



# Health in All Policies (HiAP)

Introductory Briefing

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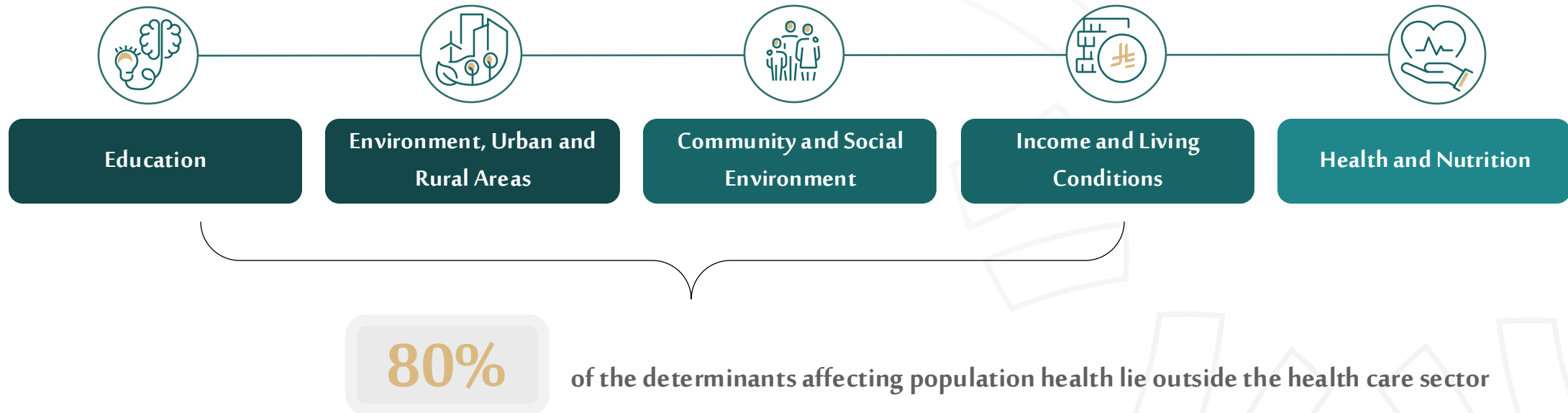
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With reference to Royal Order Nr. 46708 dated 12/10/1438 H (7/7/2017 G), **Prioritizing public health in all regulations and legislation for disease control and prevention "Health in All Policies"**, and with further reference to Royal Order No. 21434 dated 9/4/1440 H (18/12/2018 G) which **established the Ministerial Committee of Health in All Policies** under the Council of Economic and Development Affairs, the journey of integrating health considerations into all policies began in Saudi Arabia.

# The Concept of Health in All Policies (HiAP)



**The domains of health in all policies** are designed based on **social determinants of health**. The purpose is to design public health interventions aimed at preventing or mitigating and controlling health problems, and to include them in specific categories; With the aim of organizing the mechanism for submitting proposals, facilitating the decision-making process, enhancing concerted efforts, and raising the efficiency of policy implementation.



# Royal Orders and Council of Ministers Decisions for HiAP

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4 Royal Orders were issued to establish and operationalize HiAP:

No.	Date	Description
46708	12/10/1438 H 7/7/2017 G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritizing public health in all regulations and legislation for disease control and prevention "Health in All Policies"</li> </ul>
21434	9/4/1440 H 18/12/2018 G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing the Ministerial Committee of Health in All Policies to implement the Royal Order that includes giving public health priority in all regulations and legislation to combat and prevent diseases</li> <li>It is chaired by His Excellency the Minister of Health and membership of His Excellency Minister of Education, His Excellency Minister of Commerce and Investment (currently Minister of Commerce), His Excellency Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs, His Excellency Minister of Labor and Social Development (currently Minister of Human Resources and Social Development) and His Excellency Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture</li> <li>The reference of this committee shall be to the Council of Economic and Development Affairs</li> </ul>
72131	19/12/1440 H 21/8/2019 G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adding new members to the Ministerial Committee of Health in All Policies including; His Highness Minister of Sports, His Excellency Minister of Economy and Planning and His Excellency the Chairman of the Quality-of-Life Program</li> </ul>
79435	19/12/1443 H 22/7/2022 G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approving the strategy for the Ministerial Committee of Health in All Policies</li> <li>Implementing the strategy for The Ministerial Committee of Health in All Policies within the competence of the committee and the authority and resources of its members.</li> </ul>
87447	17/11/1446 H 15/05/2025 G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adding His Excellency the Minister of Investment to the membership of the Ministerial Committee for Health in all policies</li> <li>Approving multi-sectorial policies , which each addresses different determinants of health.</li> </ul>

