Health inequalities: health and non-health policies

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In the field of health inequalities, health sector policies have only a partial responsibility in determining inequalities (about one third), while the rest is related to the role of other non-health sector policies (development and employment, poverty, environment, school and education, social protection and security).

Health depends only in part on the availability of health services for the prevention and treatment of diseases. The role of the economic, social and political context was recognized since the earliest statements on health.
Declaration of Alma-Ata

International Conference on Primary Health Care, Alma-Ata, USSR, 6-12 September 1978

The International Conference on Primary Health Care, meeting in Alma-Ata this twelfth day of September in the year Nineteen hundred and seventy-eight, expressing the need for urgent action by all governments, all health and development workers, and the world community to protect and promote the health of all the people of the world, hereby makes the following

Declaration:

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The Conference strongly reaffirms that health, which is a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, is a fundamental human right and that the attainment of the highest possible level of health is a most important world-wide social goal whose realization requires the action of many other social and economic sectors in addition to the health sector.
The Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion

First International Conference on Health Promotion, Ottawa, 21 November 1986

The first International Conference on Health Promotion, meeting in Ottawa this 21st day of November 1986, hereby presents this CHARTER for action to achieve Health for All by the year 2000 and beyond.

The prerequisites and prospects for health cannot be ensured by the health sector alone. More importantly, health promotion demands coordinated action by all concerned: by governments, by health and other social and economic sectors, by nongovernmental and voluntary organization, by local authorities, by industry and by the media. People in all walks of life are involved as individuals, families and communities. Professional and social groups and health personnel have a major responsibility to mediate between differing interests in society for the pursuit of health.
Health in All Policies
Seizing opportunities, implementing policies

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Finland’s EU Presidency 2006
The Tallinn Charter: Health Systems for Health and Wealth

Stewardship

Health ministries should promote inclusion of health considerations in all policies and advocate their effective implementation across sectors to maximize health gains.
Health 2020

The 53 countries of the European Region approved a new value- and evidence-based health policy framework for the Region, Health 2020, at the session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe in September 2012. Health 2020 focuses on improving health for all and reducing health inequalities, through improved leadership and governance for health.

http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/199532/Health2020-Long.pdf?ua=1
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The 2018 European Health Report is an essential resource for the 53 Member States to report on progress towards the Health 2020 targets.
Target 3.
Reduce inequalities in health in Europe (social determinants target)

Box 2.9. Health 2020 Target 3 and indicators

All citizens have the right to good health, well-being, education and equal opportunities to prosper where they live.

Target 3 “Reduce inequalities in health in Europe (social determinants target)” is linked to Health 2020 policy area 2 “Healthy people, well-being and determinants”. The target is to achieve a reduction in the gaps in health status associated with social determinants in Europe (1). This target has five key indicators:

- Infant mortality per 1000 live births
- Proportion of children of official primary school age not enrolled
- Unemployment rate
- National and/or subnational policy addressing the reduction of health inequality established and documented
- Gini coefficient (income distribution).
Intersections between SDGs and Health 2020

- **Goal 3**
  - Good health and well-being
  - A. Infant mortality per 1000 live births
  - B. Proportion of children of official primary school age not enrolled
  - C. Unemployment rate
  - D. National and/or subnational policy addressing the reduction of health inequality established and documented

- **Goal 4**
  - Quality education
  - E. Gini coefficient (income distribution)

- **Goal 1**
  - No Poverty

- **Goal 5**
  - Gender equality

- **Goal 8**
  - Decent work and economic growth

- **Goal 11**
  - Sustainable cities and communities

- **Goal 10**
  - Reduced inequalities
Figure 23 | Graphic representation of the SDG Trends methodology

- **Decreasing**: Decreasing score, i.e. country is moving in the wrong direction.
- **Stagnating**: Score remains stagnant or is increasing at a rate below 50% of the growth rate needed to achieve the SDG by 2030.
- **Moderately Increasing**: Score is increasing at a rate above 50% of the required growth rate but below the rate needed to achieve the SDG by 2030.
- **On track**: Score is increasing at the rate needed to achieve the SDG by 2030.
- **Maintaining SDG achievement**: Score is level and trend remains at or above SDG achievement.
Italy, index score 74.2
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JAHEE - Structure

JAHEE consists of 9 Work Packages (WPs)
4 mandatory and 5 thematic WPs

**Mandatory**
- WP 1 – Management of the action
- WP 2 – Dissemination
- WP 3 – Evaluation
- WP 4 – Integration in National Policies and Sustainability

**Thematic**
- WP 5 - Monitoring
- WP 6 – Healthy living environments
- WP 7 – Migration and health
- WP 8 – Improving access to health and related social services for those left behind
- WP 9 – Health and Equity in All Policies - Governance
In addition to coordination, Italy participates in the activities of the Joint Action in the context of different work packages:

- **WP9** - "Health in all policies and governance", whose objective is to generate interest and greater commitment in tackling HI and their causes

- **WP4** - "Sustainability", aimed at ensuring the integration of policies and their long-term sustainability.
ISS Health Inequalities Unit is a cross disciplinary Unit involving researchers from different backgrounds.

The general objective to orient research towards closing knowledge gaps on health inequalities.

It also aims to strengthen awareness by producing and disseminating accurate documentation and finally promote effective actions to drive policies to health inequalities reduction.

This unit promotes a collaborative approach between ISS and other national and international stakeholders operating in the field of health equity.
THANK YOU!

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