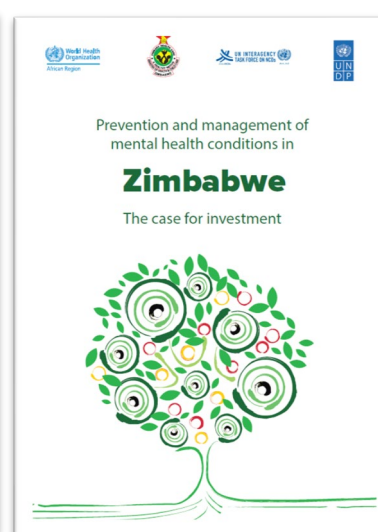
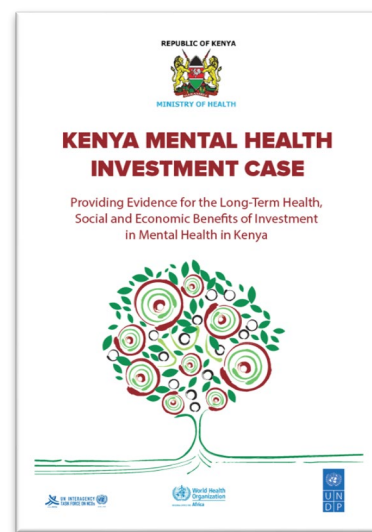
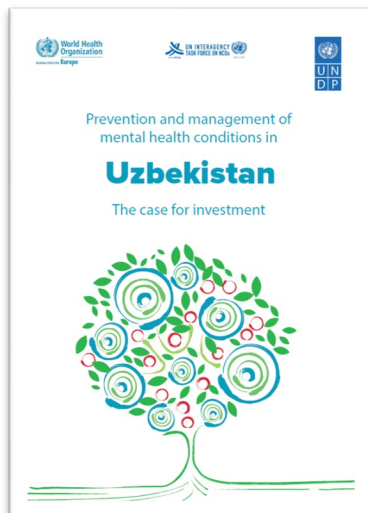
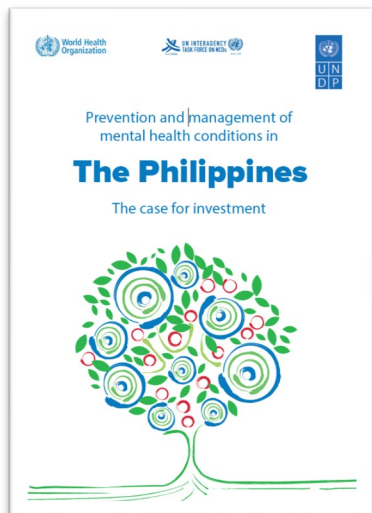
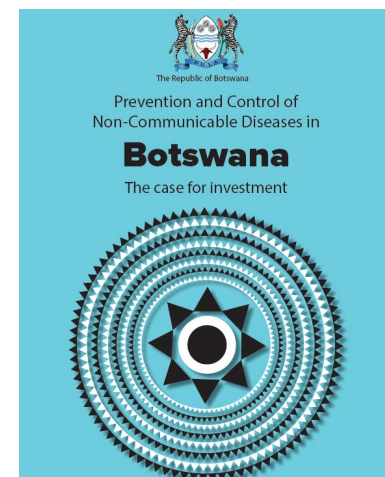
Mental health Investment case mission to Jordan, May 2023



NCDs and Mental health Investment case mission to Kyrgyzstan, March 2023

Task Force flagship programme to catalyze multisectoral country action on NCDs and mental health: investment cases

- 35 NCD investment cases conducted since 2016
- New investment case methodologies developed to cover road safety, digital health, physical activity, assistive technologies and others



- 9 Mental health investment cases conducted since 2020

Examples of policy changes following investment cases

Ethiopia

Reformed the tobacco tax structure, including by introducing of a mixed-excise system on cigarettes, thus increasing the tax share of the retail price.