## The Council of Ministers issued a decision to add the health impact assessment:

200	04/04/1443 H 09/11/2021 G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrating the health impact assessment to the required considerations when preparing or studying laws and regulations and the like.</li> </ul>
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# Health in All Policies Vision and Mission

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## Vision

For Saudi Arabia to be an exemplar country that successfully improves population health and health equity.



## Mission

Support the creation of an inclusive and collaborative systematic and sustainable approach when developing evidence-based public policies that prioritize the determinants of health.



## Values



Proactiveness in  
Developing Effective  
Health Policies



Transparency and  
Clarity in Procedures



Delegation of Roles  
and Responsibilities  
and Encouragement  
of Decentralization

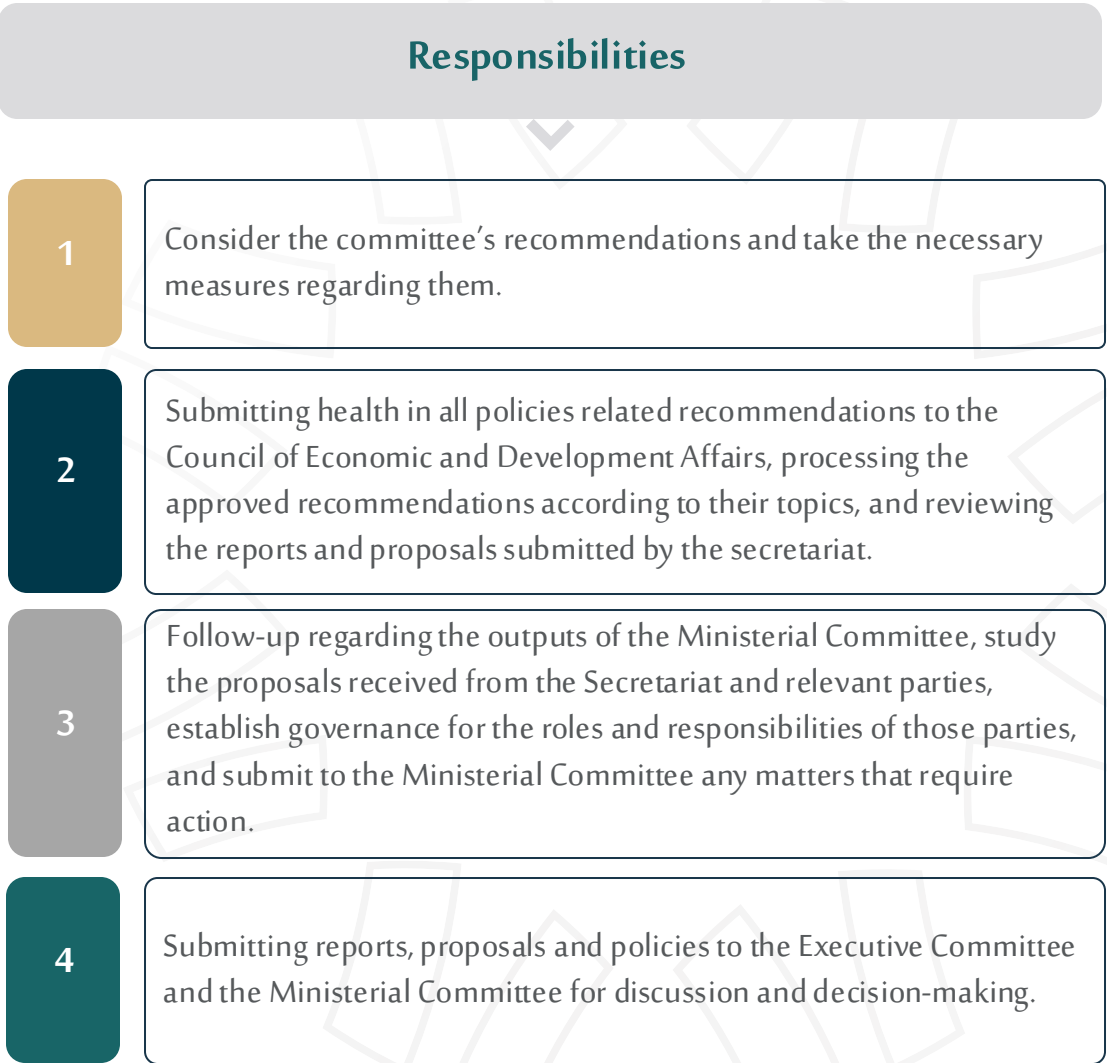
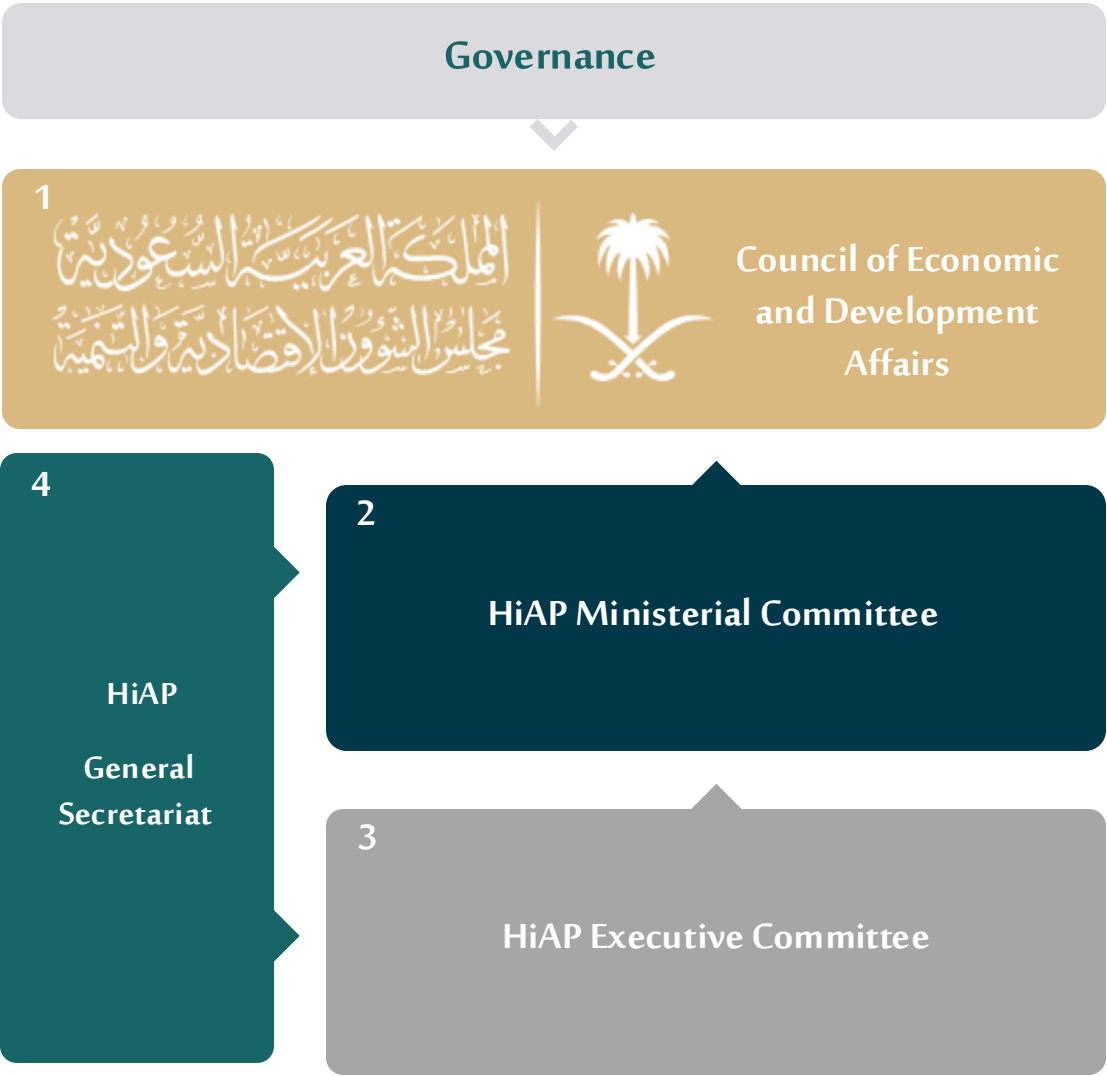


