

Terms of Reference

United Nations Joint Task Force on Noncommunicable Diseases, Thailand

Background: The United Nations Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) on the Prevention and Control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) was established by the UN Secretary-General in 2013. Since 2013, the Task Force has conducted over 20 Joint Programming Missions to help countries accelerate action for the prevention and control of NCDs. The Task Force reports annually to UN ECOSOC on the progress in countries.

With inclusion of NCDs into the 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development and setting up of a specific target 3.4 to reduce by one third premature mortality from NCDs by 2030, countries are obliged to accelerate action on NCDs. Therefore, a Joint Mission of the UNIATF on NCDs comprising UN agencies and Thai experts was conducted in Thailand during 28-30 August 2018 to catalyze a “whole of government” and “whole of society action” for the prevention and control of NCDs and to provide impetus to UN agencies to work together in a coordinated manner to support national efforts. The Joint Mission proposed a set of recommendations designed to take Thailand to the next level of response to the NCD epidemic. To follow-up on the recommendations made by the UNIATF, it is proposed to set up a UN Joint Task Force on the Prevention and Control of NCDs for Thailand with the following terms of reference:

Proposed Terms of Reference:

1. To exchange information and review progress in implementation of the recommendations from the UNIATF Mission.
2. To identify opportunities for joint advocacy and action to advance progress for the prevention and control of NCDs.
3. To identify bottlenecks that limit or slow down progress on the implementation of the recommendations and provide the necessary support for overcoming them.
4. To report progress to the Prime Minister’s office, the national NCD strategic committee and the UNIATF secretariat in Geneva, by sharing minutes of the meetings, including recommendations.

Term: Two years from the date of first meeting

Chair: The Task Force will be chaired by the UN Resident Coordinator to Thailand

Frequency of meetings: The Task Force shall meet at least two times a year or more frequently, if needed.

Proposed Members

UN Agencies: WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, UNAIDS and any other interested agency

Government Ministries: Ministry of Health, Finance, Education, Interior, Labour, Industry, Commerce, Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board, Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission and Representative from the Office of the Prime Minister.

ThaiHealth Promotion Foundation: Dr Supreda Adulyanon, CEO

WHO RTG Country Cooperation Strategy for NCDs: Dr Kumnuan Ungchusak

Civil Society/NCD Alliance: Dr Wannee Nitiyanant, Dr Prakrit Vathesatogkit

Secretariat: WHO Country Office for Thailand. The secretariat will be responsible for preparing and distributing materials, annotated agenda and the minutes of the meeting.