Kyrgyzstan

Adopted new **anti-tobacco legislation**

Uzbekistan

Earmarked revenues from excise taxes on tobacco and alcohol for the replenishment of the State Health Insurance Fund.

Thailand

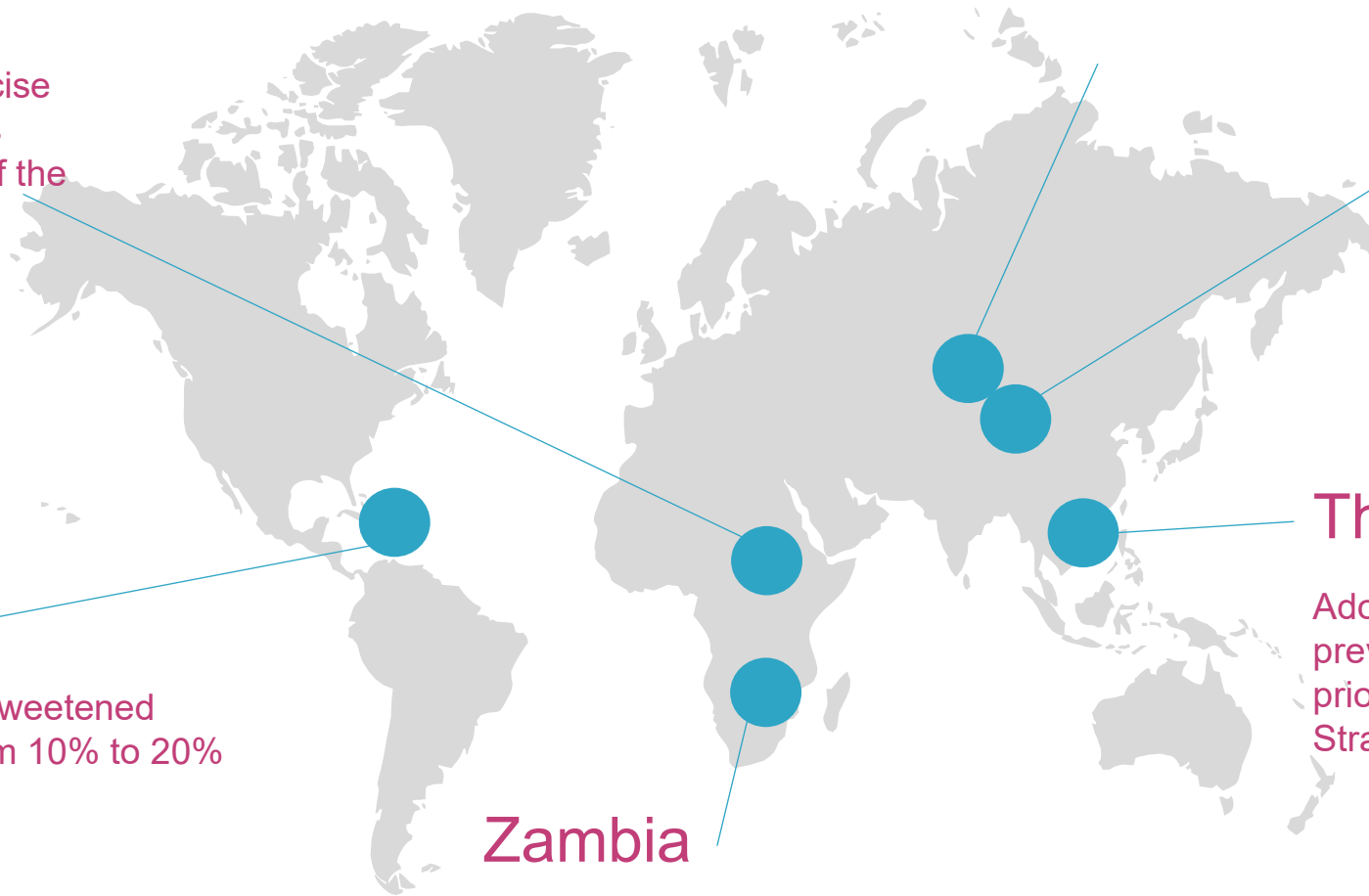
Adopted National Plan on NCD prevention and control 2022-2030 and prioritized NCD action in the National Strategic Plan for Health 2022-2030

Babados

Increased sugar-sweetened beverages tax from 10% to 20%

Zambia

Initiated dialogue for the development of the National Multisectoral Strategy on NCDs.



