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“We have meanwhile set up a process and there are also independent institutions monitoring which objectives of our G7 meetings we actually achieve. When it comes to these goals we have a compliance rate of about 80%, according to the University of Toronto. Germany, with its 87%, comes off pretty well. That means that next year too, under the Japanese G7 presidency, we are going to check where we stand in comparison to what we have discussed with each other now. So a lot of what we have resolved to do here together is something that we are going to have to work very hard at over the next few months. But I think that it has become apparent that we, as the G7, want to assume responsibility far beyond the prosperity in our own countries. That’s why today’s outreach meetings, that is the meetings with our guests, were also of great importance.”

Chancellor Angela Merkel, Schloss Elmau, 8 June 2015

G7 summits are a moment for people to judge whether aspirational intent is met by concrete commitments. The G7 Research Group provides a report card on the implementation of G7 and G20 commitments. It is a good moment for the public to interact with leaders and say, you took a leadership position on these issues — a year later, or three years later, what have you accomplished?

Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme,
in *G7 Canada: The 2018 Charlevoix Summit*



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15. Health: Noncommunicable Diseases

“[We are strongly committed to] ... continuing to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.”

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Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+0.88 (94%)		

Background

On 28 June 2022, at the Elmau Summit, G7 leaders committed to “continuing to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.” This pledge by G7 leaders builds on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations in 2015, which recognized noncommunicable diseases as a major public health challenge.³⁴²¹ Sustainable Development Goal 3 was set with a target to reduce premature mortality as a result of noncommunicable diseases by one-third by 2030. Because of the prevalence of noncommunicable diseases throughout the world and their impact on the most vulnerable populations, including children and the elderly, G7 members have addressed this issue on a global level since 1997. While different aspects of the issue have been focused on at different times, such as indicating specific target groups like the elderly or addressing specific issues such as mental health, the topic of noncommunicable diseases has been steadily addressed at summits for over two decades.

At the 1997 Denver Summit, G7 leaders first made a statement regarding noncommunicable diseases and declared “increased life expectancy and improved health among our elderly” as a major achievement of the past century.³⁴²² Leaders acknowledged that longer life expectancies in the next century would present opportunities and challenges for healthcare and perceptions of disability.

At the 2009 L’Aquila Summit, G8 leaders recognized that the health situation in Africa, which was already burdened by infectious diseases such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, and tuberculosis, was further aggravated by the prevalence of noncommunicable diseases.³⁴²³ Leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to address the health needs of vulnerable populations.

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 leaders emphasized the need for health systems to develop universal health coverage, which includes addressing noncommunicable diseases, “including those due to environmental factors and aging.”³⁴²⁴ Leaders also pledged to support the work of the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases and

³⁴²¹ Progress and challenges in achieving noncommunicable diseases targets for the sustainable development goals, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (Bethesda) 23 March 2021. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1096/fba.2020-00117>

³⁴²² Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 22 June 1997. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/1997denver/g8final.htm>

³⁴²³ Responsible Leadership for a Sustainable Future, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2009. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-declaration.pdf>

³⁴²⁴ G7 Ise-Shima Leaders’ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.html#health>

acknowledge the impacts of ageing and noncommunicable diseases on the caregivers of the elderly population.³⁴²⁵ This summit marked a shift in the global health agenda to include mental health, as G7 leaders also committed to “promoting women’s, children’s, and adolescents’ mental and physical health, ensuring sexual and reproductive health and rights without discrimination of any kind.”³⁴²⁶

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 leaders committed to advancing global health security and pursuing policies regarding both physical and mental health globally by “strengthening health systems, preparedness for, and a prompt, effective and coordinated response to public health emergencies and long-term challenges.”³⁴²⁷ This commitment acknowledged global health’s importance to broader economic, social and security gains, highlighting the importance of continuing to promote women’s and adolescents’ health and healthcare, as well as the role of environmental factors in human health.

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to “bringing greater attention to mental health” to support growth and equal participation that benefits everyone and ensure citizens lead healthy and productive lives.³⁴²⁸ To ensure that citizens lead healthy lives, leaders also committed to promoting access to quality and affordable healthcare.

At the 2019 Biarritz Summit, G7 leaders acknowledged the physical and mental health needs of survivors of sexual violence.³⁴²⁹ Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to “support efforts to promptly respond to ongoing cases of [conflict-related sexual violence] victims’ specific medical, psychological and social needs” through the adoption of the Declaration on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment.

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders addressed COVID-19’s impacts on physical and mental health.³⁴³⁰ Leaders committed to “support a robust global recovery from COVID-19, ensuring that countries are able to effectively address the indirect impacts on physical and mental health and broader socio-economic consequences of the [COVID-19] pandemic.”

Commitment Features

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, leaders “strongly committed to ... continuing to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.” This commitment can be broken down into three components, and to receive full compliance, G7 members must take action in both components. The components are: 1) addressing issues concerning mental health specifically, 2) addressing other types of noncommunicable diseases, including but not limited to cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer, and chronic respiratory illnesses, and 3) recognizing the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

“Address” is understood to mean giving attention to or dealing with a matter or problem.³⁴³¹ In the context of this commitment, it refers to taking actions that centre around the issue of noncommunicable diseases in a manner that brings focus to the diseases, such as creating programs and providing funding to mitigate these illnesses.

³⁴²⁵ G7 Ise-Shima Vision for Global Health. G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/health.html>

³⁴²⁶ G7 Ise-Shima Leaders’ Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/ise-shima-declaration-en.html#health>

³⁴²⁷ G7 Taormina Leaders’ Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 26 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/communique.html>

³⁴²⁸ The Charlevoix G7 Summit Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communique.html>

³⁴²⁹ Declaration on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 August 2019. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2019biarritz/declaration-on-gender-equality.pdf>

³⁴³⁰ G7 Carbis Bay Health Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-carbis-bay-health-declaration.html>

³⁴³¹ Address, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/address>

“Noncommunicable diseases” (NCDs), which includes “chronic diseases,” refer to a group of conditions that are not mainly caused by infections.³⁴³² These include, but are not limited to: cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer, mental health illnesses and chronic respiratory illnesses.³⁴³³

“Mental health” refers to a state of mental well-being that allows people to realize their full abilities and contribute to their own lives and to their community.³⁴³⁴ Mental health disorders include, but are not limited to: anxiety, depression, substance abuse and eating disorders.³⁴³⁵ It refers to overall psychological and emotional well-being, rather than simply the absence of disorders.

“Recognize” means to explicitly acknowledge something.³⁴³⁶

“Accessible” means to make something so that people are able to obtain or use it.³⁴³⁷

“Effective” refers to something that produces a desired effect.³⁴³⁸ Effectiveness relates to the provision of mental health services and refers to services that bring about a positive change for those with mental health illnesses, either by treating or mitigating those illnesses.

“Mental health services” refers to any interventions, both private and public, for the maintenance and wellbeing of mental health.³⁴³⁹ Mental health services can include, but are not limited to: psychotherapy, support groups, medication, and in-hospital programs for mental health treatment.

This commitment has a breadth component regarding how many NCDs are addressed by G7 members. As the commitment refers to NCDs “including mental health,” it is implied that members committed to addressing more than one NCD beyond mental health. However, as the commitment explicitly identifies mental health, the G7 member needs to take strong action in this area to achieve a score of +1.

This commitment also applies a depth analysis. The strength of compliance can be assessed based on the types of domestic and international actions undertaken. Examples of strong domestic action include, but are not limited to: changing domestic regulations, laws or statutes to provide resources for NCDs and their treatment; initiating domestic programs that publicize NCDs, their treatment options, or how to support those with these diseases; and allocating funding to establish services that address and treat NCDs. Examples of weak domestic actions include but are not limited to verbally reaffirming a commitment to address NCDs; attending meetings that discuss NCDs and mental health; and assigning the responsibility for addressing NCDs onto a national official or institution for future implementation. Examples of strong international actions include, but are not limited to: providing financial support, either directly or through an international institution, to other countries, especially low- and middle-income countries who require assistance in taking effective actions regarding NCDs; joining, participating in, or sending officials to international organizations where a central focus is on NCDs; and sponsoring or ratifying treaties that address NCDs. Examples of weak international action include, but are not limited to: sharing information with other countries regarding options for NCDs, including treatment and monitoring; and making bilateral or multilateral agreements that reaffirm the importance of addressing NCDs but leaving actual implementation of actions for a future date. The qualifier in the depth component is only for

³⁴³² Noncommunicable Diseases, Pan American Health Organization (Washington D.C.) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.paho.org/en/topics/noncommunicable-diseases>

³⁴³³ Noncommunicable diseases, United Nations Children’s Fund (New York) n.d. Access Date: 5 October 2022. <https://www.unicef.org/health/non-communicable-diseases>

³⁴³⁴ Mental health: strengthening our response, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/mental-health-strengthening-our-response>

³⁴³⁵ Mental disorders, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/mental-disorders>

³⁴³⁶ Recognize, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 12 January 2023. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/recognize>

³⁴³⁷ Accessible, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/accessible>

³⁴³⁸ Effective, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 9 October 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/effective>

³⁴³⁹ Mental Health Services, American Psychological Association (Washington D.C.) n.d. Access Date: 24 September 2022. <https://dictionary.apa.org/mental-health-services>

the third aspect of the commitment, in which G7 members “recogniz[e] the need for accessible and effective mental health services.” “Recognize” is a low binding commitment word, meaning that full compliance does not require a strong action. Full compliance with this criterion can therefore be a verbal acknowledgment of accessibility and effectiveness in a policy action.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to G7 members that take strong actions to address mental health AND at least one other NCD, and that also recognize the need for effectiveness and accessibility of mental health services.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to G7 members that take strong action to address mental health OR at least a few other NCDs OR some of both, and may or may not recognize the need for effectiveness and accessibility of mental health services.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if the G7 member takes weak action to address mental health OR another NCD and does not recognize the need for effectiveness and accessibility of mental health services, OR fails to take any action towards the commitment OR takes action that is antithetical to the commitment.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G7 member has only taken weak actions to address mental health OR another noncommunicable disease (NCD) and has not recognized the need for effectiveness and accessibility of mental health services OR has NOT taken any actions towards the commitment OR has taken actions that are antithetical to the commitment.
0	The G7 member has taken strong action to address mental health OR at least a few other NCDS OR some of both and may or may not have recognized the need for effectiveness and accessibility of mental health services.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong actions to address mental health AND at least one other NCD and has recognized the need for effectiveness and accessibility of mental health services.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 29 June 2022, Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos announced that the Canadian Institutes of Health Research is funding CAD3.8 million to support research on sleep health and insomnia.³⁴⁴⁰ The research conducted will identify biological and behavioral measures of sleep and sleep disorders and conduct clinical research into the prevention, detection and management of insomnia and other sleep disorders.

On 30 June 2022, Minister Duclos announced new regulations regarding labelling for packages foods to allow Canadians to make informed choices on their food intake and lower the risk of diet-related chronic diseases.³⁴⁴¹ The regulations address excess consumption of saturated fat, sugars and sodium, which is linked to increased chronic disease risks.

On 18 August 2022, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health Élisabeth Brière announced the funding of CAD150,000 for Tel-Aide Montréal to provide

³⁴⁴⁰ Government of Canada invests in research to improve sleep for Canadians, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Ottawa) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2022/06/government-of-canada-invests-in-research-to-improve-sleep-for-canadians.html>

³⁴⁴¹ Government of Canada unveils new front-of-package nutrition symbol, Cision Canada (Ottawa) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canada-unveils-new-front-of-package-nutrition-symbol-800108024.html>

support for its crisis line during the COVID-19 pandemic.³⁴⁴² The funding will provide the organization with the training and resources required to help meet the needs of callers in terms of mental health.

On 19 August 2022, Parliamentary Secretary Brière announced the funding of CAD4.7 million to support new research projects regarding mental health at the Douglas Mental Health University Institute.³⁴⁴³ The research funded will provide insights into the neural processes in the brain that contribute to mental illnesses.

On 31 August 2022, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) released a statement promoting the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission's decision to establish a national telephone helpline for suicide prevention and mental health crisis.³⁴⁴⁴ The three-digit number 988 is meant to be easier to remember in a time of crisis than a ten-digit number.

On 21 September 2022, Minister Duclos released a statement for World Alzheimer's Day to restate Canada's commitment to supporting Canadians with dementia, as well as their family members and caregivers.³⁴⁴⁵ This includes implementing Canada's 2019 dementia strategy, which aims to prevent dementia, advance cures and treatments for dementia, and improve the lives of those with dementia and their caregivers.

On 3 October 2022, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health Carolyn Bennett released a statement for Mental Illness Awareness Week.³⁴⁴⁶ She stressed that the Canadian government is committed to working with experts, frontline workers, provincial officials, and other partners to develop a comprehensive and efficient plan to improve mental health supports in Canada.

On 4 October 2022, Minister Bennett announced an investment of CAD1.2 million in mental health support for long-term care frontline workers and essential service providers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.³⁴⁴⁷ The investment will equip long-term care homes with facilitators trained in destigmatizing mental illness and addressing and promoting mental health resilience in the workplace.

On 5 October 2022, Minister Duclos announced a new framework for directing policy regarding diabetes in Canada.³⁴⁴⁸ The Framework for Diabetes was established using information from various groups, including

³⁴⁴² Government of Canada invests in mental health and distress centres, Public Health Agency of Canada (Montreal) 18 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/08/government-of-canada-invests-in-mental-health-and-distress-centres.html>

³⁴⁴³ Government of Canada announces \$4.7M to support new mental health research projects at the Douglas Mental Health University Institute, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Montreal) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2022/08/government-of-canada-announces-47m-to-support-new-mental-health-research-projects-at-the-douglas-mental-health-university-institute.html>

³⁴⁴⁴ Statement from the Public Health Agency of Canada on the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission's decision to implement a national three-digit number for suicide prevention and mental health crisis, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/08/statement-from-the-public-health-agency-of-canada-on-the-canadian-radio-television-and-telecommunication-commissions-decision-to-implement-a-nation.html>

³⁴⁴⁵ Statement from the Minister of Health on World Alzheimer's Day, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 21 September 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/09/statement-from-the-minister-of-health-on-world-alzheimers-day.html>

³⁴⁴⁶ Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on Mental Illness Awareness Week, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/statement-from-the-minister-of-mental-health-and-addictions-and-associate-minister-of-health-on-mental-illness-awareness-week.html>

³⁴⁴⁷ Government of Canada invests \$1.2 million in mental health support for long-term care frontline workers and essential service providers, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 4 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/government-of-canada-invests-12-million-in-mental-health-support-for-long-term-care-frontline-workers-and-essential-service-providers.html>

³⁴⁴⁸ Government of Canada Announces New Framework for Diabetes in Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 5 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/government-of-canada-announces-new-framework-for-diabetes-in-canada.html>

people living with diabetes, researchers, Indigenous communities and other partners to ensure that it makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those living with diabetes.

