

## Initiatives of the WHO Regional Office for Europe on Health Equity

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Всемирная организация здравоохранения

Европейское региональное бюро



## Health 2020: strategic objectives

Working to improve health for all and reducing health inequalities Improving leadership and participatory governance for health

### Health 2020: four common policy priorities for health

Investing in health through a lifecourse approach and empowering people Tackling Europe's major health challenges: noncommunicable and communicable diseases Strengthening people-centred health systems, public health capacities and emergency preparedness, surveillance and response

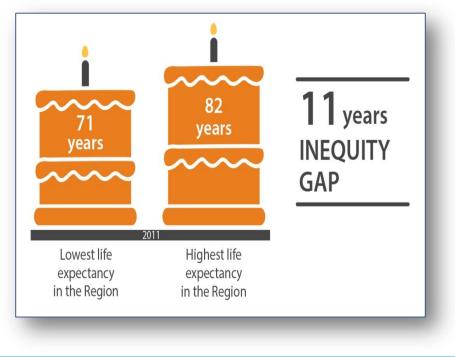
Creating resilient communities and supportive environments



## Equity is a priority in all our work

World Healt Organizatio HEALTH 2020 A European policy framework and strategy for the 21st century Headline target 3 Reduce inequalities in Europe 3.1 Reduction in the gaps in health status associated with

social determinants within the European Region population





# No health equity without addressing determinants, gender inequities and making the right to health a reality



Social determinants

Gender inequities

**Right to health** 



## **Key challenges**



Review of social determinants and the health divide in the WHO European Region: final report



Interventions to reduce health inequities have been predominantly small-scale/time-limited projects.

Comprehensive strategies and targets exist in some countries but many are being only partially implemented.

Ongoing challenge of "connecting" across sectoral policies – sustaining action on the *pathways from social determinants to health equity.* 

Weakness in participatory approaches involving wider society and the intended beneficiaries of inequity reduction policies.

More attention and increased capacity are needed to create and sustain the political commitment across national and local government and society for health equity.

The health sector cannot do it alone but it can do more to ensure equity is fully integrated into the design and monitoring of all its policies and services and to support this in non-health sector policies.



### **Evidence and cross-sectoral policy action**

Review of social determinants and the health divide in the WHO European Region: final report



Using evidence to build common agendas and political commitment for reducing health inequities



World Health Organization Europe

Governance for health equity taking forward the equity values and goals of Health 2020 in the

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## **Partnerships**

Moving from evidence to action through partnerships: collaboration among countries with common policy contexts and challenges in addressing the reduction of health inequities.









### THE SAN MARINO MANIFESTO

### Implementing the Health 2020 vision in countries with small populations

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On 12 September 2012, the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region endorsed the new European policy framework for health and well-being - Health 2020

We are aware that countries with smaller populations have a significant advantage to promote and implement policies and strategies for health and well-being that draw on the contribution of many sectors. The experiences of small countries can provide useful learning opportunities that can then be employed at regional level in more

We are convinced that health - in addition to being a fundamental human right - is a key factor for sustain national progress and prospently. We recognize the montance of promoting health for all, with particular toops on disadvantaged groups, toothing equitable and sustainable devidement and moticing health inequilies. We recognize that health is a whole-digovernment responsibility. The protection and promotion of health and the tacking of todgety health challenges cannot be solved by the health sector alone. Actions in all government sectors and in all of society, at any level - personal, institutional, community, municipal or national - are needed to nurture and improve the health and well-being of the population.

We find Health 2020 particularly helpful in aligning our policies with modern evidence-based, 21st century concepts, principles and approaches

In particular, we value its emphasis on addressing the social determinants of health and health inequalities, on strengthening leaderstip and participatory management for health, on improving health throughout the life-course, on tackling the burden of noncommunicable diseases, on strengthening people-centred health care and public health systems, and on orealing resident communities that can withstand social and continic transitions.

Through our cooperation and commitment, we want to act as facilitators, catalysts and advocates of the right to the highest level of health for all as a key value embedded in Health 2020. We aim, on one hand, to amplify the voice of small countries in European and global health for an aim, on the other, to share existing resources and maximize assets, innovating and applying solutions to increase capacity to improve health

- With this manifesto we commit ourselves to work to align our national health policies to Health 2020;

to strengthen our technical capacity on core Health 2020 aspects, with an emphasis on all determinants of health including the social determinants and using an intersectoral approach and sustainable actions to address the four priorities of Health 2020;

- investing in health through a life-course approach and empowering people,
- tacking the Region's major health challenges of noncommunicable and communicable disea strengthening people-centred health systems, public health capacity and emergency preparedness surveillance and response;
- creating resilient communities and supportive environments, and
- · to create a platform for sharing experiences and mutual learning about Health 2020 implementation and

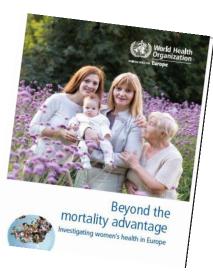
We call on the WHO Regional Office for Furnee to support us in meeting the above mentioned on and to use the knowledge we generate as Health 2020 learning sites to accelerate the pace of Health 2020





### Mainstreaming equity into policies and technical programmes

- Guidance
- Regional policies
- Assessment tools

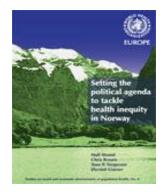






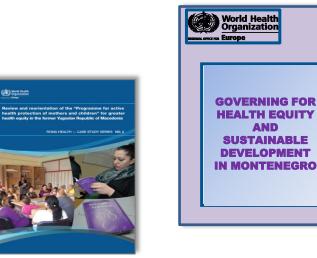
## Supporting national policies and reviews

Strengthening policies, programmes and governance for health equity











### Monitoring and evaluation

### Focus

Geographically defined inequalities in health in the European Union and selected neighbouring countries, with emphasis on regions

Association of socioeconomic status and health indicators at level of population groups, with some emphasis on health systems performance

### Aims

To improve use of readily available statistical data and information relevant to equity in health

To produce an interactive atlas as a tool for information sharing



WHO interactive atlas of health inequalities in 280 regions of Europe





### World Health Organization

### Developing indicators for the Health 2020 targets

First meeting of the expert group t, the Netherlands, 18–19 June 2012

Measurement of and target-setting for well-being: an initiative by the WHO Regional Office for Europe

Second meeting of the expert group Paris, France, 25-26 June 2012

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Second joint meet on targets and indicato alth and well-being in Health 2020

London, United Kingdom, 3-4 April 2014



### Core Health Indicators in the WHO European Region

Targets and indicators

for Health 2020



Special focus: Health 2020 targets indicators



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