

GOAL By 2028, ensure health equity is integrated into social, economic and development policies, to improve the social determinants of health for at least **20 million** disadvantaged people in at least **eight** countries

Barriers to equity

- Inadequate technical knowledge about co-benefits to inform integration of human development approaches and health equity
- Insufficient financing, data, capabilities and intersectoral mechanisms for addressing the social determinants of health equity
- Political reluctance to address equity as a policy priority
- Significant challenges posed by emergency situations, as well as those faced by refugees and displaced populations

Outputs – building on the WHO *World report on social determinants of health equity (SDHE)*

1–2 Country/local strategies, models and experiences documented

- Local thematic strategies and pilot models to advance SDH developed and scaled, including integration into governance, planning and training platforms
- Evaluations and reports documented, summarizing country experiences and impact based on theory-of-change processes
- Country and regional case studies shared and have informed academic publications and SIMASHE global tools

3 Enhanced regional evidence and guidance for action

- EMRO SDH Toolkit disseminated, and training package developed for capacity building across countries
- Regional briefs produced to synthesize national experiences integrating SDH into health systems and policies
- Comparative analysis of SDH strategies conducted to guide policy and implementation

4 Action and innovation platforms

- Regional and national networks and learning platforms established in the context of Healthy Cities, to foster municipal and health sector collaboration on SDH
- Support provided to national and local authorities in developing strategic work plans to address SDHE

5 Mechanisms for coalition building, advocacy, and broader scale-up of action

- Regional roadmap and governance mechanisms to promote health and well-being using whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches institutionalized, to support SDH implementation and accountability
- Advocacy, communication and training materials developed and shared at country and regional levels

Outcomes for social determinants of health equity

National and local

- ✓ National and subnational institutions strengthen their capacity to design and implement multisectoral programmes addressing SDHE
- ✓ Stakeholders and systems institutionalize SDH-focused training and planning mechanisms to support health equity strategies
- ✓ Data systems capture and use disaggregated SDHE information to guide evidence-based decision-making
- ✓ Communities and local authorities engage in the co-development and implementation of SDHE-informed actions
- ✓ Documentation and evaluation of local initiatives are enhanced, to identify best practices and lessons learned

Regional

- ✓ Regional guidance, tools and training platforms support country-level implementation of SDHE strategies
- ✓ Regional monitoring and knowledge-sharing mechanisms are strengthened to track trends and inform SDHE-related policy development
- ✓ Regional advocacy and dialogue platforms promote collective learning, multisectoral engagement and scaling of SDHE efforts

Activities and resources

Country and local action

- Establishment of a Regional Commission for SDH and launch of the commission's report, containing recommendations based on a systematic analysis of countries in the region
- Preparation of a regional framework for community engagement and a training package on its use for developing national plans and strategies
- Development and institutionalization of SDH and Health in All Policies (HiAP) training, through academic partnerships
- Design of context-specific strategies and theories of change for advancing SDH in populations in conditions of vulnerability
- Documentation of SDH experiences and multisectoral initiatives at the country level

Regional roles in facilitating success

- Dissemination and training on the “WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO) SDH Toolkit”, for national implementation
- Development of the EMRO roadmap for promoting health and well-being, and the WHO regional action framework for community engagement
- Establishment of a Regional Network of Healthy Cities and implementation of the Healthy Settings model, to share good practices with ministries and municipalities on multisectoral action that supports SDH action planning
- Facilitation of regional policy dialogues and workshops for aligning SDH actions with national priorities
- Development of regional analyses and comparative reviews of government strategies for advancing SDH and integrating HiAP, contributing to regional briefs and global guides

Re-enforced human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals



Regional and national indicators

Extent of social determinants of health equity considerations included in major social, economic or development strategies.



Regional goal

Member States have developed and are implementing practical, context-based community engagement approaches to identify and reach groups in conditions of vulnerability, to address public health issues



Sustainable Development Goals and indicators



Vision

A world where health equity is a shared societal value, ensuring all social groups enjoy healthy living and working conditions