On 7 October 2022, Minister Bennett announced CAD3 million in funding to support the mental wellness of young people from Indigenous, Black, newcomer and underserved communities in Canada.³⁴⁴⁹ This investment will be used to expand two programs. The Weaving Threads program will be expanded to reach Indigenous communities nationally and be adapted for Black and newcomer communities. The funding for Kids Help Phone will help expand its Counsellor in the Classroom program, which educates elementary school students on how counsellors can support them with their mental health.

On 13 October 2022, Minister Duclos announced the investment of about CAD1.7 million towards four organizations to support their initiatives to promote physical activity, healthy eating and decreased tobacco usage in low-income neighbourhoods and marginalized communities within Quebec to support healthy behaviours that address risk factors of chronic diseases.³⁴⁵⁰

On 14 October 2022, Minister Bennett attended the Global Mental Health Summit as part of the Canadian delegation.³⁴⁵¹ At this summit, the Government of Canada committed to continue to work with its international partners to increase mental health awareness, reaffirm global cooperation and advance approaches to mental health and substance use that focus on community relations.

On 15 October 2022, PHAC released a statement for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day to raise awareness for the mental health of those who have suffered ectopic pregnancies, miscarriages, stillbirths, or death in infancy.³⁴⁵² The statement addresses the mental health of a target group in order to promote larger awareness.

On 2 November 2022, Minister Duclos released a statement stating that the Government of Canada would raise awareness for radon, a radioactive gas which leads to lung cancer.³⁴⁵³

On 7 November 2022, Minister Bennett announced an expansion of the Pain Canada Network, an organization dedicated to addressing chronic pain, as well as government funding of CAD4.5 million over the next five years.³⁴⁵⁴

On 10 November 2022, Minister Responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario Filomena Tassi announced that the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) would invest up to CAD2 million in SQI Diagnostics Inc., a medical diagnostics company

³⁴⁴⁹ Government of Canada invests \$3 million to support the mental wellness of young people, Public Health Agency of Canada (Toronto) 7 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/government-of-canada-invests-3-million-to-support-the-mental-wellness-of-young-people.html>

³⁴⁵⁰ Government of Canada supports healthy living for priority populations in the province of Quebec, Public Health Agency of Canada (Quebec City) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/government-of-canada-supports-healthy-living-for-priority-populations-in-the-province-of-quebec.html>

³⁴⁵¹ Canada meets with international officials and partners at the Global Mental Health Summit, Public Health Agency of Canada (Rome) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/canada-meets-with-international-officials-and-partners-at-the-global-mental-health-summit.html>

³⁴⁵² Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 15 October 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/10/message-from-the-minister-of-mental-health-and-addictions-and-associate-minister-of-health--pregnancy-and-infant-loss-remembrance-day.html>

³⁴⁵³ Statement from the Minister of Health on Radon Action Month, Health Canada (Ottawa) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2022/11/statement-from-the-minister-of-health-on-radon-action-month.html>

³⁴⁵⁴ Government of Canada announces over \$5 million to enhance support for people living with chronic pain and to expand the Pain Canada Network, Health Canada (Vancouver) 7 November 2022. Access Date: 27 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-announces-over-5-million-to-enhance-support-for-people-living-with-chronic-pain-and-to-expand-the-pain-canada-network.html>

working on tests for respiratory diseases.³⁴⁵⁵ FedDev Ontario's investment will allow SQI to bring the tests to market faster.

On 19 November 2022, President of the Treasury Board and Member of Parliament (MP) Mona Fortier announced on behalf of Minister Bennett that CAD500,000 in funding would be granted to a project supporting youth mental health in Ottawa.³⁴⁵⁶ The project plans to use well-being activities as mental illness prevention to help youth reach their full potential.

On 28 November 2022, Minister Bennett announced up to CAD18 million in funding for projects aimed at addressing mental health and substance use issues in youth.³⁴⁵⁷ The funding seeks to create a network of learning health systems to inform policies addressing youth addiction and mental health.

On 7 December 2022, MP Wilson Miao announced on behalf of Minister Bennett that CAD1.2 million in funding will go to the United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society.³⁴⁵⁸ The goal of the funding is to promote the mental health of postpartum women and their families in Asian and Southeast Asian communities.

On 13 December 2022, Federal MP David McGuinty announced on behalf of Minister Bennett CAD2.8 million in funding to increase mental health literacy in coaches and leaders in sport.³⁴⁵⁹ The initiative seeks to increase mental health awareness in coaches and sports leaders within remote, economically disadvantaged and Indigenous communities, newcomers to Canada and disabled individuals.

On 10 January 2023, Minister Bennet announced that nearly CAD7 million in funding would be allotted to YMCA Canada in order to benefit the mental health of youth.²¹ The "Y Mind" and "Mind Medicine" programs that this funding is set to go to are intended for youth between 13-30 who suffer from mild to moderate symptoms of depression and anxiety.

On 18 January 2023, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health Adam van Koeverden and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety Pam Damoff Announced on behalf of Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos CAD23 million in funding to establish the Canadian Pediatric Cancer Consortium.³⁴⁶⁰ This research seeks to increase treatment for pediatric cancer, a noncommunicable disease affecting children.

³⁴⁵⁵ Government of Canada supports growth of medical diagnostics company leading to job creation, Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (Etobicoke) 10 November 2022. Access Date: 27 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/economic-development-southern-ontario/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-supports-growth-of-medical-diagnostics-company-leading-to-job-creation.html>

³⁴⁵⁶ Government of Canada invests \$447K to support mental health through Ottawa youth mental health project, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 19 November 2022. Access Date: 27 November 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/11/government-of-canada-invests-447k-to-support-mental-health-through-ottawa-youth-mental-health-project.html>

³⁴⁵⁷ The Government of Canada and partners establish a Canada-wide network to support integrated mental health and substance use services for youth, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Toronto) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2022/11/the-government-of-canada-and-partners-establish-a-canada-wide-network-to-support-integrated-mental-health-and-substance-use-services-for-youth.html>

³⁴⁵⁸ Government of Canada invests \$1.2 million to promote mental health in postpartum women and their families within Asian and South Asian immigrant communities, Public Health Agency of Canada (Vancouver) 7 December 2022. Access Date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-invests-12-million-to-promote-mental-health-in-postpartum-women-and-their-families-within-asian-and-south-asian-immigrant-comm.html>

³⁴⁵⁹ Government of Canada invests \$2.8 million to increase mental health literacy among Coaches and Sports Leaders, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 13 December 2022. Access date: 20 December 2022. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/12/government-of-canada-invests-28-million-to-increase-mental-health-literacy-among-coaches-and-sports-leaders2.html>

³⁴⁶⁰ Government of Canada invests \$23 million in pediatric cancer research, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Toronto), 18 January 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2023/01/government-of-canada-invests-23-million-in-pediatric-cancer-research.html>

On 10 February 2023, Federal MP Yasir Naqvi announced, on behalf of Minister Duclos, CAD568,106 in funding to the University of Ottawa Heart Institute.³⁴⁶¹ The funding will be used for research into preventing and treating cardiovascular disease in women.

On 16 February 2023, Minister Bennett announced an investment of over CAD365,000 to promote mental health and well-being amongst Black youth in Ottawa school districts.³⁴⁶² This will be done by raising awareness about the social determinants of health and educating teachers and administrators about the mental health challenges faced by Black youth.

On 21 February 2023, Minister Bennett announced an investment of nearly CAD4 million in funding to OCAD University to support their mental health programs on campus.³⁴⁶³ This funding will go to promotional materials associated with a peer support program on campus, as well as mindfulness training and practice programs.

On 28 February 2023, Minister Bennett announced that the Canadian Institutes of Health Research had invested nearly CAD5 million in 25 research projects examining guidelines of mental health and substance use services for children, youth and young adults.³⁴⁶⁴

On 28 February 2023, Minister of Seniors Kamal Khera announced, on behalf of Minister Bennett, CAD2.5 million in funding for the Canadian Coalition for Seniors Mental Health.³⁴⁶⁵ This funding will be used to investigate multiple mental health disorders in older adults and their providers and caregivers.

On 28 February 2023, Minister Bennett announced close to CAD1 million in funding to support five research teams in Quebec researching and examining standards and guidelines for delivery of mental health and substance use services for children and young adults.³⁴⁶⁶

On 2 March 2023, David McGuinty announced, on behalf of Minister Bennett, CAD798,500 in funding for the Canadian Teacher's Federation in order to prevent mental illnesses and promote mental health in educators and administrators working in K-12 schools.³⁴⁶⁷

³⁴⁶¹ Government of Canada Supports Initiatives to Prevent Cardiovascular Disease in Women, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Ottawa), 10 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-supports-initiatives-to-prevent-cardiovascular-disease-in-women.html>

³⁴⁶² Government of Canada announces \$365,000 to The Centre for Resilience and Social Development for their project to support Black youth in Ottawa, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa), 16 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-announces-365k-to-the-centre-for-resilience-and-social-development-for-their-project-to-support-black-youth-in-ottawa.html>

³⁴⁶³ Government of Canada invests nearly \$4 million to OCAD University to support mental health of students, Public Health Agency of Canada (Toronto), 21 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-invests-nearly-4-million-to-ocad-university-to-support-mental-health-of-students.html>

³⁴⁶⁴ Government of Canada invests nearly \$5M in national mental health and substance use standards for children, youth and young adults, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Halifax), 28 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-invests-nearly-5m-in-national-mental-health-and-substance-use-standards-for-children-youth-and-young-adults.html>

³⁴⁶⁵ Government of Canada invests \$2.5 million in the mental health of older adults and caregivers, Public Health Agency of Canada (North York), 28 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-invests-25-million-in-the-mental-health-of-older-adults-and-caregivers.html>

³⁴⁶⁶ Government of Canada invests close to \$1M in Quebec research teams to examine mental health and substance use standards for children, youth and young adults, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Gaspésie-Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine), 28 February 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2023/02/government-of-canada-invests-close-to-1m-in-quebec-research-teams-to-examine-mental-health-and-substance-use-standards-for-children-youth-and-young.html>

³⁴⁶⁷ Government of Canada invests \$798,500 to support the mental health of educators, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa), 2 March 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-798500-to-support-the-mental-health-of-educators.html>

On 2 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced CAD4.2 million in funding to Community Health and Social Services Network.³⁴⁶⁸ This funding will go towards enhancing the ability of anglophone communities in Quebec to better promote mental health and prevent mental illnesses.

On 3 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced nearly CAD4 million in funding to the Alliance for Healthier Communities to expand their social prescription program.³⁴⁶⁹ This program “socially prescribes” a variety of activities to individuals in order to promote mental health and well-being.

On 8 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced CAD2.7 million in funding to Jack.org for its digital hub of mental health resources.³⁴⁷⁰ This program serves to provide an online hub for mental health resources for members of disenfranchised communities.

On 10 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced nearly CAD3 million in funding for six organizations in Toronto.³⁴⁷¹ This funding will be used to address the mental health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Black communities in Canada.

On 13 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced over CAD7 million in funding to address mental health in Ontario.³⁴⁷² This funding will go towards eight different projects, allowing Ontarians to access better care for mental health.

On 15 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced over CAD13 million in funding to address harms related to substance abuse in the Prairies, Northwest Territories and Yukon.³⁴⁷³

On 16 March 2023, Minister Kamal Khara announced on behalf of Minister Bennett CAD1 million in funding towards funding for Peel Region’s mental health services.³⁴⁷⁴ This funding will go towards the Indus Community Services’ programs, which provide mental health support to newcomers and international students in the South Asian community.

³⁴⁶⁸ Government of Canada invests \$4.2 million to organizations to promote mental health in Quebec, Public Health Agency of Canada (Quebec City), 2 March 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-42-million-to-organizations-to-promote-mental-health-in-quebec.html>

³⁴⁶⁹ Government of Canada invests nearly \$4 million in the Alliance for Healthier Communities to promote mental health, Public Health Agency of Canada (Toronto), 3 March 2023. Access Date: 5 March 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-nearly-4-million-in-the-alliance-for-healthier-communities-to-promote-mental-health.html>

³⁴⁷⁰ Government of Canada invests \$2.7M in Jack.org for youth mental health education, Public Health Agency of Canada (Toronto), 8 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-27m-in-jackorg-for-youth-mental-health-education.html>

³⁴⁷¹ Government of Canada announces \$3 million to support the mental health of Black communities, Public Health Agency of Canada (Toronto), 10 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-announces-3-million-to-support-the-mental-health-of-black-communities.html>

³⁴⁷² Government of Canada announces over \$7 million to help address harms related to substance use in Ontario, Public Health Agency of Canada (Toronto), 14 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-announces-over-7-million-to-help-address-harms-related-to-substance-use-in-ontario.html>

³⁴⁷³ Government of Canada announces over \$13 million to help address harms related to substance use in the Prairies, Northwest Territories and Yukon, Health Canada (Winnipeg), 15 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-announces-over-13-million-to-help-address-harms-related-to-substance-use-in-the-prairies-northwest-territories-and-yukon.html>

³⁴⁷⁴ Government of Canada invests \$1 million to support mental health through Indus Community Services, Public Health Agency of Canada (Mississauga), 16 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-1-million-to-support-mental-health-through-indus-community-services.html>

On 17 March 2023, MP Andy Fillmore announce on behalf of Minister Bennett CAD1.28 million in funding to support mental health in Nova Scotia.³⁴⁷⁵ This funding is being used to support youth with eating disorders in Nova Scotia, and to expand their peer support programs to a national scale.