Collaboration and  
Participation Across  
Sectors at All Levels



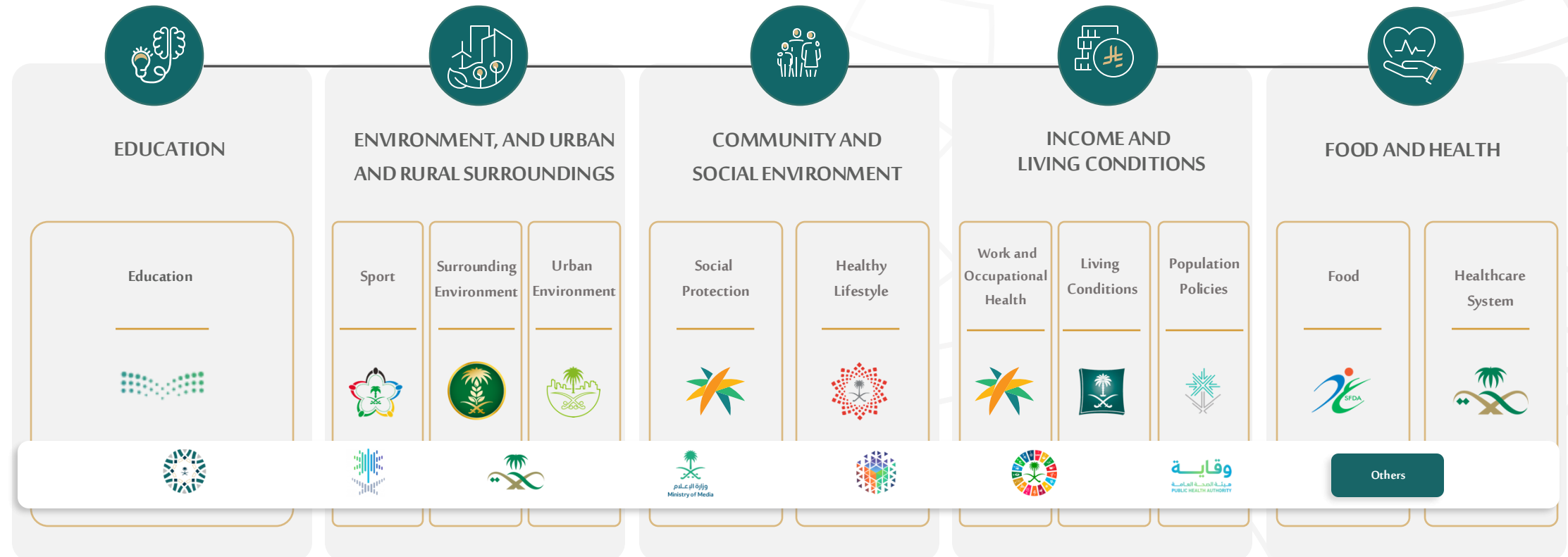
Shared  
Responsibility for  
Change

# Health in All Policies Governance



# HiAP Domains and Tracks

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# Priority Criteria for Policy Selection



The internationally adopted standards for classifying and prioritizing policies vary in terms of tools and measurement. They rely heavily on the country's overall directions, national goals and vision, current challenges, and prevailing conditions. Benchmarking was conducted on local and international practices to develop criteria for identifying national priority policies based on the Health in All Policies approach. The most prominent of these criteria are as follows:



## Impacts and Benefits

- The policy's impact on the health of the population in the Kingdom, and the benefits gained from its implementation.
- Its relevance and influence on the health burdens in the Kingdom, including their main causes and the key related risk factors or drivers.



