

# NCD Alliance Webinar

Monday 10 June 2019



# Agenda

- Recap of WHO WHA72 & EB145
- Network highlights: Ghana NCD Alliance
- Looking Ahead:
  - Update on the process leading up to the UN HLM on UHC
  - Training opportunities: Trans fat including new Knowledge Exchange Network
  - NCD Alliance Forum 2020

# Speakers

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# Recap of WHA72 & EB145

20 - 28 May 2019

Policy, Advocacy & Accountability team

# WHA72 - Our take

## News on NCDs from the 72nd World Health Assembly

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04th June 2019

The 72nd annual World Health Assembly (#WHA72) took place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva from 20-28 May. The NCD Alliance team was represented throughout the WHA and hosted several inspiring events. Here's our wrap up of the most important decisions taken by member states at WHA72 and their impact on NCDs.

Universal Health Coverage [A72/12](#), [A72/13](#), [A72/14](#)

WHA72 was dominated by the theme of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), as a cornerstone

# 11.8 Follow up on the NCD HLM



- **DG's Report - adopted**

- Includes outcomes of Political Declaration from HLM
- 14 new commitments by Heads of State & Government => **Delivery Plan**
- Move to **5x5 approach** including air pollution & mental health
- **Progress report required by 2024**, for NCD HLM4 in 2025

- **Decision EB144/1 on HLM NCD follow-up - adopted**

- **Extend timeframe to 2030** for WHO action plans on NCDs & Mental health from 2020 to 2030 to align with 2025 goals & SDGs
- Requests WHO to **update Appendix 3 list** of recommended interventions to scientific progress and Requests additions to list for **mental health & air pollution**
- Requests DG to report to EB on progress on Global strategy to reduce harmful use of **alcohol in 2020 & Obesity prevention in 2021**
- ***! Alcohol report - WHO undertakes to fully engage Member States & consult***
- Calls for **increased resources** to meet governments' increasing demand for **technical assistance** - link to WHO programme budget

Reports available here:

NCDs: [A72/19](#), [Decision EB144\(1\)](#)

Decision as adopted will be published [here](#)

# 11.8 Follow up on the NCD HLM



## Next steps:

- **24 June:** Scheduled launch of consultation to prepare report on first decade of [Global Strategy on Harmful Use of Alcohol](#)
- **27-28 June:** Second WHO Forum on alcohol, drugs & addictive behaviours

## To prepare for EB146, 3-8 February 2020

- WHO report on NCDs with 4 important annexes (draft by Sept)
  - Mental Health recommended interventions
  - Air pollution recommended interventions
  - Report on Global Strategy on alcohol & way forward (by Nov)
  - Summary of 26 assignments to WHO from WHA72 DG report & decision, status & deadlines

# 11.8 Follow up on the NCD HLM



## NCD Alliance analysis:

- **NCD report for EB/WHA 2020 & assignments to WHO** go some way to keeping momentum from HLM, but reporting will continue to show off-track to meet 2025 targets & SDGs
- Excellent **Best Buys for mental health & air pollution** toolbox being developed soon
- Drafts due by 30 Sept 2019 - but Air Pollution already behind schedule
- Report on **Global Strategy to Reduce Harmful Use of Alcohol** will show failure in 1st decade
- Discussion of way forward on alcohol harm will be hotly contested - some Member States will advance idea of **Framework Convention on Alcohol Control** vs. producer countries
- **Small increase (+5%) for NCDs in programme budget 2020-21**, but NCDs will also benefit from big budget increase (+24%) for health systems strengthening
- Increasing attention (member state & NSA interventions, several side events) to **fiscal measures** - health levies/STAX - removal of health harming subsidies

## BUT

- **Not yet reassured on WHO accountability** for delivering on NCD progress - strong management & sufficient resources to meet government demand for support?
- **Update broader toolbox of Best Buys** all determinants & all NCDs
- **Nothing on how to elevate voices of PLWNCDs, youth, marginalised groups**