On 17 March 2023, Minister Bennett announced over CAD3 million in funding to address substance use related harms in British Columbia.³⁴⁷⁶ The funding will go towards three programs, allowing those in BC to access greater prevention, harm reduction and treatment services for substance use and abuse.

On 17 March 2023, MP Leah Taylor Roy announced, on behalf of Minister Bennett, CAD666,054 in funding to support the needs of 2SLGBTQIA+ youth.³⁴⁷⁷ This funding will go towards the Gilbert Center for Social and Support Services to further fund their online program for mental health support for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address NCDs including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. It has funded multiple programs to address NCDs, including mental health, diabetes and cancer. National measures to address NCDs included funding research initiatives for treatments and cures, as well as establishing frameworks for mental health services and diabetes services. Canada has also provided sufficient recognition to the need to promote effective and accessible mental health resources by funding and training services and service providers. Canada has also reiterated its commitment to addressing mental health on a global scale, and the public research funding it has provided towards cures and treatments will support global efforts towards such purposes.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 19 September 2022, Minister of Health and Prevention François Braun announced that French health insurance will cover three free medical visits at ages 25, 45 and 65 to address physical and mental health.³⁴⁷⁸ Assessments at visits will include screening for cardiovascular diseases, cancers and possible mental health disorders at age 45 and screening for cancers and preventable diseases at age 65.

On 10 October 2022, the Ministry of Health and Prevention and the French Public Health Agency announced the launch of Tobacco Free Month in November 2022, encouraging French residents to stop smoking for 30

³⁴⁷⁵ Government of Canada invests \$1.28M to support youth experiencing eating disorders, Public Health Agency of Canada (Halifax), 17 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-128m-to-support-youth-experiencing-eating-disorders.html>

³⁴⁷⁶ Government of Canada announces over \$3 million to help address harms related to substance use in British Columbia, Health Canada (British Columbia), 17 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-announces-over-3-million-to-help-address-harms-related-to-substance-use-in-british-columbia.html>

³⁴⁷⁷ Government of Canada invests over \$660,000 to The Gilbert Centre for Social and Support Services to support 2SLGBTQIA+ youth mental health, Public Health Agency of Canada (Barrie), 17 March 2023. Access Date: 7 April 2023. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/03/government-of-canada-invests-over-660k-to-the-gilbert-centre-for-social-and-support-services-to-support-2slgbtqia-youth-mental-health.html>

³⁴⁷⁸ Des consultations médicales gratuites aux trois âges clés de la vie, Gouvernement de France (Paris) 19 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/des-consultations-medicales-gratuites-aux-trois-ages-cles-de-la-vie>

days.³⁴⁷⁹ This is intended to promote improved respiratory health in order to prevent chronic respiratory diseases.

On 13 October 2022, the Ministry of Higher Education and Research announced the provision of an additional EUR8.2 million to the Student Health Services (SSE), which, among other objectives, contribute to action for mental health support and prevention of mental illnesses.³⁴⁸⁰ This funding, which will be disbursed in 2023, will allow for a reform of the SSEs, and bring in student voices to address their mental health needs and bring about a strategy for all areas of student health, including mental health and addictions.

On 13 October 2022, France took part in the World Summit for Mental Health in Rome and engaged in discussions regarding the importance of a “community-focused approach to mental health,” organizations to support recovery, challenges facing the mental health profession and the involvement of those affected by mental health issues in determining public policies.³⁴⁸¹ Additionally, France reaffirmed its commitment to addressing mental health internationally and discussed ongoing actions in support of this mission.

On 16 October 2022, Minister Braun attended the World Health Summit in Berlin and participated in discussions surrounding global healthcare systems and reducing inequalities.³⁴⁸² As part of his speech at the summit, he reaffirmed France’s support of international efforts to address communicable and non-communicable diseases.

On 25 October 2022, the National Assembly published a proposal for a European resolution to prohibit the usage of nitrate additives in charcuterie products due to their carcinogenic properties as recognized by the International Agency for Research on Cancer of the World Health Organization.³⁴⁸³ The proposal calls for several actions, including urging the European Food Safety Authority to broaden their current assessment to include the work of the National Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health Safety regarding the dangers posed by the use of nitrates or nitrites in food; requesting the European Commission to regard the issue of the cancer-causing effects of nitrites in charcuterie as one of its priorities; and reviewing the consumption recommendations by the European Food Safety Authority in light of this risk.

On 27 October 2022, Delegate for European and International Affairs Antoine Saint-Denis participated in the G20 Health Ministers meeting in Bali and partook in discussions regarding global health standards and systems.³⁴⁸⁴ As part of the meeting, the Ministers reaffirmed the importance of achieving “the highest attainable standards of physical and mental health” and considered how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the

³⁴⁷⁹ En novembre, relevez le défi du mois sans tabac !, Gouvernement de France, (Paris) 10 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 November 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/en-novembre-relevez-le-defi-du-mois-sans-tabac>

³⁴⁸⁰ Les Services de santé universitaires (SSU) deviennent des Services de santé étudiants (SSE) : 8,2 millions d'euros supplémentaires pour la santé des étudiants, Ministère de L'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (Paris) 13 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/fr/les-services-de-sante-universitaires-ssu-deviennent-des-services-de-sante-etudiants-sse-82-millions-87514>

³⁴⁸¹ Sommet mondial sur la Santé mentale 2022 : renforcer l'action mondiale des gouvernements (Rome, 13 et 14 octobre 2022), Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 14 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/article/sommet-mondial-sur-la-sante-mentale-2022-renforcer-l-action-mondiale-des>

³⁴⁸² Retour sur le Sommet mondial de la Santé : « Faire le choix de la santé », à l'échelle mondiale et au-delà des crises (16 – 18 octobre 2022, Berlin), Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 18 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/article/retour-sur-le-sommet-mondial-de-la-sante-faire-le-choix-de-la-sante-a-l-echelle>

³⁴⁸³ Proposition de Résolution Européenne relative à l'interdiction des additifs nitrés dans les produits de charcuterie, Assemblée Nationale (Paris) 25 October 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/dyn/16/textes/l16b0381_proposition-resolution-europeenne

³⁴⁸⁴ G20 Indonésie | Retour sur la réunion des ministres de la santé et des finances à Bali (27 – 29 octobre 2022), Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) n.d. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/article/g20-indonesie-retour-sur-la-reunion-des-ministres-de-la-sante-et-des-finances-a>

mental health of care workers.³⁴⁸⁵ The Ministers also discussed seven steps to implement the One Health approach, which is deemed essential to preventing NCDs.

On 5 December 2022, the French Government announced the Paris Saclay Cancer Cluster (PSCC) as the first winner of the France 2030 Biocluster plan to accelerate research and development.³⁴⁸⁶ The PSCC will be situated in Villejuif and funded by France 2030 conditionally for ten years, during which time it will focus on “improving prevention, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up” for cancer. The overall goal of the PSCC will be to work towards a cure and to improve the quality of life for those living with cancer.

On 9 December 2022, Minister for Territorial Organization and Health Professions Agnès Firmin Le Bodo participated in the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council meeting in Brussels and engaged in discussions with European health ministers regarding vaccinations and cancer.³⁴⁸⁷ The Council adopted a recommendation that aims to support cancer prevention by enabling the early detection of cancers, in part through “new organized programs for certain cancers such as prostate and lung.”³⁴⁸⁸ Additionally, the Ministers discussed mental health policy during their lunch, in preparation of an upcoming initiative.

On 19 December 2022, Minister Braun announced that Kaftrio, “an innovative treatment for cystic fibrosis,” will become available for all children suffering from cystic fibrosis in France.³⁴⁸⁹ The treatment was previously only available to those above 12 years of age.

On 10 January 2023, the French Government announced the winners of the ninth wave of the i-Nov Innovation Contest, which provides funding to winners by the France 2030 investment plan.³⁴⁹⁰ 24 of the 53 winners selected are contributing to the contest’s health innovation theme, most of which aim to develop treatments for mental illnesses and noncommunicable diseases.³⁴⁹¹ DAMAE medical was granted EUR1.9 million to improve the management of skin cancers, Phost’in Therapeutics was granted EUR1.67 million to conduct a study on the effectiveness of the N-glycosylation inhibitor in treating tumours such as glioblastomas and Healthy Mind was granted EUR452,000 to support its development of a digital therapy for depression using virtual reality and neurofeedback.

On 3 March 2023, Minister Braun offered a progress report on the 50 measures set forth in the government’s 2018 Mental Health and Psychiatry Roadmap, including the establishment of a national number of suicide

³⁴⁸⁵ Chair’s Summary: Health Ministers’ of the G20, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221028-health.html>

³⁴⁸⁶ France 2030 : « Paris Saclay Cancer Cluster », premier lauréat de l’AMI « Biocluster », Ministère de L’Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (Paris) 5 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/fr/france-2030-paris-saclay-cancer-cluster-premier-laureat-de-l-ami-biocluster-88378>

³⁴⁸⁷ Conseil EPSCO | Lutte contre le cancer et vaccination au cœur de la réunion des ministres européens de la Santé - 9 décembre 2022, Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 13 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/article/conseil-epsco-lutte-contre-le-cancer-et-vaccination-au-coeur-de-la-reunion-des>

³⁴⁸⁸ Conseil EPSCO | Lutte contre le cancer et vaccination au cœur de la réunion des ministres européens de la Santé - 9 décembre 2022, Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention (Paris) 13 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/article/conseil-epsco-lutte-contre-le-cancer-et-vaccination-au-coeur-de-la-reunion-des>

³⁴⁸⁹ Un traitement contre la mucoviscidose généralisé pour les enfants, Gouvernement de France (Paris) 19 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 January 2023. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/un-traitement-contre-la-mucoviscidose-generalise-pour-les-enfants>

³⁴⁹⁰ France 2030 : annonce des 53 lauréats de la 9e vague du concours d’innovation i-Nov et lancement de la vague 11, Ministère de L’Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (Paris) 10 January 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 February 2023. <https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/fr/france-2030-annonce-53-laureats-9e-vague-concours-innovation-i-nov-et-lancement-vague-11-88861>

³⁴⁹¹ Recueil des Lauréats i-Nov Wave IX (2022), Gouvernement de France (Paris) December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 February 2023. https://www.gouvernement.fr/sites/default/files/contenu/piece-jointe/2023/01/recueil_des_laureats_i-nov_vague_9_vf.pdf

prevention and first aid training for mental health.³⁴⁹² He also announced five new objectives, with respect to accomplishing the ambitions outlined in the Roadmap. The objectives include supporting innovative research, strengthening cooperation regarding mental health between authorities, promoting mental wellbeing and supporting the early detection of mental health issues, especially for youth.

France has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address NCDs including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. This includes strong domestic action, such as budgets for broad health goals, including funding directed towards cancer research and mental health services, and legislative changes for insurance for NCDs. France has also recognized the need for mental health support by promoting local approaches to addressing and treating mental health at an international forum.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 14 July 2022, the Ministry of Health organized an interview with patient representatives Andrea Hahne and Dr. Christine Mundlos, who are participants in the German government's genomDE initiative that aims to increase awareness of and access to genomic medicine for those suffering with rare genetic diseases, such as cancers.³⁴⁹³ Genomic medicines can increase preventative measures and early detection of genomic cancers, and this interview was intended to increase public involvement with the initiative.

On 24 August 2022, Federal Minister for Family Affairs Lisa Paus announced the investment of EUR4 billion in children's daycare and childhood education through the Children's Daycare Quality Act.³⁴⁹⁴ The funding will be dispersed within the next two years and aims to, among other things, promote health, nutrition and exercise in childhood education to combat the increase of mental and physical disorders among children after the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 21 September 2022, State Secretary Jörg Kukies met with leaders from Barbados, Mauritius, Samoa and Tonga at the first ever Annual Gathering of a Heads of State and Government Group for the Prevention and Control of NCDs on behalf of the G7.³⁴⁹⁵ Leaders discussed the importance of the Global NCD Compact, which aims to, among other things, involve the 1.7 billion people worldwide living with NCDs and mental health conditions in policy decisions and guarantee access to medical care and health coverage.

On 1 October 2022, two Joint Actions of the EU4Health Workprogram 2021 ("CraNE" and "JANE") were launched with the participation of the German Federal Ministry of Health and other key national

³⁴⁹² Santé mentale : François Braun fait le point sur l'avancement des actions de la Feuille de route Santé mentale et Psychiatrie (Paris) 3 March 2023. Translatin provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/sante-mentale-francois-braun-fait-le-point-sur-l-avancement-des-actions-de-la>

³⁴⁹³ "To ensure good care, we also need the patient perspective," Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 24 July 2022. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/en/international/european-health-policy/genomde-en/to-ensure-good-care-we-also-need-the-patient-perspective.html>

³⁴⁹⁴ Further improvement in children's daycare, The Federal Government (Berlin) 24 August 2022. Access Date: 14 January 2023. <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/childrens-daycare-quality-act-2078520>

³⁴⁹⁵ First Annual Gathering of the Group of Heads of State and Government on NCDs, World Heart Federation (Geneva) 6 October 2022. Access Date: 14 January 2023. <https://world-heart-federation.org/news/first-annual-gathering-of-the-group-of-heads-of-state-and-government-on-ncds/>

stakeholders.³⁴⁹⁶ These two Joint Actions will help implement “Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan,” which aims to establish EU Network of Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures by 2025.

On 2 November 2022, the German Federal Statistical Office released a report on Men’s World Day that stated that the number of inpatient treatments for those with testicular cancer had decreased by 40 per cent in the last 20 years, as compared to a 5 per cent decrease in the 20 years before that.³⁴⁹⁷ Germany has been steadily noting and tracking rates of testicular cancer, demonstrating a recognition of its severity.

On 14 November 2022, the Federal Ministry of Health adopted and published the “National Education and Communication Strategy on Diabetes Mellitus” with the aim of improves diabetes prevention in Germany.³⁴⁹⁸ The strategy aims to gather health professionals and experts in the field into a network titled ‘Diabetes Network Germany – Healthier Together.’

