

WHO and the Social Determinants of Health (SDH)¹ – Key Resources for Working on the SDH

Title	Brief description
Global and regional frameworks, regulations, strategies and guidance	
Pan American Health Organization / WHO Regional Office for the Americas. Strategy and Plan of Action on Health Promotion 2019-2030 (forthcoming)	The PAHO Strategy and Plan of Action on Health Promotion 2019-2030 is based on a social determinants of health approach and is to be approved in PAHO's Directing council in September 2019.
Key Learning on Health in All Policies Implementation from Around the World² (2018)	This information brochure distils the lessons learnt from the Case study book <i>Progressing the Sustainable Development Goals through health in all policies: case studies from around the world, which describes experiences from around the world in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda</i> .
Facilitator's manual for the Innov8 approach for reviewing national health programmes to leave no one behind^{3, 4} (2017)	This Manual is designed as a partnering publication to the <i>Innov8 approach for reviewing national health programmes to leave no one behind: technical handbook</i> . The Facilitator's Manual provides an overarching introduction to the facilitation of a generic Innov8 review process entailing three workshops (sensitization, review and redesign).
Adelaide Statement on Health in All Policies II – Progressing the Sustainable Development Goals⁵ (2017)	This document represents an Outcome Statement from the 2017 International Conference Health in All Policies: Progressing the Sustainable Development Goals. It describes advances in the understanding of experts and practitioners from around the world in implementing the Health in All Policies approach to addressing social and environmental determinants of health.
Innov8 approach for reviewing national health programmes to leave no one behind: Technical Handbook⁶ (2016)	The Innov8 technical handbook is a user-friendly resource as part of the Innov8 approach for reviewing national health programmes to leave no one behind. It gives detailed guidance and exercise sheets for each of the 8 steps of analysis that comprise the review process and includes background readings, country examples and analytical activities.
Pan American Health Organization / WHO Regional Office for the	The Plan of Action on Health in All Policies was adopted by the PAHO Member States in September 2014 with a view to establishing clear steps for the implementation of the HiAP approach in the countries of the Region of the Americas.

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² <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/272711/WHO-CED-PHE-SDH-18.1-eng.pdf?ua=1>
<https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/272711?locale-attribute=en&>

³ <http://www.who.int/life-course/partners/innov8/en/>

⁴ <http://www.who.int/entity/life-course/partners/innov8/innov8-facilitators-manual-july-2017.pdf?ua=1>

⁵ https://www.who.int/social_determinants/SDH-adelaide-statement-2017.pdf

⁶ <http://www.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/250442/1/9789241511391-eng.pdf?ua=1>

Americas. Plan of Action on Health in All Policies 2014-2019⁷ (2014)	
Intersectoral planning for health and health equity – Ch. 12, Strategizing national health in the 21st century: a handbook⁸ (2016)	This chapter outlines the need and practical action for including intersectoral planning for health and health equity within the overall process of strategizing for health. Intersectoral planning addresses determinants of health, alongside clinical services to achieve greater sustainability of results.
Monitoring Action and Social Determinants of Health - a framework paper to support global and national monitoring and accountability across Sustainable Development Goals⁹ (2016)	The framework and its indicators reflect the pledges made in the Rio Political Declaration on the Social Determinants of Health, which was endorsed by the World Health Assembly (WHA) in the WHA resolution 65.8. The framework proposes a set of indicators, the evidence-base and identifies data sources that can be used as a common set across countries across regions of the world and levels of development.
Regional frameworks for action: WHO Regional Office for the Americas. Road Map for the Plan of Action on Health in All Policies¹⁰ (2016)	This document proposes and agreement for action areas across countries within the PAHO Region to address the social determinants of health and health equity using a Health in All Policies approach
WHO Framework for Country Action across sectors for Health and Health Equity¹¹ (2015)	The framework provides guidance to Member States on taking country-level action across sectors for improving health and health equity. Such action includes the support of the health sector to other sectors in developing and implementing policies, programmes and projects within their own remit, in a way that optimizes co-benefits.
WHO Regional Office for Europe. Health 2020 A European policy framework and strategy for the 21st century¹² (2013)	This framework and strategy proposes key actions across the WHO European Region, and the WHO role of the Regional Office to frame WHO support to Member States. Addressing the social determinants of health, and governance for health equity are key themes addressed in this strategy.
WHO Regional Office for Africa. Health in all policies: report on perspectives and intersectoral actions in the African Region¹³ (2013)	The paper provides a description of the current position of implementation of intersectoral actions and Health in All Policies (HiAP) and the potential for improving intersectoral work in the African Region.

