



# Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) for Europe and central Asia ad hoc working group on social determinants of health and interagency task force on noncommunicable diseases



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# What is Health 2020?

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Better Health for Europe HEALTH 2020

Addressing global climate change  
Учет глобальных факторов

Tackling the challenge of chronic diseases  
Борьба с эпидемией хронических заболеваний

Ensuring high-performance health systems  
Обеспечение высокоэффективных систем здравоохранения

Dealing with emergencies  
Преодоление чрезвычайных ситуаций

Solidarity  
Солидарность

The right to health  
Право на здоровье

Creating health-conducive conditions  
Создание условий для укрепления здоровья

Empowering care  
Расширение прав и возможностей пациентов

Health 2020 is a value-based action-oriented policy framework, adaptable to different realities in the countries of the WHO European Region.

Health 2020 is addressed to ministries of health but also aims to engage ministers and policy-makers across government and stakeholders throughout society who can contribute to health and well-being.

# Update on the ad-hoc working group

- At the November 2013 RCM meeting, WHO presented the *Review of social determinants and the health divide in the WHO European Region*
- Participants agreed to form an ad hoc working group on the social determinants of health (SDH), chaired by WHO
- The first videoconference was held on 30 April 2014 with the participation of 6 agencies (see below)
- Participants agreed:
  - to review the evidence and measures related to SDH to see how these can be useful for their own work
  - to identify opportunities for joint action, also with regards to the post 2015 process



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# Inter-agency work on SDH

- **All 6 agencies** reported being engaged in work on social determinants of health
- Agencies have adopted **various methods for working on SDH that can complement each other**: e.g. policy (WHO/the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)), social protection (the International Labour Organization (ILO)), capacity development (the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) ), environment (the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE))
- **9 key studies inform work** on SDH
- There is a **need for interagency, multisectoral cooperation at the regional and country levels** for effective work on SDH

## Next steps

- There is a **clear link** between work on SDH and that for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).
- The NCD global monitoring framework includes **9 targets to whose achievement contributions are needed from the whole of society**: primarily, the goal is to reduce premature mortality by 25% by 2025. In the WHO European Region, the greatest benefit will come from tobacco control, salt reduction, alcohol control and treatment of hypertension – each of which in turn has its own target.
- The Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly (May 2014), **approved the terms of reference for the global interagency task force on NCDs.**

# Interagency task force on NCDs

## Objectives

1. Raise the priority of NCDs
2. Strengthen national capacity, leadership, governance, multisectoral action and partnerships to accelerate country response to NCDs
3. Reduce risk factors and underlying social determinants through creation of health-promoting environments
4. Strengthen and orient health systems
5. Promote and support national capacity for research and development
6. Monitor trends and determinants

# Important link between NCDs and Health 2020

- Effectively and comprehensively addressing the prevention and control of NCDs requires a strong focus on intersectoral governance, SDH, human rights and gender, as well as a adopting life-course and people-centred approaches.
- Health 2020 provides strong political leverage and a coherent evidence-informed and value-based framework for addressing public health priorities such as NCDs, and integrating health in the social and sustainable-development agendas.

# Roles and responsibilities

PRIORITY AREA	CONVENING ORGANIZATION
1. Governance for NCDs, including building alliances and networks, and fostering citizen empowerment	WHO, UNDP, UNAIDS
2. Strengthen surveillance, monitoring and evaluation, and research	WHO
3. Promoting health and preventing disease	FAO, UNICEF, WHO, Secretariat of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, ILO, UNFPA
4. Reorienting health services further towards prevention and care of chronic diseases	WHO, IAEA
5. Addressing the social determinants, governance for health and the core Health 2020 values	



# Proposal to create a regional NCD group

- Create a working group on NCD prevention and control at the regional level, based on the roles and responsibilities outlined for the global task force
- Incorporate the ad hoc working group on SDH into it
- Continue to review what other areas of Health 2020 need to be addressed by the working group
- Make further proposals to RCM at upcoming meeting