On 15 November 2022, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) announced EUR2.6 million in funding to the Central Institute of Mental Health (CIMH) in Mannheim and the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin to study how the psychedelic substance psilocybin could be used to combat treatment-resistant major depression.³⁴⁹⁹ Previous studies have shown that psilocybin can have a rapid and long-lasting effect on depression, so the funding will be used to determine whether it can safely be used as treatment for people who have tried other treatments for depression without success.

On 23 November 2022, researchers from Heidelberg University Hospital and the German Cancer Research Center, which is funded by the BMBF, published the results of a study examining leukemia stem cells.³⁵⁰⁰ The results provide insight into the development of tumor cells and will be used in attempts to create new treatments for leukemia and other blood cancers.

On 5 December 2022, the Federal Office for Radiation Protection released a report stating that women between the ages of 70 and 75 could benefit from Germany’s mammography screening programme for early detection of breast cancer.³⁵⁰¹ The Federal Office is now advocating to extend the age limit for participants to 75 years of age.

³⁴⁹⁶ Joint Action on network of Comprehensive Cancer Centres JA Crane, European Commission (Brussels) 2 October 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2023. https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-12/ev_20211126_co03_en.pdf

³⁴⁹⁷ Number of in-patient treatments for testicular cancer down by 40% within 20 years, Federal Statistical Office (Berlin) 2 November 2022. Access Date: 3 January 2023. https://www.destatis.de/EN/Press/2022/11/PE22_N064_23.html

³⁴⁹⁸ The Federal Center For Health Education (Bzga) To Publish Their “National Education And Communication Strategy On Diabetes Mellitus”, Deutsches Zentrum für Diabetesforschung (Hamburg) 9 November 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2023. <https://www.dzd-ev.de/en/latest/news/news/article/the-federal-center-for-health-education-bzga-to-publish-their-national-education-and-communicatio/index.html>

³⁴⁹⁹ BMBF approves an additional 2.6 million euros for the psilocybin depression study EPIsoDE at CIMH and Charité, Informationsdienst Wissenschaft (Bayreuth) 15 November 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://nachrichten.idw-online.de/2022/11/15/bmbf-approves-an-additional-2-6-million-euros-for-the-psilocybin-depression-study-episode-at-cimh-and-charite>

³⁵⁰⁰ How blood cancer cells renew themselves, German Cancer Research Center (Hiedelberg) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 13 January 2023. <https://www.dkfz.de/en/presse/pressemitteilungen/2022/dkfz-pm-22-66b-How-blood-cancer-cells-renew-themselves.php>

³⁵⁰¹ Mammography screening programme: also useful for women over 70, Bundesamt für Strahlenschutz (Salzgitter) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2023. <https://www.bfs.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/BfS/EN/2022/022.html>

On 13 December 2022, the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community launched the *Entwicklungsplan Sport*, an action plan to promote physical activity and sports at all levels to promote a healthier lifestyle and combat obesity.³⁵⁰²

On 13 December 2022, a new drug against prostate cancer, whose active ingredient was developed under the leadership of the German Cancer Research Center, was approved by the European Commission to improve the outcomes of patients.³⁵⁰³

On 2 February 2023, the Federal Statistical Authority reported on World Cancer Day that the number of cancer-related hospital treatments had decreased by 1.2 per cent in 2021.³⁵⁰⁴ Germany tracks the rate of cancer treatments, noting that it is still the fourth-most common reason for treatment, with lung and bronchial cancers being the most common. This demonstrates Germany's continued willingness to report on and raise awareness for cancer.

On 1 March 2023, the Federal Foreign Office released "Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy," a series of guidelines for Germany's foreign policy, which includes taking into account the vulnerability of women and girls, who face a higher risk of developing cancer due to radioactive fallout from nuclear explosions.³⁵⁰⁵ This is a demonstration of Germany's willingness to take into account noncommunicable diseases in its policymaking.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. Germany has taken strong action to address some mental health challenges and NCDs through funding and releasing reports. It has also taken some action towards raising awareness for access to mental health resources by discussing the need for improved health coverage for conditions including mental illnesses.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Zekai Zhu

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address non-communicable diseases including mental health, recognizing the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 26 September 2022, the Ministry of Health held a conference called "The projects of the Dementia Fund: what changes in the diagnosis and assistance of people with dementia?" to present projects based on the three-year plans established by the "Fund for Alzheimer's and dementia" in order to promote a public health

³⁵⁰² *Entwicklungsplan Sport* (action plan 'Physical Activity and Sports for all'), European Commission (Brussels) 29 November 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2023. <https://sport.ec.europa.eu/healthylifestyle4all/pledges/entwicklungsplan-sport-action-plan-physical-activity-and-sports-for-all>

³⁵⁰³ New drug for metastatic prostate cancer now also approved in Europe, Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum (Heidelberg) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2023. <https://www.dkfz.de/en/presse/pressemitteilungen/2022/dkfz-pm-22-72-New-drug-for-metastatic-prostate-cancer-now-also-approved-in-Europe.php>

³⁵⁰⁴ World Cancer Day: record low of in-patient cancer treatments in 2021, Statistisches Bundesamt (Berlin) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. https://www.destatis.de/EN/Press/2023/02/PE23_N007_231.html

³⁵⁰⁵ Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 1 March 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/blob/2585076/4d2d295dad8fb1c41c6271d2c1a41d75/ffp-leitlinien-data.pdf>

intervention for dementia.³⁵⁰⁶ This was done to mark World Alzheimer's Day. The conference will present regional and Provincial projects as well as initiatives by the Istituto Superiore di Sanità.³⁵⁰⁷

On 29 September 2022, the Working Group on Cardiovascular Diseases of the Italian Alliance for Cardio-Cerebrovascular Diseases released an informative brochure on "How to prevent cardiovascular diseases" to provide information to citizens on how to prevent cardiovascular disease, focusing on risk factors, healthy lifestyles, and primary prevention.³⁵⁰⁸ This was done to mark World Heart Day in order to raise awareness on heart health.

On 30 September 2022, the IncontraDonna Foundation and the Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane Group hosted the Frecciarosa campaign for health promotion and prevention in order to promote healthy lifestyles and increase awareness on the importance of cancer prevention through regular check-ups.³⁵⁰⁹ This initiative was part of the Ministry of Health's observance of Breast Cancer Prevention Month.

On 5 October 2022, the Italian Cooperation Service donated EUR1.75 million in humanitarian aid to Lebanon.³⁵¹⁰ Out of this, EUR1 million will be directed to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to assist with medical and sanitation facilities and first aid facilities, while EUR750,000 will be directed to the World Health Organization to provide necessary medication for patients with cancer and other diseases.

On 10 October 2022, the Ministry of Health commemorated World Mental Health Day to bring attention to the goal of making mental health and well-being a priority internationally.³⁵¹¹

On 13 October 2022, the Ministry of Health hosted the Global Mental Health Summit in Rome to raise awareness and find solutions for mental health both domestically and internationally.³⁵¹² The two main focuses of the summit, held in collaboration with the World Health Organization, was to highlight a community-based approach to mental health and the importance of the direct involvement of those living with mental illnesses as well as their families in the psychosocial care and recovery process.

On 16 November 2022, the Ministry of Health held the fourth meeting of the General Assembly of the Italian Alliance for cardio-cerebrovascular diseases to elect ten companies working towards cardio-cerebrovascular

³⁵⁰⁶ Giornata mondiale dell'Alzheimer, 21 settembre 2022, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 21 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 January 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=5998

³⁵⁰⁷ Demenze, il 26 settembre all'ISS il Convegno "Le progettualità del fondo demenze: quali cambiamenti nella diagnosi ed assistenza delle persone con demenza?", Ministero della Salute (Rome) 14 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 January 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=5986

³⁵⁰⁸ 29 settembre, Giornata mondiale del cuore - World Heart Day, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 29 September 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 January 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=5999

³⁵⁰⁹ Prevenzione del tumore al seno, riparte la campagna "Frecciarosa", Ministero della Salute (Rome) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6010

³⁵¹⁰ Lebanon. Italy's Cooperation Service provides emergency contributions to the IFRC and WHO, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 5 October 2022. Access Date: 3 January 2023.

https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2022/10/libano-contributi-di-emergenza-della-cooperazione-italiana-in-favore-della-ificross-e-delloms/

³⁵¹¹ 10 ottobre, Giornata mondiale della salute mentale – World Health Mental Day, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6019

³⁵¹² Global Mental Health Summit 2022. Al via a Roma il 13 e 14 ottobre. L'evento in diretta streaming, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 5 November 2022.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6020

health as an Executive Committee.³⁵¹³ The Alliance oversees the development of a national prevention agenda or cardiovascular health.³⁵¹⁴

On 6 December 2022, Minister of Health Orazio Schillaci presented a speech to the Commissions of the Chamber and Senate (Social Affairs - Health and Work).³⁵¹⁵ In the speech, he reiterated his commitment to obtain a guarantee on financial coverage with regards to improving the healthcare system and provide lines for investment into various spheres of healthcare, hospitals, and staff. He also reinforced the guarantee to assist all citizens with rare diseases and support the recently established National Committee for Rare Diseases. Furthermore, he reinforced the commitment to the National Cancer Plan for the years 2022-2027, in which Italy is planning to increase and improve screenings, coverage and overall aid the oncology field. Additionally, Minister Schillaci is planning to provide EUR10 million in 2023 and EUR10 million in 2024 to fight cancer.

On 19 December 2022, Minister Schillaci presented the report “The numbers of cancer in Italy 2022” to recognize the setback caused in Italy actions against cancer as diagnostic events were slowed down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.³⁵¹⁶ He outlined the necessity of providing the best quality of prevention, treatment, and assistance to cancer patients, as well as the need to ensure that all such patients are vaccinated against COVID-19. Lastly, he reaffirmed the Ministry of Health’s previous commitment to adopting the National Oncology Plan to improve the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and assistance of cancer patients.

On 26 January 2023, the Italian Government adopted the National Cancer Plan 2023-2027, which aims to reduce inequalities in access to prevention and treatment interventions.³⁵¹⁷ The goals of the Plan are to complete setting up the national cancer registry and establish full organizational functionality across the country. The Plan will look at primary prevention in accordance with the 2020-2025 National Prevention Plan through the adoption of a healthy lifestyle. It will also promote intervention through vaccination against cancer-causing infectious agents, as well as secondary prevention through strengthening of organized screening programs.

On 9 February 2023, Minister Schillaci spoke at a talk show about cancer prevention at Casa Sanremo with information on the three screening programs organized by the Italian Government for breast, colorectal and cervical cancer in order to promote the awareness campaign.³⁵¹⁸

On 15 February 2023, the Ministry of Health released a statement relating to the World Childhood Cancer Day explaining the statistics that approximately 2,400 childhood cancer diagnoses are expected in Italy every year.³⁵¹⁹ The ministry reinforced its strong stance on battling cancer and stated that its National Oncology Plan 2023-

³⁵¹³ Alleanza italiana per le malattie cardio-cerebrovascolari: nella seduta del 16 novembre l'Assemblea generale rinnova il Comitato Esecutivo, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 6 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 January 2023. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6083

³⁵¹⁴ Secondary prevention of heart attack and stroke: Country Profile for Italy, The Health Policy Partnership (London) 2021. Access Date: 4 January 2023. <https://www.healthpolicypartnership.com/app/uploads/Secondary-prevention-of-heart-attack-and-stroke-in-Europe-Italy.pdf>

³⁵¹⁵ Prova attitudinale per il riconoscimento del titolo di medico veterinario conseguito in un paese terzo, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 6 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 February 2023. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6091

³⁵¹⁶ Tumori, presentato al Ministero della Salute “I numeri del cancro 2022”, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 20 December 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 January 2023. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6105

³⁵¹⁷ Piano oncologico nazionale 2023-2027, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 7 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_4_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=salastampa&p=comunicatistampa&id=5928
³⁵¹⁸ Screening oncologici, la campagna di prevenzione a Casa Sanremo, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 7 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

³⁵¹⁹ 15 Febbraio, Giornata mondiale contro il cancro infantile - Childhood Cancer Day, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 15 February 2023. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 April 2023. https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6157

2027 is in line with the World Health Organization's Global Childhood Cancer Initiative aiming to ensure at least 60 per cent survival for all children diagnosed with cancer by 2030.

On 21 February 2023, the Ministry of Health commenced the National Conference on Nutrition, taking place over three days, to bring together institutions, scientific committees, academics and representatives of the agri-food chain to discuss health promotion and the prevention of diet-related diseases.³⁵²⁰

On 12 March 2023, the Ministry of Health commenced World Glaucoma Week, attempting to raise awareness for glaucoma, the world's second-leading cause of blindness.³⁵²¹ The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness Italia (IAPB Italia Onlus) released data from the Vista in Salute campaign from the Ministry of Health, which had offered screening for glaucoma, maculopathies and diabetic retinopathy, leading to a greater understanding of vision diseases. The IAPB Italia Onlus also announced prevention and awareness-raising activities in conjunction with the Italian Union for the Blind and Visually Impaired in 85 cities.

On 15 March 2023, the Ministry of Health marked National Lilac Bow Day, which is dedicated to eating disorders including anorexia, bulimia nervosa and binge eating.³⁵²² The Ministry of Health announced a series of guidelines to combat these diseases, especially in youth, including an interactive platform to publicize the availability of interventions and the creation of a census of organizations working with those suffering from eating disorders. Eating disorders are both a cause and symptom of mental health illnesses and can cause a series of organ complications, including cardiovascular, gastrointestinal and endocrine diseases.

On 18 March 2023, the Ministry of Health commenced the National Week for Oncological Prevention and announced a collaboration with the Italian League for the Fight against Tumors to spread prevention culture and raise public awareness on the importance of adopting a correct lifestyle to prevent cancer.³⁵²³ This includes preventing smoking, adopting healthy diets and maintaining regular physical activity.