# 11.7 Access to medicines - Transparency resolution

- **Roadmap on access 2019-2023 - WHA noted [A72/17](#)**
- **Resolution on improving transparency of markets for medicines, vaccines & other health-related technologies - Adopted [A72/A/CONF./2 Rev.1](#)**
- Proposed by: Italy, Andorra, Brazil, Egypt, Eswatini, Greece, India, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Portugal, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Uganda
  - **Calls for: Governments** to share pricing & reimbursement information, to increase transparency of net prices of medical products (inclusive of rebates, discounts and other incentives)
  - **Governments** to share information on R&D costs & sources of funding, to make available results of clinical trials
  - **WHO** to support member states in collecting & sharing information on prices, reimbursement, clinical trial outcomes
  - **WHO** to monitor the impact of price transparency on affordability and availability of health products, incl effect on differential pricing, especially in LMICs and small markets, and provide analysis and support to Member States
- ***Disassociated: Germany, Hungary, UK***

# 11.7 Access to medicines - Transparency resolution

OP1 URGES Member States in accordance with their national and regional legal frameworks and contexts to:

1.1 Take appropriate measures to publicly share information on the net prices [FOOTNOTE] of health products;

FOOTNOTE: For the purposes of this resolution, net price or effective price or net transaction price or manufacturer selling price is the amount received by manufacturers after subtraction of all rebates, discounts, and other incentives.

1.2 Take the necessary steps, as appropriate, to support dissemination of and enhanced availability of and access to aggregated results data and, if already publicly-available or voluntarily-provided, costs from human subject clinical trials regardless of outcomes or whether the results will support an application for marketing approval, while ensuring patient confidentiality;

1.3 Work collaboratively to improve the reporting of information by suppliers on registered health products, such as reports on sales revenues, prices, units sold, marketing costs, and subsidies and incentives;

# 11.7 Access to medicines - Transparency resolution



# 11.5 Universal Health Coverage



## **Primary health care towards UHC - [A72/12](#), EB144/2019/REC/1, [Resolution EB144.R9](#)**

- Summarises outcomes of the Astana Declaration from the Global Conference on Primary Health Care (PHC).
  - Strong health systems that emphasise PHC allow systems to respond to global challenges, address the main risk factors for poor health, the growing burden of NCDs, & help achieve UHC & the health-related SDGs.
  - The package of services offered through PHC should be tailored to local needs & priorities.
- The WHA adopted the draft resolution recommended by the EB in resolution EB144.R9.

## **Community health workers delivering primary health care: opportunities & challenges - [A72/13](#), EB144/2019/REC/1, [Resolution EB144.R4](#)**

- The report highlights the importance of a well resourced & trained health workforce, largely comprising community health workers in many countries.
  - Challenges faced by community health workers & sets out several opportunities & policy options to help ensure this critical component of many health systems is well-supported at all levels.
- The WHA adopted the draft resolution recommended by the EB in resolution EB144.R4.

## **Preparation for the high-level meeting (HLM) of the United Nations General Assembly on UHC - [A72/14](#), EB144/2019/REC/1, [Resolution EB144.R10](#)**

- The report presents the need to focus on achieving UHC & health system strengthening, in addition to continuing the existing disease-oriented focus of the health & development sectors
  - Outlines the main components of UHC & preparations for the first UN HLM on UHC
- The WHA noted the report & adopted draft resolution EB144.R10, recommended by the EB.

# 11.4 Implementation of the 2030 Agenda



The report provides an update on progress towards achieving the health-related SDGs & summarises global & regional progress made by MS towards achieving SDG3, as well as progress made in implementing resolution [WHA69.11](#).

- In the section on NCDs, the report notes, in particular, trends in alcohol consumption, tobacco use, & suicide.
- Other relevant sections on UHC, environmental risks, outcomes from HLM on NCDs, & plans for SDG3+ Global Action Plan.
- A comprehensive review of SDG indicators is expected in 2020.
- The WHA noted the report.

## Key Messages:

- Strengthen health system to respond to the increasing burden of NCDs & multi-morbidities
- Accelerate action on addressing the risk factors for NCDs
- Facilitate multi-sectoral cooperation with non-health actors, taking into account conflict of interest

# 11.6 Health, Environment & Climate Change

## Outcomes:

Member States agreed both documents under discussion:

- Draft Global Strategy on Health, Environment & Climate Change: the transformation needed to improve lives and well-being sustainably through healthy environments ([A72/15](#)).
  - Provides a vision and way forward on how the world and its health community need to respond to environmental health risks and challenges until 2030.
- Draft global plan of action on climate change & health in small island developing States (SIDS) ([A72/16](#)). Four strategic lines of action:
  - Empowerment (supporting health leadership in small island developing States)
  - Evidence (building the business case for investment)
  - Implementation (preparedness for climate risks, adaptation and health-promoting mitigation policies)
  - Resources (facilitating access to climate and health finance).