SIDS high-level technical meeting on NCDs and mental health

Side event: a coherent UN-system response, January 2023

Recommendations from the meeting included that the Task Force needed to

- Support countries in strengthening cooperation frameworks on non-communicable diseases and mental health;
- Determine ways of scaling up support to small island developing States for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and mental health conditions across the life-course, with particular attention to children;
- Identify ways to support small island developing States in unlocking additional funding for action to prevent and control non-communicable diseases and mental health conditions; and
- Consider how to support small island developing States in coherent data collection, analytics and use.



Health4Life Fund is growing its partnerships

- Ever greater interest to support the Fund from governments and sub-national entities
- Support too from non-State actors:
 - ✓ Soroptimist International Africa Federation: pledged to support UN Joint Action on Cervical Cancer
 - ✓ Aspen Institute: pledged to secure USD 5 million through joint resource mobilization efforts
 - ✓ Unexia: an innovative blockchain for global health, announced its commitment to raise USD 50 million for H4LF starting in 2024
 - ✓ Medtronic Labs & Vital Strategies: resource mobilization and knowledge partners



Health4Life Fund is working with countries

Sierra Leone example

- **Problem**: Limited financing & fragmented dev partner support impedes sustainable scale-up
- **Response**: Led by MOHS, 10 dev partners developed a shared plan of action & joint budget, to implement through H4LF mechanism
- **Expected impact**: scaled-up action on NCDs, greater coherence and de-fragmentation, speaking as one community to mobilize new resources
- The approach is drawing interest from a variety of donors

Pillar 3 Grant Proposal














Growing Burden	Worsens maternal mortality	Severe Gaps
 <p>NCDs and injuries contribute an estimated 41% of mortality in Sierra Leone with a 30% risk of premature death.</p>	 <p>Underdiagnosed and untreated NCDs and mental health conditions are significant contributors to the heavy burden of maternal & infant mortality.</p>	 <p>Competing funding priorities leave NCDs and mental health underfunded and cause severe service delivery gaps. Minimal data on disease burden and patterns of risk factor distribution hamper resource allocation.</p>

OUTCOMES	PARTNERS
 <p>Increased resource flows to NCDs and mental health from domestic, bilateral, and multilateral sources</p>	<p>Ministry of Health and Sanitation, WHO, UNDP, UNICEF, Medtronic Labs, Partners in Health, Clinton Health Access Initiative, Doctors with Africa CUAMM, FOCUS 1000, The Centre for Community & Public Health Improvement (CPHI), Medtronic Labs, College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences at the University of Sierra Leone</p>
 <p>Baseline data and stronger data systems</p>	
 <p>Scaled up service delivery through implementation of PEN and PEN Plus</p>	
 <p>Implementation research and learning facilitated</p>	

Digital health business case

- Digital tools can be used by low-and middle-income communities to address the growing burden of NCDs at all stages of prevention/care
- The business case analyzes cost-effectiveness of implementing and scaling up different digital health interventions

	Telemedicine		Diabetes prevention and management
			Cardiovascular diseases prevention and management
			Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease prevention and management
	Mobile messaging		Diabetes prevention and management
			Tobacco control
	Chatbots		Tobacco control
	Electronic health records		Health system savings





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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the Economic and Social Council the report of the Director General of the World Health Organization on the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, submitted pursuant to Council resolution [2021/27](#).