## Relevance to Indicators

- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- National Outcomes Workshop
- Saudi Vision 2030
- Health in All Policies



## Regulatory Gaps

- The presence of a specific regulatory gap

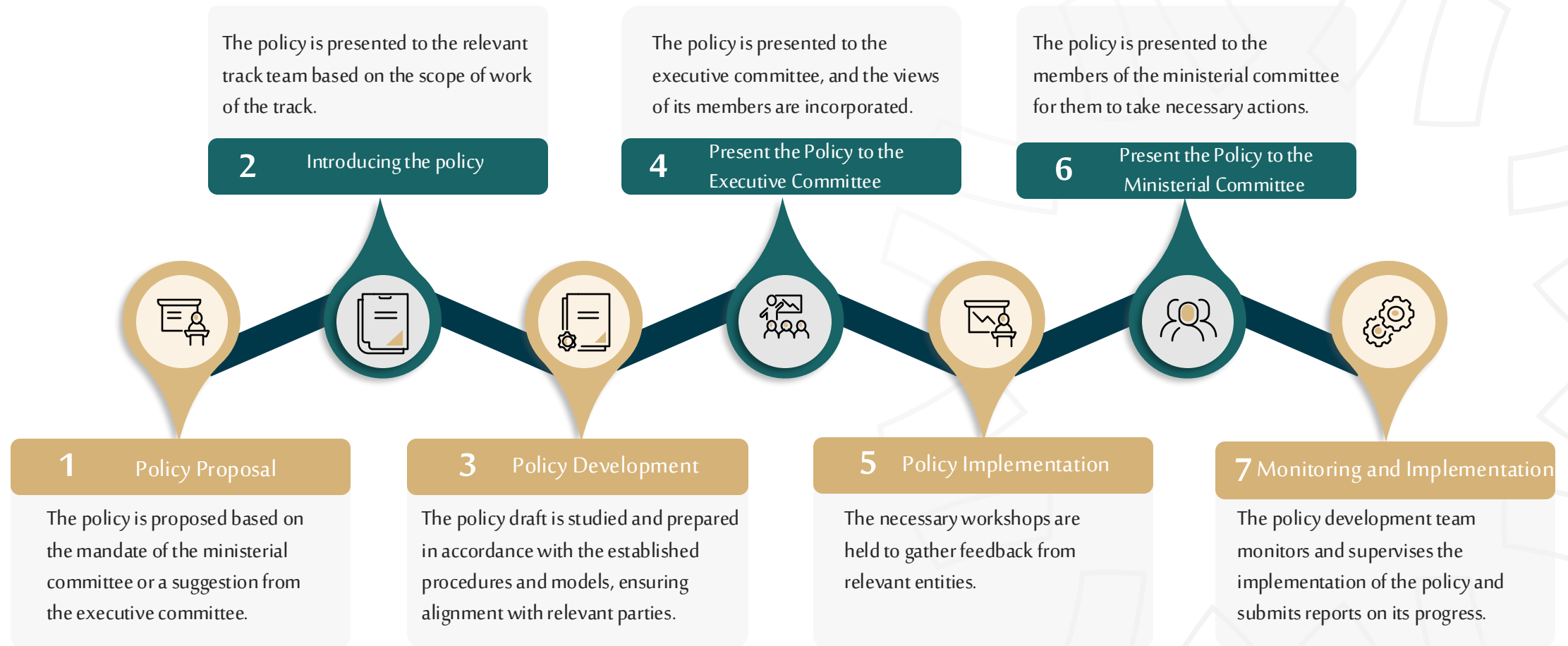


# Procedural Process for Submitting Proposed Policies

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# HiAP Policy Development Journey Framework