## Member State Positions:

- Extreme weather conditions and infectious diseases of particular concern
- Balance adaptation and mitigation
- Reference to two regional documents: [Male Declaration](#) (South-East Asia) and The Strategic Action Plan to Scale Up Health and Environmental Interventions in Africa 2019-2029

## Follow Up Advocacy Action:

- Emphasise links between NCD prevention and mitigation
- Urgency of protecting human health through mitigating & adapting to climate breakdown must be communicated at the June UNFCCC Intersessionals in Bonn & at COP25

# 12.3 Human resources for health

## Documents:

- [A72/23](#) on international recruitment & migration of health personnel
- [A72/24](#) on progress made in the implementation of the WHO Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030.
- Assembly noted both reports.

## Outcomes (relating to [A72/24](#))

- Dr Tedros announced the appointment of Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former President of Liberia, as Goodwill Ambassador for the health workforce.
- 40 Member States requested support to implement the global strategy
- Secretariat called upon all stakeholders to increase investment to advance this critical priority in order to realise UHC.
- Member States were encouraged to report their national data on human resources for health through an online platform.



# 12.4 Promoting the health of migrants & refugees

Draft Global Action Plan to Promote the Health of Refugees & Migrants 2019-2023 - Document [A72/25](#)

## Outcomes:

- Member States agreed a five-year global action plan to promote the health of refugees and migrants
- Focuses on achieving universal health coverage and the highest attainable standard of health for refugees and migrants, and for host populations.
- Includes short and long-term steps to mainstream refugee and migrant health care; enhance partnerships; strengthen health monitoring and information systems and counter misperceptions about migrant and refugee health.
- Report back on progress at the 74th World Health Assembly. Reports to the 74th and 76th World Health Assemblies will also include information provided by Member States on a voluntary basis, and UN agencies as appropriate.





# EB 145 Agenda Item 6.1: WHO Reform - Involvement of non-State Actors (NSAs)

## Document: [EB145/4](#)

Sets out potential ways in which the participation of NSAs could be modified, including: 1) Limits may be placed on size of NSA delegations; 2) NSAs may be divided into constituencies to present their consolidated priorities prior or during Member State discussions, rather than delivering individual statement afterwards; 3) A World Health Forum could be held every 1, 2 or 5 years.

## Member State Discussions and Actions:

- Current ways of operating are not satisfactory for Member States, nor for non-State Actors: ways forward must ensure that engagement is meaningful, relevant and efficient.
- Diversity of non-State Actors was recognised.
- Brazil requested clear specification as to the scope of the web-based consultation with non-State Actors which will inform the report, and for an in person consultation of Member States in Geneva.
- Dr Tedros noted the benefits of engaging with civil society, for example throughout the WHO Civil Society Working Group on NCDs.
- Secretariat will provide an updated proposal to the Executive Board in January.

## Summary of NSA Positions:

- 5 NSAs delivered statements: Medicus Mundi International, IBFAN, IOGT International (Supported by NCDA), UN Foundation, UICC
- Geneva Global Health Hub Analysis [here](#)
- Watch this space & participate in hopefully forthcoming consultation/s

## Key messages from joint statement with IOGT International ([LINK HERE](#)):

1. Differentiate between different groups among non-state actors and tailor engagement mechanisms accordingly
2. Conduct national civil society consultations with Member States ahead of WHO governing body meetings
3. Joint civil society interventions are a challenge but we are willing to help find effective channels towards meaningful engagement
4. Institute proper, timely and transparent consultation hearings with maximum participation of WHO and Member States
5. Conduct a well promoted and widely accessible web-based consultation for improving the involvement of civil society.

