The International Dialogue on Sustainable Financing for NCDs and Mental Health is a high-level technical meeting convened to explore approaches on how to include NCDs and mental health responses within national health and financing plans.

A collaboration between the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank, the dialogue is part two of a series started in 2018 focused on assessing the status of NCD financing.

In 2022, the Lancet journal estimated that implementing the most cost-effective packages to address NCDs would cost an extra $18 billion per year over 2023-2030 in LMICs [1], but many countries would struggle to raise resources domestically.

There is a strong and urgent imperative for investment in NCD prevention and treatment, with the potential to complement and benefit from a range of health and development agendas. This is because NCDs represent far more than a health issue – they are a poverty issue, an equity issue, and a major human rights and sustainable development issue, as they disproportionately burden the poorest and most vulnerable populations with disease, disability, and death.

In preparation for the discussions, Member States, UN bodies and non-State actors — including organizations of people with lived experience of NCDs and mental health conditions — were invited to feedback on draft technical background papers and emerging messages that will inform the dialogue’s outcome document. Read the response from NCD Alliance [2] to the consultation documents, which were submitted in June, 2024.

Key Resources

To accompany formal responses, NCD Alliance has published several resources to support advocacy on financing for NCDs:

- Getting fiscal policies right: lessons and recommendations across NCD risk factors [3] - an executive summary of a soon to be released NCD Alliance policy brief on fiscal policies for NCDs.
• Tracking NCD funding flows: Urgent calls and global solutions [4] - this report analyses the breakdown of development assistance going to NCDs as well as development assistance for health going towards NCD policies and services in relation to other global health priorities, elaborating on case studies and recommendations to improve integrated international investment for NCDs.
• Everybody’s Business - a series on bold actions to close the NCD funding gap.
  2. UN Health4Life Fund - Everybody’s Business [6]
• Event Report: Sustainable Financing for NCDs: Paving a way forward by learning from progress at country level [8] - an overview of the context and key take-away points of the roundtable on sustainable financing for NCDs co-hosted by Access Accelerated, NCD Alliance, and World Diabetes Foundation on the sidelines of the 77th Session of the World Health Assembly (WHA77).
• World Bank takes 5-point approach to financing NCDs and mental health [9] - in this podcast, we hear from two sources of leadership that will be key as the global NCD community works toward the 2025 UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs.
• Event Report: Integrating health financing to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and NCD Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets [10] - highlights from an NCDA-led financing roundtable event held on the sides of the 78th Session of the UN General Assembly and the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (UHC).
• Financing Solutions for NCDs and Mental Health [11] - a working draft policy brief that outlines NCDA’s key advocacy priorities for NCD financing.
• Spending Wisely: Exploring the economic and societal benefits of integrating HIV/AIDS and NCDs service delivery [12]
• Invest to Protect: NCD financing as the foundation for healthy societies and economies [13]
• Building momentum for change through the G20: Snapshot of the current state of NCD financing data across the G20 [14]
• Building momentum for change through the G20: Recommendations for improving the state of NCD financing data across the G20 [15]

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