## POLICY DEVELOPMENT WHEEL

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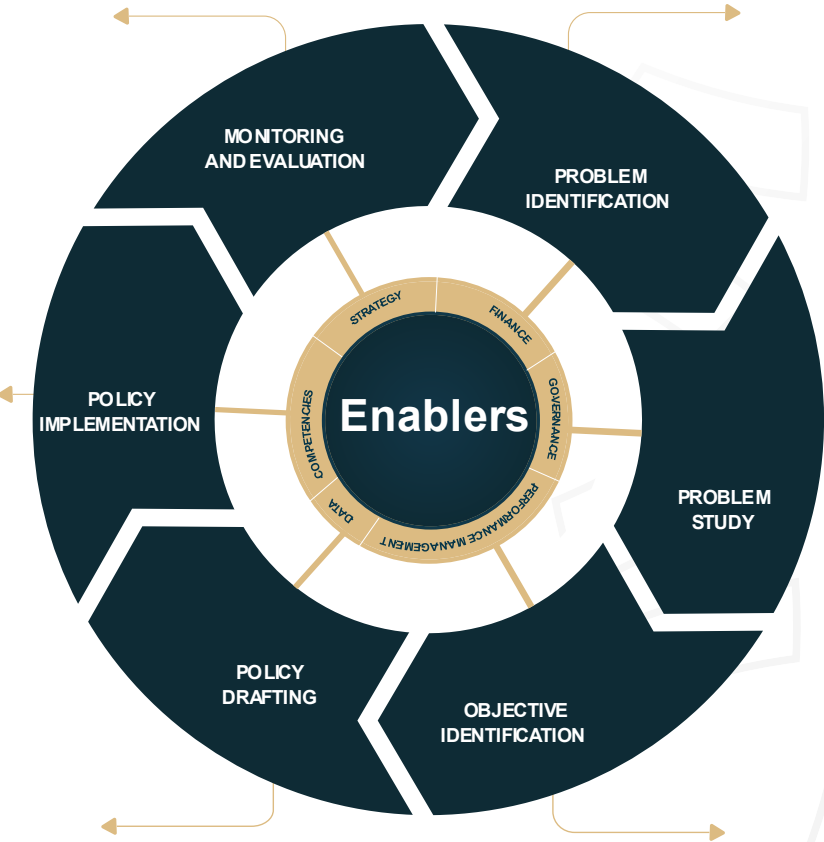
Monitor and evaluate and evaluating the implementation of the policy by measuring the impact of outputs and outcomes in order to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of the policy.

05

Implementation of relevant projects, development of appropriate legislation and ensuring the participation of stakeholders in the enactment of the proposed policy

04

Proposing the most feasible and effective policy out of several options, along with identifying the resources required to implement the policy.



01

Identify and understand apparent health problems. Draw preliminary conclusions about the health problems as well as the stakeholders to be involved.

02

Evaluate the problem in more detail, building upon gap analyses to existing policies and comparing to international best practices.

03

Define the desired impact, targets and expected outcomes of policy proposals which attempt to address the problem in question.



## HiAP Domains example Education Track



## Education Domain

Education is an important social determinant that affects health throughout the lifespan, as health status is linked to levels of educational attainment in reading and writing, language learning, early childhood education, vocational training and higher education, and the conditions surrounding educational settings.



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# Education Track Scope



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Health promotion at all educational levels (pre-school, primary, middle, secondary, higher education and vocational training).

This includes designing interventions that will aim to build curricula that enhance student health, create an environment that encourages the adoption of healthy behavior for students and educational staff, and enhance safety in the educational facility and its surroundings.



# Education Track



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# Track objectives



## Education



Enhancing Mental Health in Schools



Enhancing Mental Health in Higher Education Institutions



Raising Health Awareness Among Students and Teachers



Improving Student Meals in Schools



Increasing Physical Activity in Schools



Increasing Physical Activity in Higher Education Institutions



Promoting Health and Safety in Educational Facilities and Their Surroundings



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# Thank you

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