On 28 March 2023, the Ministry of Health published a press release on World Endometriosis Day to raise awareness about the disease and inform about its impact, as well as different ways to detect and treat the disease.³⁵²⁴ The Ministry of Health also commented and ensured its compliance with the 2021 plan authorizing the expenditure of EUR3 million spread over the three years of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. Italy has taken strong actions to promote mental health, cardiovascular health and cancer prevention, with a particular emphasis on cancer prevention. This includes hosting the Global Mental Health Summit, providing funding to be used in Lebanon to treat those with cancer, releasing reports and domestic initiatives in conjunction with scientists and researchers.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

³⁵²⁰ Conferenza Nazionale sulla Nutrizione, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 18 February 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_4_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=salastampa&p=comunicatistampa&id=5930

³⁵²¹ Settimana mondiale del glaucoma: 12-18 marzo 2023, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 13 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6184

³⁵²² Giornata nazionale del Fiocchetto Lilla 2023, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 14 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6190

³⁵²³ Settimana nazionale per la prevenzione oncologica 2023, Ministro Schillaci partecipa alla Conferenza stampa LILT, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 17 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 March 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6193

³⁵²⁴ 28 Marzo 2023, Giornata mondiale dell'endometriosi, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 27 March 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 April 2023.

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=6200

Analyst: Alexander Kanj

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 21 July 2022, the National Cancer Centre Japan announced the launch of a joint research project with the International Agency for Research on Cancer focusing on identifying associations between lifestyle risk factors and the prognosis of cancer patients.³⁵²⁵ The research has the goal of providing long-term benefits to cancer patients by identifying lifestyle risks that can be mitigated for the best prognosis, thus tackling a prominent noncommunicable disease.

On 1 August 2022, the National Cancer Centre Japan reported on its attendance at cancer registration workshops with the Ministry of Health of Vietnam as part of the Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development.³⁵²⁶ Discussions focused on alignment with international standards of cancer registration and establishing standard operation procedure. This action plans to improve the quality of cancer statistics in Japan and link health insurance information to cancer statistics.

On 18 August 2022, Ambassador to Sri Lanka Hideaki Mizukoshi signed an Exchange of Note for grant assistance to provide JPY500 million worth of medical equipment to Sri Jayewardenepura Hospital.³⁵²⁷ Equipment includes an angio-CT, ophthalmic instruments and radiological instruments and is meant to improve the hospital's capacity to address NCDs.

On 25 August 2022, the Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry announced that they would begin setting new guidelines for transplanting animal organs and tissues into humans over the next fiscal year.³⁵²⁸ This measure is meant to combat the shortage of organs that are needed by those suffering from chronic diseases by allocating an estimated budget of several tens of millions of yen to the project.

On 10 October 2022, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare commemorated World Mental Health Day 2022 by creating a promotional awareness poster for the movie "The Three Sisters of Tenmaso," which deals with the themes of sadness and mental health.³⁵²⁹ Through this initiative, the Ministry hopes to raise awareness for World Mental Health Day and increase public understanding of mental health and mental disorders.

On 27 October 2022, Ambassador Mizukoshi provided JPY800 million worth of medical equipment, including CT scanners, to the National Hospital in Sri Lanka and the Ragama Teaching Hospital.³⁵³⁰ The equipment is meant to enhance the inspection and treatment of those with noncommunicable and chronic diseases.

³⁵²⁵ Joint Research with IARC Identifying associations between lifestyle risk factors and the prognosis of cancer survivors, National Cancer Centre Japan (Tokyo) 21 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022.

https://www.ncc.go.jp/en/information/press_release/20220721/index.html

³⁵²⁶ Supporting Cancer Registration in Viet Nam, National Cancer Centre Japan (Tokyo) 1 August 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.ncc.go.jp/en/information/2022/0719/index.html>

³⁵²⁷ Japan Provides JPY 500 Million Grant Assistance for Strengthening Medical Capacity of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital, Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka (Colombo) 19 August 2022. Access Date: 12 January 2023. https://www.lk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/11_000001_00037.html

³⁵²⁸ Health ministry to set new safety guidelines for animal organ, tissue use in humans, The Japan News (Tokyo) 25 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://japannews.yomiuri.co.jp/science-nature/science/20220825-53790/>

³⁵²⁹ "World Mental Health Day" and the movie "Three Sisters of Tenmaso" tie up, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Tokyo) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/houdou/newpage_00112.html

³⁵³⁰ Japan Grants JPY 800 million (USD 5.5 million) Medical Equipment to National Hospital and Ragama Teaching Hospital to Strengthen the Sustainable Medical System under the Current Economic Crisis, Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka (Colombo) 27 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. https://www.lk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/11_000001_00074.html

On 22 December 2022, the Ministry of Health announced the authorization of a blood test kit to detect Alzheimer's disease.³⁵³¹ This is one of the first blood test kits of its kind to be approved. The approval of the blood test kit aims to streamline the Alzheimer's screening process in Japan, enabling physicians to decide which patients qualify for new Alzheimer's therapies and improving treatment of the disease.

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. Japan has taken some action towards addressing mental health, such as creating promotional material. Japan has also taken strong action towards noncommunicable diseases at large, such as through donations to Sri Lanka while also taking weak actions on diseases such as Alzheimer's disease and cancer. However, Japan has not addressed the need for accessibility.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Mathula Mubundan

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 14 July 2022, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) published the Building the Right Support for People with a Learning Disability and Autistic People Action Plan.³⁵³² The plan, in part, outlines an intersectional approach to prevent crises and admission into mental health facilities, ensures that individuals receive the quality care when in inpatient mental health facilities and removes roadblocks preventing them from leaving inpatient facilities once their treatment is complete.

On 19 July 2022, Minister for Care and Mental Health Gillian Keegan announced the launch of the Down Syndrome Act to improve the lives of people with Down's syndrome.³⁵³³ To implement this legislation, the UK Government will be collecting information regarding the experience of people with Down's syndrome as well as experts on the disease, and will require the National Health Service (NHS), health commissioners, and integrated care boards to provide guidance.

On 10 August 2022, the DHSC announced that over the next three years, hundreds of thousands of social care staff would be offered opportunities for further training to develop necessary skills to support diabetes, stroke awareness and mental health care.³⁵³⁴ This comes as part of the UK Government's GBP500 million support package and continuation of the Workforce Development Fund for 2022 to 2023.

On 14 August 2022, Prime Minister Boris Johnson launched the Dame Barbara Windsor Dementia Mission with a new task force to accelerate research, a vow to double annual funding for dementia research to GBP160

³⁵³¹ Japan Approves Blood Test Kit to Detect Alzheimer's as Breakthrough Therapy Round the Corner, BNN Bloomberg (New York) 22 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/japan-approves-blood-test-kit-to-detect-alzheimer-s-as-breakthrough-therapy-round-the-corner-1.1862489>

³⁵³² Building the Right Support for People with a Learning Disability and Autistic People Action Plan, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 14 July 22. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1092537/Building-the-Right-Support-for-People-with-a-Learning-Disability-and-Autistic-People-Action-Plan-accessible.pdf

³⁵³³ Government seeks views to improve lives of people with Down's syndrome, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 19 July 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-seeks-views-to-improve-lives-of-people-with-downs-syndrome>

³⁵³⁴ Social care staff to benefit from improved career options and training, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 10 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-care-staff-to-benefit-from-improved-career-options-and-training>

million by 2024 and an additional GBP95 million to support the national mission.³⁵³⁵ This is a step towards better understanding the causes of dementia, which is a NCD, and developing treatments for the illness.

On 1 September 2022, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Steve Barclay announced the opening of seven additional community diagnostic centres (CDCs) to provide diagnostic testing for a range of conditions including cancer, heart disease and lung disease.³⁵³⁶ The CDCs are part of a plan by the UK Government to open 160 diagnostic centres by 2025 to reduce wait times for diagnosis and mitigate health disparities.

On 9 October 2022, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities launched a new Better Health – Every Mind Matters campaign.³⁵³⁷ The campaign offers a personalized “Mind Plan” with advice via the Every Mind Matters website and encourages individuals to take steps to improve their mental wellbeing.

On 10 October 2022, the Department of Work and Pensions announced GBP122 million in funding towards the national expansion of an initiative by the NHS, which brings together employment advisors and therapists to best support individuals with mental health issues, enabling them to stay employed or return to work quicker.³⁵³⁸ This is a step towards mitigating barriers that prevent individuals from entering or remaining in the workforce due to mental health concerns and pushes for individual wellbeing, which in turn supports the economy.

On 13 October 2022, the UK attended the Global Mental Health Summit in Rome and engaged in discussions regarding the human rights of people with mental health issues, community approaches to mental health, mental wellbeing in the workplace and other key issues.³⁵³⁹ The NHS’s Tim Kendall was a member of the Steering Committee for the summit. Participants of the summit came to a unanimous consensus that “there is no health without mental health” and highlighted mental health as a global health priority.³⁵⁴⁰

On 14 October 2022, the UK Government announced over GBP800 million in funding over the next five years directed towards the National Institute for Health and Care Research for addressing health inequalities and for research into innovative treatments such as experimental medicine research.³⁵⁴¹ Of this, GBP790 million will go towards innovation for diagnostic and treatment options for key diseases such as cancer, mental health issues and dementia, along with an additional GBP25 million being invested into research to address patient safety challenges, including those associated with cancer treatment.

On 8 November 2022, the UK’s Joint Committee investigating a draft Mental Health Bill continued its examination of the bill, which proposes mitigating long-term inpatient care for individuals with learning

³⁵³⁵ Prime Minister launches ‘Dame Barbara Windsor Dementia Mission’, Prime Minister’s Office, 10 Downing Street, Department of Health and Social Care, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP (London) 14 August 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-launches-dame-barbara-windsor-dementia-mission--2>

³⁵³⁶ 7 new community diagnostic centres to offer more patients life-saving checks, Department of Health and Social Care and The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/7-new-community-diagnostic-centres-to-offer-more-patients-life-saving-checks>

³⁵³⁷ Every Mind Matters campaign urges people to be kind to their mind, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 9 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/every-mind-matters-campaign-urges-people-to-be-kind-to-their-mind>

³⁵³⁸ £122 million employment boost for people receiving mental health support, Department for Work and Pensions and Chloe Smith MP (London) 10 October 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/122-million-employment-boost-for-people-receiving-mental-health-support>

³⁵³⁹ Global Mental Health Summit – Skills, rights, care, Ministry of Health (Rome) n.d. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/saluteMentale/dettaglioEventiSaluteMentale.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=eventi&p=daeventi&id=596>

³⁵⁴⁰ Global Mental Health Summit – Skills, rights, care, Ministry of Health (Rome) n.d. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/saluteMentale/dettaglioEventiSaluteMentale.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=eventi&p=daeventi&id=596>

³⁵⁴¹ Over £800 million to boost innovation, growth and improve patient safety, Department for Health and Social Care (London) 14 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-800m-to-boost-innovation-growth-and-improve-patient-safety>

disabilities or autism.³⁵⁴² The Committee aims to examine whether the draft Mental Health Bill is sufficient in prohibiting unnecessary detention and addressing poor inpatient care and lack of advocacy for young people. The Committee is also investigating if the bill has enough safeguards in place to protect those with learning disabilities or autism, as well as children and young people suffering from mental illness.

On 23 November 2022, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy shared a memorandum of understanding between the governments of the UK and South Africa “on cooperation in science, technology, research and innovation.”³⁵⁴³ In terms of health research, the governments agreed to continued cooperation between their Medical Research Councils, in part, to support the international response to NCDs.

On 23 November 2022, the UK Government announced that the UK and South Africa updated their health partnership and will take part in nine collaborative research projects that focus on a range of health issues including NCDs and mental health.³⁵⁴⁴ The governments will also “[increase] shared knowledge and expertise” and engage in training and development to improve the overall capacity of their health systems.

On 27 November 2022, the DHSC announced GBP20 million in research funding for “cutting-edge obesity treatments and technologies” to support people in living healthier lives.³⁵⁴⁵ The funding aims to make new treatment options available which enable individuals to lose up to 20 per cent of their weight, thus improving their long-term health outcomes and preventing future NCDs.

On 28 November 2022, the UK Government announced over GBP113 million in funding for the research and development of new medications and technologies for significant public health issues within the UK.³⁵⁴⁶ The funds will be divided between four healthcare missions, with GBP22.5 million being directed towards cancer research, GBP40.2 million for digital technologies to support mental health, GBP20 million for obesity-related treatments and GBP30.5 million to tackle addiction. Each mission will be led by an independent chair, selected by a panel of experts in that field.

On 28 November 2022, Innovate UK announced GBP30 million in funding to support immuno-oncology-based research for cancer treatment and to fill existing gaps in treating childhood cancer.³⁵⁴⁷ This funding will be delivered through the Biomedical Catalyst Programme and is aligned with the UK Government’s cancer mission.

³⁵⁴² Joint Committee investigates impact of draft Mental Health Bill on children and young people, and people with learning disabilities or autism, UK Parliament (London) 8 November 2022. Access Date: 24 November 2022.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/605/joint-committee-on-the-draft-mental-health-bill/news/174225/joint-committee-investigates-impact-of-draft-mental-health-bill-on-children-and-young-people-and-people-with-learning-disabilities-or-autism/>

³⁵⁴³ Memorandum of Understanding between the government of the Republic of South Africa and the government of the United Kingdom on cooperation in science, technology, research and innovation, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Energy (London) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 24 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cooperation-in-science-technology-research-and-innovation-memorandum-of-understanding-between-uk-and-south-africa/memorandum-of-understanding-between-the-government-of-the-republic-of-south-africa-and-the-government-of-the-united-kingdom-on-cooperation-in-science>

³⁵⁴⁴ UK and South Africa to work more closely on tackling pandemics and climate change, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 24 November 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-south-africa-to-work-more-closely-on-tackling-pandemics-and-climate-change>

³⁵⁴⁵ New obesity treatments and technology to save the NHS billions, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 27 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-obesity-treatments-and-technology-to-save-the-nhs-billions>

³⁵⁴⁶ Government to use Vaccine Taskforce model to tackle health challenges, Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Office for Life Sciences, The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, Will Quince MP, and the Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-use-vaccine-taskforce-model-to-tackle-health-challenges>

³⁵⁴⁷ £30 million fund to advance life-changing cancer therapeutics, UK Research and Innovation (London) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.ukri.org/news/30-million-fund-to-advance-life-changing-cancer-therapeutics>

On 28 November 2022, the NHS shared that approximately 9,000 men with advanced prostate cancer will become eligible for Darolutamide, a “new life-extending treatment.”³⁵⁴⁸ The treatment is expected to improve quality of life and increase survival rates for those living with prostate cancer.