# IMPORTANT TO NOTE: DATES FOR WHA73, 2020

## WHO Governing Bodies meetings 2020:

- 29-31 Jan 2020: [#PBAC31](#)
- **3-8 Feb 2020: [#EB146](#)**
- 13-15 May 2020: [#PBAC32](#)
- **17-21 May 2020: [#WHA73](#)** start Sunday afternoon, close Thursday 21 May 2020 = 4.5 days including evening sessions, as compared to 8 days WHA72

## Meaning...

- EB146 is extra important. Proposals for decisions / resolutions effectively need to be approved by EB - no time at side of WHA for lengthy negotiation
- Fewer side events in shorter schedule?
- No changes to NSA engagement processes, but will be further discussed

# Key Publications during WHA72

## Our Right to Health, Our Right to Clean Air - Improving air quality to address NCDs

([HERE](#))

*With Forum for International Respiratory Societies (FIRS)*

- This policy brief explores the impact of air pollution on health & address the air quality issue in the response to noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). It also provides key actions that policy makers, NGOs & health professionals can take to ensure that every one can breathe clean air.

## Trans Fat Free by 2023 - Case studies in trans fat elimination ([HERE](#))

*With Resolve to Save Lives, an initiative of Vital Strategies*

- Case studies of 6 countries in different regions that have enacted policies to eliminate industrially-produced trans fatty acids/trans fat (TFA) from their food supply.
- Provides CSOs & policy-makers with examples of successful strategies for enacting & implementing TFA policies.
- Provides best practices, lessons learned, & recommendations based on experiences of policy-makers, advocates, & researchers involved in such efforts.



# WHA72 Side Event Recordings

## Rethinking global health - A prerequisite for achieving UHC

- [VIDEO RECORDING HERE](#)

## Every Breath Can Do Damage: The Urgency of Air Pollution Action

- with Vital Strategies & the NCD Alliance
- [VIDEO RECORDING HERE](#)

## Nutrition policy action to save lives - trans fat free by 2023

- With Resolve to Save Lives, an initiative of Vital Strategies, and the NCD Alliance
- [VIDEO RECORDING HERE](#)



# Momentum is building - help eliminate trans fat

- **Join our new Knowledge Exchange Network on Trans Fat Elimination**

The Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) on Trans Fat Elimination, hosted by the NCD Alliance, is a discussion platform to share learnings, challenges and successes in implementing the WHO REPLACE action package to eliminate TFAs from the food supply.

- Provide peer to peer support, offering continuous technical assistance and sharing key updates and resources.
- The Knowledge Exchange Network is **open to NCD Alliance members** with an interest in TFA elimination.



# #WHA72 Digital Comms

- **Another strong year for digital advocacy & ensuring NCDs were on the WHA72 digital discourse!**  
**Well done to everyone.**

## The #WHA72 Influencers

### Top 10 by Mentions

	@WHO 29,672
	@DrTedros 15,346
	@japortalmiranda 3,014
	@ncdalliance 1,862
	@MSF_access 1,669
	@womeninGH 1,648
	@PMNCH 1,541
	@IFMSA 1,483
	@richardhorton1 1,465
	@ICNurses 1,310

### Top 10 by Tweets

	@DrCDuggan 363
	@DrRimmer 342
	@DVervoort94 341
	@monitor_PH 283
	@ncdalliance 269
	@SherlyMeilianti 237
	@WHO 226
	@ninodal2013 215
	@womeninGH 191
	@njmike731 188

### Top 10 by SymplurRank

	@WHO
	@DrTedros
	@richardhorton1
	@womeninGH
	@IFMSA
	@ncdalliance
	@UHC2030
	@PeteSalama
	@TheLancet
	@daktari1

## #WHA72 Participants



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# Building and Dissemination of the Ghana Advocacy Agenda of People living with NCDs

Labram Musah & Christopher Agbega





# Building the Ghana Advocacy Agenda of People living with NCDs

- 1 month online consultation to gather first hand information about priorities and challenges people living with NCDs including their care givers. 106 people responded to the survey.
- A 2 day national workshop for people living with NCDs across all the regions including govt officials, Parliamentarians, Civil Society (Local & International), Health Professionals, Academia etc 111 people participated.
- The aim was to provide a platform to those living with and most affected by NCDs to share their lived experiences, share priorities and provide recommendations and promote the meaningful involvement of people living with NCDs.
- The first draft was developed by the Ghana NCD Alliance and People living with NCDs and reviewed by NCD Alliance and other stakeholders

