**United Nations on Focus**

**(The United Nations Organization/USA seeks the support of their constituents for all endeavors)**

**The United Nations beset with the task of managing global crises, is presently confronted with a potential pandemic of Non Communicable Diseases. (NCD’s). This category of diseases inclusive of cancer, chronic respiratory, cardiovascular and complications thereof, e.g. diabetes and renal anomalies have natural causation such as heredity, lifestyle, cultural, dietary, environmental and economic factors rather than by infectious microorganism.**

**Increasing incidences of NCD’s have taken a toll upon the global economy and are expected to effectuate global health and economical exigencies. Studies undertaken by the World Economic Forum and Harvard Public Health Institute have predicted changes over the next two decades:**

* **Increased global mortality by 63% (9 million under age 60 and at least 80% of the deaths occur in developing countries)**
* **Growing aged population**

**The calculated projected cost of NCD’s, with the inclusion of mental illness is 46.7 trillion during the next twenty years**

**The anticipated global economic burden produced by high death rate and resultant shortage of manpower, increased number of chronically disabled, and growing medical expenses has added to the concerns of businesses worldwide.**

**An assemblage of world leaders have met last week at the United Nations, NY, NY and collaborated on means for the amelioration of the global health and associative economical problems.**

**Recommendations from the World Health Organization included goals to:**

* **Increase taxation on tobacco**
* **Regulate the ingredients of prepared foods e.g. elimination of trans fat**
* **Hepatitis B vaccinations as a preventative for liver cancer**
* **Daily usage of low dosage aspirin for the prevention of heart attacks**

**Additional interventions include behavioral re patterning and lifestyle changes e.g. dietary and activity.**

**The NCD Alliance consisting of four non governmental organizations advocating for the control of spread of the non communicable diseases, the World Health Organization and Bloomberg Philanthropies are encouraging the United Nations to formulate targeted strategies and within specific time frames for dealing with the impending global crisis.**

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