On 8 December 2022, Ministers of Parliament engaged in a debate about the Health and Social Care Committee’s report on Cancer Services, which highlights the need for early diagnosis and effective treatments.³⁵⁴⁹ Minister of State Helen Whately affirmed the UK Government’s commitment to addressing the pandemic backlog in relation to cancer services, to improve early diagnosis and treatment options and to “invest in research and innovation.”³⁵⁵⁰

On 9 December 2022, the DHSC and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport shared their final policy for TV and online advertising restrictions for products which are high in fat, salt or sugar (HFSS).³⁵⁵¹ The UK Government is currently seeking feedback on the draft regulations, prior to their implementation. The policy is aimed at decreasing children’s exposure to HFSS products and thus supports the government’s mission to decrease childhood obesity by 50 per cent by 2030 and preventing the development of future illnesses.

On 12 December 2022, the UK Government fulfilled its pledge to provide GBP50 million in funding for motor neurone disease (MND), with GBP29.5 million being invested in research and the remaining GBP20.5 million being directed towards treatment projects via an open call process.³⁵⁵² The funding is expected to support researchers in furthering knowledge about MND, developing treatments and eventually improving the quality of life for those living with the disease.

On 13 December 2022, the UK Government announced GBP175 million in funding as part of its 2022 to 2025 Genome UK implementation plan.³⁵⁵³ GBP105 million of these funds will be used to develop diagnostic and treatment options for rare genetic diseases affecting newborns, GBP26 million will be allocated towards cancer-related innovation and GBP22 million will address healthcare inequalities in genomic research.

On 14 December 2022, Minister of State for Science, Research and Innovation George Freeman announced a global research fund to further scientific collaboration between the UK and nations specializing in research and development such as Japan.³⁵⁵⁴ As part of phase one of the International Science Partnerships Fund, the UK Government will be providing GBP119 million in funding for research to address health issues such as neurodegenerative diseases and dementia.

³⁵⁴⁸ NHS fast tracks life-extending prostate cancer drug to patients, NHS England (London) 28 November 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2022/11/nhs-fast-tracks-life-extending-prostate-cancer-drug/>

³⁵⁴⁹ Cancer Services, UK Parliament (London) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2022-12-08/debates/D0290891-FAB9-4E3C-BDD1-0A95530DC320/CancerServices>

³⁵⁵⁰ Cancer Services, UK Parliament (London) 8 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2022-12-08/debates/D0290891-FAB9-4E3C-BDD1-0A95530DC320/CancerServices>

³⁵⁵¹ Introducing further advertising restrictions on TV and online products high in fat, salt or sugar: consultation on secondary legislation, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and Department of Health and Social Care (London) 9 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-further-advertising-restrictions-on-tv-and-online-for-products-high-in-fat-salt-or-sugar-secondary-legislation/introducing-further-advertising-restrictions-on-tv-and-online-for-products-high-in-fat-salt-or-sugar-consultation-on-secondary-legislation>

³⁵⁵² Government delivers on pledge for £50 million motor neurone disease research funding, Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP (London) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-delivers-on-pledge-for-50-million-mnd-research-funding>

³⁵⁵³ Over £175 million for cutting-edge genomics research, Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, and Will Quince MP (London) 13 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-175-million-for-cutting-edge-genomics-research>

³⁵⁵⁴ UK Science and Technology Minister launches new global international science partnership funding in Tokyo with initial £119m of funding, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and George Freeman MP (London) 14 December 2022. Access Date: 21 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-science-and-technology-minister-launches-new-global-international-science-partnership-funding-in-tokyo-with-initial-119m-of-funding>

On 23 December 2022, the UK Government announced GBP3.6 million in funding for the National Academy of Social Prescribing (NASP) to address mental health.³⁵⁵⁵ The funding will enable NASP to continue providing access to mental health services and will support community initiatives that help those struggling with grief, loneliness, dementia or addiction.

On 29 December 2022, the UK Government announced GBP1 million in funding for approximately 1,000 automated external defibrillators to be provided in community spaces across England, available to help anyone experiencing cardiac arrest.³⁵⁵⁶ In part, the funding supports the government's commitment to preventing and treating cardiovascular diseases.

On 12 January 2023, the UK Government pledged GBP10 million in funding to provide 29 new NHS breast cancer screening units and nearly 70 critical upgrades to services, including mobile breast screening units, static units and software upgrades for X-rays and ultrasound machines.³⁵⁵⁷ The funding is expected to increase cancer screening rates, resulting in earlier diagnosis and treatment.

On 16 January 2023, the UK Government approved a new community diagnostic centre in Stockton-on-Tees to provide diagnostic services, including cancer screening.³⁵⁵⁸ The centre will be able to conduct MRI, CT and ultrasound scans, x-rays, blood tests, respiratory checks and cardiology-related testing.

On 19 January 2023, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Nick Markham and Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Public Health Anutin Charnvirakul signed a memorandum of understanding committing to work collaboratively on genomics and improving the understanding of rare diseases and cancer.³⁵⁵⁹ The partnership will allow the UK to benefit from Thailand's capabilities regarding genomic sequencing which can accelerate diagnosis for cancer, resulting in earlier treatment and better patient outcomes.

On 23 January 2023, the UK Government announced GBP150 million in funding for improved mental health services and support for individuals experiencing mental health crises. Of this, GBP7 million will be allocated towards procuring up to 100 mental health ambulances, while GBP143 million will support 150 new projects to improve mental health crisis response and access to urgent mental health care.³⁵⁶⁰ This includes the establishment of new urgent care centres, upgrading mental health facilities in emergency departments and expanding crisis lines.

³⁵⁵⁵ £3.6 million social prescribing funding for mental health support, Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Maria Caulfield MP, The Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP, and Helen Whately MP (London) 23 December 2022. Access Date: 23 December 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/36-million-social-prescribing-funding-to-bolster-mental-health-support-and-ease-pressure-on-gps>

³⁵⁵⁶ Number of defibrillators to be increased with new funding, Department of Health and Social Care, Helen Whately MP, and The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 29 December 2022. Access Date: 3 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/number-of-defibrillators-to-be-increased-with-new-funding>

³⁵⁵⁷ New breast cancer screening units to speed up diagnosis, Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, and Helen Whately MP (London) 12 January 2023. Access Date: 3 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-breast-cancer-screening-units-to-speed-up-diagnosis>

³⁵⁵⁸ New diagnostic centre in Stockton-on-Tees to deliver hundreds of thousands of checks, scans and tests a year, Department of Health and Social Care, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and Will Quince MP (London) 16 January 2023. Access Date: 3 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-diagnostic-centre-in-stockton-on-tees-to-deliver-hundreds-of-thousands-of-checks-scans-and-tests-a-year-for-local-residents>

³⁵⁵⁹ UK landmark genomic partnership with Thailand to unite against health threats, Department of Health and Social Care and Nick Markham CBE (London) 20 January 2023. Access Date: 3 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-landmark-genomic-partnership-with-thailand-to-unite-against-health-threats>

³⁵⁶⁰ Mental health services boosted by £150 million government funding, Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP (London) 23 January 2023. Access Date: 3 February 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mental-health-services-boosted-by-150-million-government-funding>

On 2 February 2023, Ministers of Parliament engaged in a debate regarding the rising challenges and costs associated with cystic fibrosis, including the cost of medication and loss of income.³⁵⁶¹ Minister Whately partook in the debate, reaffirming the government's commitment to supporting individuals and families affected by cystic fibrosis and highlighting the government's actions to enable individuals with cystic fibrosis to work if they are able to do so, with appropriate accommodations. She also agreed to address concerns regarding the travel costs associated with cystic fibrosis appointments and treatment.

On 3 February 2023, the UK Government announced GBP53 million in funding to support housing needs for those recovering from alcohol and drug addiction.³⁵⁶² The funds, which will be split between 28 local authorities in England, are part of the government's ten-year drug strategy and aim to enable long-term recovery.

On 13 February 2023, the UK Government announced the opening of 19 new CDCs for the upcoming year, which will perform approximately 1.1 million tests, checks and scans annually.³⁵⁶³ The CDCs aim to reduce wait times for diagnostic testing for illnesses such as cancer and lung disease, thus improving healthcare outcomes.

On 16 February 2023, the UK Government announced GBP421 million in funding between 2023 and 2025 to improve treatment and recovery for drug and alcohol addiction.³⁵⁶⁴ The funds will support 151 local authorities across England to hire more staff to work with individuals experiencing addiction, improve the quality and capacity of recovery services including residential rehabilitation and inpatient detoxification and increase access for life-saving overdose medications.

On 3 March 2023, the UK Government announced GBP16 million in funding for artificial intelligence healthcare technologies including systems to diagnose cancer and rare diseases, as well as treat neurological conditions like dementia.³⁵⁶⁵ The funds will be split between nine companies "to support the testing, evaluation and adoption of their technologies by the NHS."

On 7 March 2023, Secretary Barclay announced the appointment of Professor John Deanfield as the Government Champion for Personalized Prevention.³⁵⁶⁶ Professor Deanfield will lead a taskforce to identify new prevention, diagnostic and management methods for cardiovascular diseases, develop partnerships for innovative preventative services and determine connections between cardiovascular diseases and other diseases like diabetes and dementia, which have shared risk factors.

³⁵⁶¹ Cystic Fibrosis: Living Costs, UK Parliament (London) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 4 February 2023.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2023-02-02/debates/FD01387A-D4F7-4A99-B0FD-746275778C3B/CysticFibrosisLivingCosts>

³⁵⁶² £53 million cash boost to improve housing support for drug and alcohol recovery, Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Neil O'Brien MP, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and Felicity Buchan MP (London) 3 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/53-million-cash-boost-to-improve-housing-support-for-drug-and-alcohol-recovery>

³⁵⁶³ One-stop shops for testing deliver over 3 million potentially lifesaving checks, tests and scans, Department of Health and Social Care, and the Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 13 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/one-stop-shops-for-testing-deliver-over-3-million-potentially-lifesaving-checks-tests-and-scans>

³⁵⁶⁴ £421 million to boost drug and alcohol treatment across England, Department of Health and Social Care, The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, and Neil O'Brien MP (London) 16 February 2023. Access Date: 7 March 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/421-million-to-boost-drug-and-alcohol-treatment-across-england>

³⁵⁶⁵ Thousands of patients to benefit from quicker diagnosis and more accurate tests from ground-breaking AI research, Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, and the Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 3 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-patients-to-benefit-from-quicker-diagnosis-more-accurate-tests-from-ground-breaking-ai-research>

³⁵⁶⁶ Government to consider radical new approach to prevent life-threatening cardiovascular disease, Department of Health and Social Care, and the Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 7 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-consider-radical-new-approach-to-prevent-life-threatening-cardiovascular-disease>

On 16 March 2023, the UK Government announced that its Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is testing a new stem cell robot called the CellQualia™ Intelligent Cell Processing System.³⁵⁶⁷ The MHRA's 12-month trial aims to determine if the stem cells produced by the robotic system meet the necessary standards to be used in life-saving treatments. The government hopes the robot will allow for more innovative, accessible and cost-effective stem-cell therapies to treat a range of diseases, including Parkinson's.

On 17 March 2023, the UK Government announced that it will match public donations of up to GBP6 million for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day appeal.³⁵⁶⁸ The funds will go towards Comic Relief and the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's joint Shifting the Power program which supports local organizations in Ghana, Zambia and Malawi that aim, in part, to increase access to mental health services and foster childhood development.

On 28 March 2023, Minister Freeman announced GBP277 million in funding for four UK life science companies, as the first installment of the Life Sciences Innovative Manufacturing Fund grants.³⁵⁶⁹ The government will provide GBP17 million in funding, while the private sector invests GBP260 million, to support life science manufacturing projects including the production of "innovative medicines for neurological conditions," antibodies for diagnostic testing and critical gene therapies.

On 2 April 2023, Minister Freeman announced GBP50 million in funding for 90 charities to conduct research to develop cutting-edge treatments, effective diagnostic methods and preventative options for a range of diseases including cancer and dementia.³⁵⁷⁰ Charities receiving funding include Epilepsy Research UK, North West Cancer Research and Leukaemia & Lymphoma NI. The government also allocated GBP2.8 million to dementia charities including the Alzheimer's society and GBP1.7 million to motor neurone charities.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to addressing mental health issues and noncommunicable diseases both domestically and internationally, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. The UK has invested in supporting accessible access to mental health services, has addressed mental health issues through public campaigns and action plans and has taken part in an international summit to address mental health, recognizing the need for accessible mental health support. The UK has also funded research, domestically and in collaboration with international counterparts, to address NCDs and develop innovative diagnostic and treatment options to address them.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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³⁵⁶⁷ MHRA trialling pioneering stem cell robot that could transform the availability of life-saving cell therapies, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, Department of Health and Social Care, and the Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP (London) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-trialling-pioneering-stem-cell-robot-that-could-transform-the-availability-of-life-saving-cell-therapies>

³⁵⁶⁸ New £6 million match funding boost from the UK government for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day 2023, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, and Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon (London) 17 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-6m-match-funding-boost-from-the-uk-government-for-comic-relief-on-red-nose-day-2023>

³⁵⁶⁹ Life sciences companies supercharged with £277 million in government and private investment, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, HM Treasury, Department of Health and Social Care, Office for Life Sciences, George Freeman MP, the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, and Will Quince MP (London) 28 March 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/life-sciences-companies-supercharged-with-277-million-in-government-and-private-investment>

³⁵⁷⁰ UK's next generation of medical researchers given funding boost, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, Department of Health and Social Care, George Freeman MP, the Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP, and Will Quince MP (London) 2 April 2023. Access Date: 9 April 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uks-next-generation-of-medical-researchers-given-funding-boost>

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The United States has fully complied with its commitment to continuing to address non-communicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 31 August 2022, President Joe Biden recognized September 2022 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in an effort to encourage US citizens to increase their awareness regarding the detection and treatment of ovarian cancer.³⁵⁷¹

On 1 September 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded USD2 million to the American Academy of Pediatrics through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in order to create a National Center of Excellence on Social Media and Mental Wellness in order to release information, guidance, and training on the impact of social media on youth, especially in relation to the risks to their mental health.³⁵⁷²

On 1 September 2022, HHS announced that through August, it had awarded USD40.22 million through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for youth mental health grants.³⁵⁷³ This includes USD5.3 million from American Rescue Plan for addressing stressors related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The HHS also announced USD47.6 million in new grant funding from the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

On 16 September 2022, HHS released the HHS Roadmap for Behavioral Health Integration to outline policy suggestions to integrate mental healthcare and substance abuse care into the overall healthcare system.³⁵⁷⁴ This Roadmap was established based on feedback received by Health Secretary Xavier Becerra from patients and care providers. The Roadmap will build on previous investments, including USD40.22 million for youth mental health grants related to the COVID-19 pandemic and USD47.6 million in new grant opportunities for mental health programs in schools.