# Launch of the Ghana Advocacy Agenda

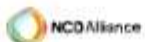
- The Advocacy Agenda was launched via press conference
- About 50 media outlets covered the event
- **Some of the headlines included**
  - Ghana loses 94000 lives to NCDs every year
  - Treatment of NCDs to be captured under National Health Insurance
  - NCD Advocacy Agenda launched to prevent needless deaths
  - Govt to introduce Sin Tax to tackle NCDs
  - Govt target extra tax on alcohol, tobacco and beverages
- Prior to the press launch the NCD Alliance supported a training on Strategic Media aim at augmenting Ghana NCD Alliance's Media Engagement Efforts:

Acknowledgement to Michael Kessler, the media consultant

# Launch: Ghana Advocacy Agenda



The Ghana Advocacy Agenda of People Living With NCDs



# Community forums in hard to reach/remote communities held in 3 regions

- To interact with the communities to identify specific community health system challenges such as access to quality and affordable health care and medicines etc. provide recommendations.
- Create an advocacy statements focused on the need for government to prioritise health and why UHC is important for Ghanaians.

## Approach

- Community forums
- One on one discussions with people living with NCDs, Chiefs, Health Professionals, members of the community.
- Visit to at least 1 health care facility in each community to seek first-hand experience of the issues they are faced providing services to people. They also provided recommendations.
- A signature campaign in support of the Ghana Advocacy Agenda to petition government to implement, prioritize NCDs and People living with NCDs in National NCDs response.

# Community Forums




# Mobil Van Campaign

- Held in 2 regions to promote the Advocacy Agenda, raise awareness about the NCDs, seek support of the local people
- The event marked the World No Tobacco Day on Tobacco and Lung Health. The Food and Drugs Authority and Ghana Health Service participated and share their perspectives with the public.
- Stops were made at market & transport terminals, schools etc.
- Materials used for the campaign included
  - Community level NCDs Awareness Materials
  - t-shirts
  - Hand bills with quotes from People living with NCDs and the local people
  - Placards depicting key recommendation of the Advocacy Agenda were also displayed
- These were all intended to give visibility to the Ghana Advocacy Agenda.


# Mobil Campaign



# Quotes from PLWNCDDs




**GhNCDA**  
Ghana Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance



**“**Government should make the National Health Insurance Scheme flexible to accommodate the suffering of those living with Non communicable diseases (NCDs), especially those living in hard to reach communities. This is a demand we are making to government **”**

**Samuel Sedodo**  
Person living with stroke



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**“**The voices, concerns and demands of people living with Non communicable diseases (NCDs) are much heard and appreciated by government through community forums and community engagements in hard to reach areas. This enables us provide community specific priorities and challenges in addressing primary health care by government **”**

**Essel Francis Cudjoe**  
Person living with Diabetes

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# Looking ahead



# Updates on the lead up to the UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage



# UN High-Level Meeting on UHC

- First **UN HLM on UHC in September 2019**
  - “Moving toward building a healthier world”
  - [Modalities](#) already negotiated & agreed
  - **Date:** Monday, 23 September 2019
  - One day meeting with opening & closing segments, plenary, two multi-stakeholder panels (themes still TBD)
  - Interactive multi-stakeholder hearing held 29 April at UN HQ in NY
    - Summary available [here](#)
- Outcome: **Political Declaration**
  - Zero draft [circulated](#) on 21 May
  - Negotiations began Tues 28 May
    - Likely closed to CSOs
    - Will be extremely difficult!
- Registration for HLM will likely go live in the next few weeks for approved orgs



# Priority events in 2019 & beyond

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<b>UN High-Level Political Forum</b> New York, United States	9-15 July 2019 <i>NCDA co-hosting an event</i>
<b>2nd Global Week for Action on NCDs</b>	2-8 September
<b>UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage</b> New York, United States	23 September 2019 <i>Events TBD</i>
<b>UN General Assembly</b> <b>UN Climate Summit (23/9)</b> <b>UN SDG Summit / HLPF (24-25/9)</b> <b>UN Financing for Development Summit (26/9)</b> New York, United States	September 2019
<b>3rd Global NCD Alliance Forum</b>	8-10 February 2020

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# 3rd Global NCD Alliance Forum



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