On 23 September 2022, the White House brought together the Childhood Cancer Forum as part of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in order to have leaders of the community focus on ways to share information, accelerate trials for treatments and cures, and mitigate the impact of childhood cancer.³⁵⁷⁵ Among the topics discussed were the Childhood Cancer Data Initiative, which provides USD50 million per year to find ways to use data so as to accelerate cancer research, and the Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access and Research Act, which provides USD30 million every year to further the research of childhood cancer. This forum was held as part of the Cancer Moonshot initiative, which aims to cut the death rate from cancer by at least 50 percent within the next 25 years.

³⁵⁷¹ A Proclamation on National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, The White House (Washington D.C.) 31 August 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/08/31/a-proclamation-on-national-ovarian-cancer-awareness-month-2022/>

³⁵⁷² HHS announces award of \$2 million grant to the American Academy of Pediatrics to establish National Center of Excellence on Social Media and Mental Wellness, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 2 September 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/09/02/hhs-announces-award-2-million-grant-american-academy-of-pediatrics-establish-national-center-of-excellence-on-social-media-mental-wellness.html>

³⁵⁷³ Back to School: HHS Announces \$40.22 Million in Youth Mental Health Grants Awarded in August Plus \$47.6 Million in New Grant Funding Opportunities for School-Based Mental Health Program, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 1 September 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/09/01/back-to-school-hhs-announces-40-point-22-million-in-youth-mental-health-grants-awarded-in-august-plus-47-point-6-million-in-new-grant-funding.html>

³⁵⁷⁴ After Launching National Tour to Strengthen Mental Health, HHS Releases Roadmap Based on Patient and Provider Feedback, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/09/16/after-launching-national-tour-strengthen-mental-health-hhs-releases-roadmap-based-on-patient-provider-feedback.html>

³⁵⁷⁵ Cancer Moonshot, The White House (Washington D.C.) n.d. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/cancermoonshot/>

On 23 September 2022, HHS invested over USD5 million to 11 community health centres to provide access to cancer screening and early detection services for underserved populations to close the cancer screening gap, decrease the effects of preventable cancers, and support patients and caregivers.³⁵⁷⁶

On 27 September 2022, President Biden announced a goal of ending hunger and increasing healthy eating and physical activity by 2030. This plan is aimed to advance the President's goal to lower diet-related diseases such as obesity and diabetes. This would improve food access and affordability, integrate better nutrition and lower chronic diet-related diseases.³⁵⁷⁷

On 30 September 2022, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Domestic Policy Council and the Department of Health and Human Services organized a meeting to discuss the United States' mental health crisis in order to advance access to mental health resources and care in recognition of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.³⁵⁷⁸

On 3 October 2022, HHS announced the investment of around USD27 million to improve and expand pediatric mental healthcare services.³⁵⁷⁹ The funding will go towards training pediatric doctors and other healthcare providers regarding mental health conditions and offering teleservices for consultation with mental health experts for pediatric primary care providers.

On 13 October 2022, HHS and the European Commission released a press statement following their arrangement to strengthen global cooperation on health preparedness and response as well as cancer.³⁵⁸⁰ They discussed Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and the US Cancer Moonshot SM, agreeing to facilitate the exchange of health information and strengthen research and funding on topics related to pediatric, rare and adult cancers in order to improve cancer prevention, detection, and care.

On 18 October 2022, HHS announced a new funding opportunity through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act for states to develop Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) as a means of improving "health outcomes while lowering costs, by delivering 24/7 mental health and substance use care to millions of Americans."³⁵⁸¹ This was reaffirmed with their promise to announce "additional resources to support our heroic mental health workers."³⁵⁸² Along with USD300 million having been provided in September for new and existing CCBHCs, USD15 million will now be provided to expand these centres.

³⁵⁷⁶ HHS Announces Health Resources and Services Administration-Funded Health Centers Partnering With National Cancer Institute-Designated Cancer Centers to Improve Equity in Cancer Screening, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 23 September 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/09/23/hhs-announces-health-resources-services-administration-funded-health-centers-partnering-with-national-cancer-institute-designated-cancer-centers-improve-equity-cancer-screening.html>

³⁵⁷⁷ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Biden-Harris Administration National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health, The White House (Washington D.C.) 27 September 2022. Access Date: 10 April 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/09/27/executive-summary-biden-harris-administration-national-strategy-on-hunger-nutrition-and-health/>

³⁵⁷⁸ Readout of White House Meeting with State Legislative Leaders on Mental Health Legislation, The White House (Washington D.C.) 30 September 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/09/30/readout-of-white-house-meeting-with-state-legislative-leaders-on-mental-health-legislation/>

³⁵⁷⁹ HHS Invests Nearly \$27 Million to Expand Support for Pediatric Mental Health Care, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 3 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/10/03/hhs-invests-nearly-27-million-expand-support-pediatric-mental-health-care.html>

³⁵⁸⁰ Joint EU-US press release on strengthened cooperation in the area of health, European Commission (Washington) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6163

³⁵⁸¹ Biden-Harris Administration Announces Millions of Dollars in New Funds for States to Tackle Mental Health Crisis, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/10/18/biden-harris-administration-announces-millions-dollars-new-funds-states-tackle-mental-health-crisis.html>

³⁵⁸² Statement by President Joe Biden on New Mental Health Funding, The White House (Washington D.C.) 18 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/10/18/statement-by-president-joe-biden-on-new-mental-health-funding/>

On 20 October 2022, the United States Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy released the “Surgeon General’s Framework for Mental Health and Well-Being in the Workplace” in order to promote mental healthcare and wellness for workers.³⁵⁸³ The Framework emphasizes protecting workers from psychological harm, establishing connections and social relations within the workplace, establishing work-life balance, and allowing means for dignified work and personal growth.

On 21 October 2022, HHS announced that more than USD100 million would be funded through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to states and territories for mental health emergency preparedness, crisis response, and expanding the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline services.³⁵⁸⁴ The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act was established by President Joe Biden in order to address the United States’ mental health crisis. Out of this funding, USD59.4 million will be dedicated for mental health emergency preparedness and USD50 million will go towards expanding the suicide and crisis lifeline services.

On 31 October 2022, the White House issued a Proclamation on National Lung Cancer Awareness Month, with President Biden reaffirming his commitment to investing in advanced technology for cancer screening, as well as in prevention and treatment of cancer, all the while making them more affordable and effective.³⁵⁸⁵ In this statement, President Biden cited revisiting former President Obama’s Cancer Moonshot initiative, convening the nation’s first “Cancer Cabinet” and launching the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health, which invest in cancer-treating technologies, as evidence of the implementation of this commitment.

On 31 October 2022, the White House issues a Proclamation on National Diabetes Month, with President Biden confirming his commitment to lowering the cost of insulin in order to ensure that treatment for diabetes is affordable for all.³⁵⁸⁶

On 16 December 2022, HHS announced that it would award more than USD130 million in 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline grants as part of the USD800 million provided to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to address the ongoing mental health and substance use crises.³⁵⁸⁷

On 19 December 2022, Health Secretary Becerra announced the release of the 2022 update to the National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease, which aims to improve research on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, support caregivers and encourage preventative action.³⁵⁸⁸ The Update includes recent actions such as the Alzheimer’s Grant Program that provides funding for comprehensive dementia programs, as well as the

³⁵⁸³ U.S. Surgeon General Releases New Framework for Mental Health & Well-Being in the Workplace, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 20 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/10/20/us-surgeon-general-releases-new-framework-mental-health-well-being-workplace.html>

³⁵⁸⁴ HHS Announces More Than \$100 Million in Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Funds for States and Territories to Improve Mental Health Services, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 21 October 2022. Access Date: 12 November 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/10/21/hhs-announces-more-100-million-bipartisan-safer-communities-act-funds-states-territories-improve-mental-health-services.html>

³⁵⁸⁵ A Proclamation on National Lung Cancer Awareness Month, 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 4 November 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/10/31/a-proclamation-on-national-lung-cancer-awareness-month-2022/>

³⁵⁸⁶ A Proclamation on National Diabetes Month, 2022, The White House (Washington D.C.) 31 October 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/10/31/a-proclamation-on-national-diabetes-month-2022/>

³⁵⁸⁷ HHS Awards More Than \$130 Million in 988 Lifeline Grants From the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to Address Nation’s Ongoing Mental Health and Substance Use Crises, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/12/16/hhs-awards-more-than-130-million-988-lifeline-grants-bipartisan-safer-communities-act-address-nations-ongoing-mental-health-substance-use-crises.html>

³⁵⁸⁸ HHS Emphasizes Addressing Disparities and Risk Reduction for Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 28 December 2022. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/12/19/hhs-emphasizes-addressing-disparities-and-risk-reduction-for-alzheimers-disease-and-related-dementias.html>

Indian Health Geriatric Scholars program to provide training to primary care physicians working with Indian peoples. The actions in the Update include ways to reduce risk factors, such as through a National Summit on Dementia Risk Reduction in May 2023.

On 9 January 2023, HHS announced that it awarded around USD245 million in Bipartisan Communities Act. The following investment was split into USD185.7 million from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and USD60 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration.³⁵⁸⁹ The goal of both is to support youth, healthcare workers' mental health, and other critical mental health supports.

On 25 January 2023, HHS announced that it will be investing USD139 million in funding for the Fiscal Year 2023 for a Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI).³⁵⁹⁰ SDPI will provide diabetes prevention and treatment services for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

On 2 February 2023, HHS provided nearly USD11 million to 22 health centres to improve access to cancer screenings and early detection services for vulnerable communities in order to mark the first anniversary of President Biden's Cancer Moonshot initiative.³⁵⁹¹

On 7 February 2023, President Biden announced in his State of the Union Address that the USD35 cap on the cost of insulin, which had until that point been in place only for seniors on Medicare, would be extended to every American who required insulin in order to make it more affordable.³⁵⁹² Insulin is a necessary medication for those with diabetes.

On 10 March 2023, HHS announced USD25 million in funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration to expand primary health care in schools, including mental health services.³⁵⁹³

On 16 March 2023, HHS announced the provision of USD1 million each to 15 states through the Substance and Mental Health Services Administration as one-year Certified Community Behavioural Health Clinic planning grants.³⁵⁹⁴ These clinics are part of the Biden administration's commitment to increasing equitable behavioural health for all Americans suffering mental health illnesses or substance abuse.

³⁵⁸⁹ HHS Awards Nearly \$245 Million to Support Youth Mental Health and Help the Health Care Workforce Meet Families' Mental Health Needs, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 9 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/01/09/hhs-awards-nearly-245-million-support-youth-mental-health-and-help-health-care-workforce-meet-families-mental-health-needs.html>

³⁵⁹⁰ HHS Awards \$139 million for Special Diabetes Program for Indians, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 25 January 2023. Access Date: 8 March 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/01/25/hhs-awards-139-million-special-diabetes-program-indians.html>

³⁵⁹¹ On First Anniversary of the President's Reignited Cancer Moonshot, the Biden-Harris Administration Awards Nearly \$11 Million to Address Disparities in Cancer Screening and Follow-Up Care, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 2 February 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/02/02/on-first-anniversary-presidents-reignited-cancer-moonshot-biden-harris-administration-awards-nearly-11-million-address-disparities-cancer-screening-follow-up-care.html>

³⁵⁹² Remarks of President Joe Biden – State of the Union Address as Prepared for Delivery, The White House (Washington D.C.) 7 February 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2023/02/07/remarks-of-president-joe-biden-state-of-the-union-address-as-prepared-for-delivery/>

³⁵⁹³ HHS Announces the Availability of \$25 Million to Expand Primary Care – Including Mental Health – Services in Schools, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 10 March 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/03/10/hhs-announces-the-availability-of-25-million-dollars-to-expand-primary-care.html>

³⁵⁹⁴ HHS Awards CCBHC Planning Grants to 15 States to Help Address Ongoing Mental Health Crisis, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 16 March 2023. Access Date: 19 March 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/03/16/hhs-awards-cchbc-planning-grants-to-15-states-help-address-ongoing-mental-health-crisis.html>

On 3 April 2023, HHS released the National Cancer Plan, which provides a detailed framework of collaboration across the federal government and all of society to end cancer.³⁵⁹⁵ The National Cancer Plan aims to tackle eight different goals: prevention, early detection, development of effective treatments, elimination of inequities, delivery of optimal care, individual engagement, maximisation of data utility and optimization of the workforce.

On 10 April 2023, President Biden announced the Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis, which lays out the actions that the U.S. Federal Government will take to improve maternal health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, epilepsy and mental health.³⁵⁹⁶ The Biden Administration has launched a Maternal Mental Health Hotline to aid with mental health complications during pregnancy. Moreover, this plan addresses the disparities within the Black communities and refers to Black Maternal Health Week to raise those issues.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. The United States has taken strong steps to continue existing initiatives addressing these noncommunicable diseases, including by providing funding towards mental health, dementia, and cancer initiatives. The United States has also organized meetings to advance access to mental health resources, thereby recognizing the need to make treatment effective and accessible.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services.

On 29 June 2022, the European Commission announced the launch of the “Innovative Collaboration for Inter-specialty Cancer Training across Europe,” (INTERACT-Europe), co-financed by the EU4Health program.³⁵⁹⁷ The program was launched as part of Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan, with the goal of investing in high quality healthcare workforce training for high quality cancer treatment and care.

On 30 June 2022, the European Commission launched a joint project with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) focusing on cancer control in Slovakia, with the aim of developing a strategic plan to reduce cancer mortality in the region.³⁵⁹⁸ Some of the actions to be taken as part of the project include reviewing the current health infrastructure in Slovakia and improving screening programs for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer.

On 5 July 2022, the European Parliament passed a resolution noting that there currently exists unequal legal protection regarding psychosocial risks from digital work in the EU.³⁵⁹⁹ Members of European Parliament (MEPs)

³⁵⁹⁵ HHS Releases National Cancer Plan, United States Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 3 April 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/04/03/hhs-releases-national-cancer-plan.html>

³⁵⁹⁶ A Proclamation on Black Maternal Health Week, 2023, The White House (Washington D.C.) 10 April 2023. Access Date: 11 April 2023. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/04/10/a-proclamation-on-black-maternal-health-week-2023/>

³⁵⁹⁷ Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan: Inter-specialty cancer training workforce up and running, European Commission (Brussels) 29 June 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/items/751834/en>

³⁵⁹⁸ IARC launches joint project with European Commission to support cancer control in Slovakia, International Agency for Research on Cancer (Lyon) 30 June 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.iarc.who.int/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/pr316_E.pdf

³⁵⁹⁹ Protecting mental health in the digital workspace, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 5 July 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220701IPR34366/protecting-mental-health-in-the-digital-workspace>

recommended tackling this issue of mental health through an EU Mental Health Strategy, a European Care Strategy and national action plans, thus adhering to the commitment by tackling mental health in the region.

On 13 July 2022, MEPs belonging to the Committee on Culture and Education released a report with a majority stating that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including closures of schools, care providers, and other recreational facilities have produced long-term effects on the mental health of children and youth in the EU.³⁶⁰⁰ The report urged EU Member States to invest in mental health facilities and awareness in schools, as well as the promotion of mental health literacy for educational staff. The report also called for Member States and the European Commission to address the stigma surrounding mental health by means of a campaign to raise awareness about mental health in vocational and educational institutions.

On 14 September 2022, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen outlined a proposal for a new mental health initiative in a letter to the President of the European Parliament, emphasizing appropriate, affordable and accessible support.³⁶⁰¹ This is a step towards improving the mental health service capacity of the EU and increasing mental health service coverage amongst its population.

On 15 September 2022, the EU launched the canSERV project in conjunction with the IARC.³⁶⁰² The project is funded by the EU and aims to integrate the European cancer research landscape by providing academia and industry with access to services and support. This will enable research in the EU to provide personalized medicine to cancer patients.

On 16 September 2022, the EU launched a project in conjunction with the IARC to strengthen cancer screening data across Europe.³⁶⁰³ The CanScreen-ECIS project aims to update the existing European Cancer Information System and the quality of existing cancer screening programmes in the region.

On 20 September 2022, the European Commission put forth a new approach to support Member States in increasing uptake of cancer screening as part of the EU Cancer Screening Scheme under Europe's Beating Cancer plan.³⁶⁰⁴ The new recommendation will assist Member States in ensuring that 90 per cent of the EU population who qualify for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening are offered these screening services by 2025 while also expanding screen coverage to other types of cancer such as lung, prostate, and under some circumstances, gastric cancer to increase treatment options with early diagnosis.

On 28 September 2022, the European Commission released a communication to the European Parliament addressing the health risks of asbestos exposure.³⁶⁰⁵ The communication calls for implementing the European Green Deal and the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan to protect against the adverse noncommunicable health risks of asbestos exposure such as cancer, as 78 per cent of cancers recognized as occupational cancer are related to asbestos.

³⁶⁰⁰ Pandemic scar: MEPs ask to address the consequences on mental health of children, European Parliament (Strasbourg) 13 July 2022. Access Date: 12 January 2023. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220711IPR35031/pandemic-scar-meps-ask-to-address-the-consequences-on-mental-health-of-children>

³⁶⁰¹ 2022 State of the Union Address by President von der Leyen, European Commission (Strasbourg) 14 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/ov/speech_22_5493

³⁶⁰² Providing Cutting Edge Cancer Research Services Across Europe, canSERV (Brussels) 15 September 2022. Access Date: 12 January 2023. <https://www.canserv.eu/wp-content/uploads/canserv-press-release-20220915.pdf>

³⁶⁰³ IARC and partners launch new EU-funded project to strengthen cancer screening data collection across Europe, International Agency for Research on Cancer (Lyon) 16 September 2022. Access Date: 3 November 2022. https://www.iarc.who.int/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/pr319_E.pdf

³⁶⁰⁴ European Health Union: A new EU approach on cancer detection – screening more and screening better, European Commission (Brussels) 20 September 2022. Access Date: 25 October 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5562

³⁶⁰⁵ Commission acts to better protect people from asbestos and ensure an asbestos-free future, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_5679

On 28 September 2022, the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides released a statement for World Heart Day to emphasize the EU's Healthier Together initiative.³⁶⁰⁶ The initiative aims to improve their citizens' health and address cardiovascular disease, improve heart health, and address diabetes.

On 5 October 2022, the EU Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and the Management of Non-Communicable Diseases held a meeting to decide on funding for actions on chronic respiratory illness, mental health and neurological disorders as part of the Healthier Together Initiative tackling NCDs in the EU for the years 2022 to 2027.³⁶⁰⁷ The Group also discussed the work undertaken by the Joint Research Centre in collecting NCD indicators harmonized at the EU level to determine disease burden and improve the EU's ability to identify and treat those who may be living with NCDs. The Steering Group suggested carrying out pilot indicator collections for diabetes due to its large disease burden in the EU and the activities of the existing European network of diabetes registries, thus helping identify the causes of high diabetes incidences in the EU.

On 13 October 2022, the European Commission and the United States Department of Health and Human Services released a press statement following their arrangement to strengthen global cooperation on cancer and health preparedness and response.³⁶⁰⁸ The Commissioner and Secretary discussed Europe's Beating Cancer Plan as well as the US Cancer Moonshot SM, agreeing to facilitate exchange of health information and strengthen research and funding on topics related to pediatric, rare and adult cancers in order to improve cancer prevention, detection and care.

On 26 October 2022, the European Commission proposed stricter legal limits on air pollutants that have adverse impacts on health in accordance with the World Health Organization's recommended limits.³⁶⁰⁹ This is part of the European Green Deal proposed by the Commission. By 2030, the Commission aims to meet these new legally binding limits, which include halving the current annual EU limit on fine particulate matter. This will help the EU reduce incidences of NCDs caused by air pollutants, such as lung disease, cancer and diabetes.

On 28 October 2022, the European Medicines Agency released a statement regarding their new measures to minimize the serious side effects of Janus kinase inhibitors used for chronic inflammatory disorders.³⁶¹⁰ These medications have been proven to cause cardiovascular conditions, blood clots and cancer as serious non-communicable side effects. Therefore, the new recommendations, warnings and educational material revisions for healthcare professionals will limit the medication's use to a subset of patients in the case where no other viable treatment options are available for their chronic inflammatory disorder, thus reducing the incidence of noncommunicable side effects.

On 13 November 2022, Commissioner Kyriakides made a statement ahead of World Diabetes Day, stating that under the Healthier Together Initiative, the EU has launched actions worth EUR156 million.³⁶¹¹ The funding aims to improve early detection of diabetes and cardiovascular diseases through screening. Commissioner

³⁶⁰⁶ World Heart Day: Listen to your heart – Statement by Commissioner Stella Kyriakides, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2022. Access Date: 11 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_22_5820

³⁶⁰⁷ Flash Report Hybrid Meeting Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases, European Commission (Brussels) 5 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://health.ec.europa.eu/document/download/c55c2786-ad32-467d-a764-46a16b78da8a_en?filename=ncd_20221005_flash_en.pdf

³⁶⁰⁸ Joint EU-US press release on strengthened cooperation in the area of health, European Commission (Washington) 13 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_6163

³⁶⁰⁹ European Green Deal: Commission proposes rules for cleaner air and water, European Commission (Brussels) 26 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6278

³⁶¹⁰ EMA recommends measures to minimise risk of serious side effects with Janus kinase inhibitors for chronic inflammatory disorders, European Medicines Agency (Amsterdam) 28 October 2022. Access Date: 2 November 2022. <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/ema-recommends-measures-minimise-risk-serious-side-effects-janus-kinase-inhibitors-chronic>

³⁶¹¹ Statement by Commissioner Kyriakides on World Diabetes Day, European Commission (Brussels) 13 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/STATEMENT_22_6764

Kyriakides also announced that EUR75 million has been allocated to address diabetes risk factors, other NCDs and support actions to mitigate them.

On 17 November 2022, the EU launched the “Better to know about” campaign alongside the United Nations Development Programme to raise awareness for mental health issues in Ukraine.³⁶¹² The information campaign promotes awareness of psychological first aid to Ukrainians through leaflets, posters and media outlets and spreads awareness of other NCDs to promote their early detection amongst the Ukrainian population.

On 23 November 2022, the European Commission announced their ban on flavoured heated tobacco products.³⁶¹³ This ban is part of Europe’s Beating Cancer plan and aims to create a tobacco-free generation in part of a strategy to address lung cancer. Commissioner Kyriakides stated that tobacco causes 90 per cent of lung cancers, and that it is essential to take a firm stand on tobacco consumption.

On 24 November 2022, the European Commission launched the LEONARDO supercomputing system in Italy alongside the European High-Performance Computing Joint Undertaking.³⁶¹⁴ The system aims to use artificial intelligence to complete complex tasks, including cancer research and drug discovery.

On 24 November 2022, the EU awarded EUR7 million to the HUS Helsinki University Hospital led Consortium.³⁶¹⁵ The award aims to ensure the collection of high-quality clinical real-world data for the continuous development of cancer treatment and improvement of cancer outcomes.

On 1 December 2022, the EU saw the launch of the RE-MEND project coordinated by Uppsala University and funded by the EU.³⁶¹⁶ The project aims to improve understanding of mental health at four different life stages influenced by changes in hormonal signalling (early life, puberty, peripartum and transition into old age) and aims to find better strategies to protect vulnerable individuals at these stages from mental illness, considering biological sex and other factors that account for biological differences between individuals.

On 12 December 2022, the EU participated in a joint discussion on cardiovascular disease and diabetes health led by the Czech Society of Cardiology in collaboration with the European Society of Cardiology, the European Diabetes Forum and the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations CVD network.³⁶¹⁷ The aim of the expert conference was to complement the EU Commission’s Healthier Together initiative and call for public policy action to improve diagnosis and interventions for cardiovascular disease in all age groups.

On 16 December 2022, the EU announced the allocation of EUR16 million towards increasing access to mental health and psychosocial support services in Afghanistan.³⁶¹⁸ The funding is meant to ensure that vulnerable populations in Afghanistan have access to mental health and drug use disorder services that promote their physical, mental, social, psychological and economic well-being.

³⁶¹² “Better to know about” campaign to raise awareness of mental health challenges in Ukraine, United Nations Development Programme Ukraine (Kramatorsk) 17 November 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.undp.org/ukraine/press-releases/better-know-about-campaign-raise-awareness-mental-health-challenges-ukraine>

³⁶¹³ Daily News 23 / 11 / 2022, European Commission (Brussels) 23 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/MEX_22_7105

³⁶¹⁴ New world-class European supercomputer inaugurated in Italy, European Commission (Brussels) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_7119

³⁶¹⁵ Significant EU funding for implementing value-based cancer care at European cancer hospitals, Helsinki Times (Helsinki) 24 November 2022. Access Date: 26 November 2022. <https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/22558-significant-eu-funding-for-implementing-value-based-cancer-care-at-european-cancer-hospitals.html>

³⁶¹⁶ New major EU-funded research project takes broader approach to mental health, Uppsala University (Uppsala) 30 November 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.uu.se/en/news/article/?id=19926&typ=artikel&lang=en>

³⁶¹⁷ Czech Society of Cardiology leads EU presidency discussion on joint cardiovascular disease and diabetes health, European Society of Cardiology (Brussels) 12 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://www.escardio.org/The-ESC/Press-Office/Press-releases/czech-society-of-cardiology-leads-eu-presidency-discussion-on-joint-cardiovascul>

³⁶¹⁸ EU gives \$17 million to improve mental health, drug use disorder services, Pakistan Observer (Islamabad) 16 December 2022. Access Date: 22 December 2022. <https://pakobserver.net/eu-gives-17-million-to-improve-mental-health-drug-use-disorder-services/>

On 30 January 2023, the European Commission expanded the marketing authorization for Dupixent, making it the only targeted medicine for eosinophilic esophagitis.³⁶¹⁹ This expansion aims to expand treatment options for those suffering chronically from eosinophilic esophagitis who are not candidates for conventional medical treatments.

On 1 February 2023, the European Commission presented the first Country Cancer Profiles under the European Cancer Inequalities Registry.³⁶²⁰ This action was undertaken as part of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and aims to elucidate the challenges that member states face in providing high quality care to determine the most efficient way to reduce inequalities in care through budget spending.

On 3 April 2023, the European Commission granted marketing authorisation in the EU for a citrate-free high concentration formula of a biosimilar produced by Sandoz (Hyrimoz®), which includes authorisation for the treatment for rheumatic diseases, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, plaque psoriasis, uveitis and hidradenitis suppurativa.³⁶²¹ This was done to expand treatment options for a variety of chronic diseases in the EU for which there are currently limited treatment options.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to continue to address noncommunicable diseases including mental health, recognising the need for accessible and effective mental health services. The EU has taken strong steps domestically to fund and implement initiatives tackling NCDs such as cancer in addition to mental health initiatives. The EU has also taken steps to establish international cooperation to address NCDs, which include providing funds to other countries and their populations, such as Afghanistan and Ukraine, passing regulations such as a ban on tobacco, and launching projects to improve research and understanding of diseases.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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