⁷ https://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9361:2014-welcome-health-all-policies&Itemid=40258&lang=en

⁸ <http://www.who.int/healthsystems/publications/nhpsp-handbook-ch12/en/>

⁹ http://www.who.int/social_determinants/monitoring_progress/en/
http://www.who.int/social_determinants/consultation-paper-SDH-Action-Monitoring.pdf?ua=1

¹⁰ <http://iris.paho.org/xmlui/bitstream/handle/123456789/31313/9789275074541-eng.pdf>

¹¹ http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA68/A68_17-en.pdf

¹² <http://www.euro.who.int/en/publications/abstracts/health-2020-a-european-policy-framework-and-strategy-for-the-21st-century-2013>

¹³ https://www.who.int/social_determinants/publications/9789290232445/en/

WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia. Health in all policies: report on perspectives and intersectoral actions in the South-East Asia Region¹⁴ (2013)	The paper provides a description of the current position of implementation of intersectoral actions and Health in All Policies (HiAP) and the potential for improving intersectoral work in the South-East Asia Region.
WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific. Health in all policies: report on perspectives and intersectoral actions in the Western Pacific: regional report¹⁵ (2013)	The paper provides a description of the current position of implementation of intersectoral actions and Health in All Policies (HiAP) and the potential for improving intersectoral work in the Western Pacific Region.
WHO Adelaide Statement on Health in All Policies II – Progressing the Sustainable Development Goals¹⁶ (2010)	This document represents an Outcome Statement from the 2010 International Conference Health in All Policies. It describes the common understanding of the role of the health sector in working across sectors to address social and environmental determinants of health.
Technical guidance / knowledge bank	
Healthy, prosperous lives for all: the European Health Equity Status Report¹⁷ (2019)	For the first time, the Health Equity Status Report captures the impact of policies to address these risks over the last 10 to 15 years. It finds that many of the critical factors that are driving health inequities are not being sufficiently addressed by countries across the European Region. For example, while 29% of health inequities stem from precarious living conditions, 53% of countries in the Region have disinvested in housing and community services in the last 15 years. The range of policies outlined in the Report stimulates both sustainable development and economic growth.
The WHO Health Equity Monitor¹⁸ (2013-2018)	The Health Equity Monitor provides evidence on existing health inequalities and makes available tools and resources for monitoring health inequalities. Updated regularly, the Health Equity Monitor is a repository of disaggregated data from over 100 countries (primarily low- and middle-income countries). It currently includes reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health indicators, disaggregated by education, economic status, place of residence (rural vs. urban) subnational region and child's sex.
Health Equity Assessment Toolkit¹⁹ (2016-2018)	The Health Equity Assessment Toolkit is a software application that facilitates the assessment of within-country health inequalities. It allows users to explore and compare inequality. Inequalities can be assessed using disaggregated data and summary measures that are visualized in a variety of interactive graphs, maps and tables. There are two editions of the toolkit: HEAT, Built-In Database Edition, which includes the Health Equity Monitor database; and HEAT Plus, Upload Database Edition, which allows users to upload and work with their own database.

¹⁴ <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/205226>

¹⁵ <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/207721>

¹⁶ https://www.who.int/social_determinants/publications/countryaction/adelaide_statement_hiap/en/

¹⁷ <http://www.euro.who.int/en/HealthEquityStatusReport2019>

¹⁸ https://www.who.int/gho/health_equity/about/en/

¹⁹ https://www.who.int/gho/health_equity/assessment_toolkit/en/

Explorations of inequality: Childhood immunization²⁰ (2018)	This report takes a detailed look at the current status of childhood immunization in 10 priority countries: Afghanistan, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan and Uganda. In each country, childhood immunization coverage is broken down by multiple factors to show inequality according to child, mother, household and geographical characteristics.
Progressing the Sustainable Development Goals through Health in All Policies²¹ (2017)	Case studies from around the world that describe how different countries and their ministries of health, or health agencies, are working to ensure that the agenda on the determinants of health and health inequalities are being considered in the public policy processes of other sectors.
State of health inequality: Indonesia²² (2017)	This publication showcases the state of inequality in Indonesia, drawing from the latest available data across 11 health topics (53 health indicators), and eight dimensions of inequality. In addition to quantifying the magnitude of health inequality, the report discusses priority areas for action and policy implications of the findings. This report was prepared as part of a capacity-building process, which brought together a diverse network of stakeholders committed to strengthening health inequality monitoring in Indonesia.
State of inequality: Childhood immunization²³ (2016)	This publication provides an overview of the latest situation and change over time in childhood immunization. It draws on data about five childhood immunization indicators, disaggregated by four dimensions of inequality, and covering 69 countries, and is accompanied by electronic interactive visuals, which facilitates thorough and customizable exploration of the data.
Monitoring Health Determinants with an equity focus is a Special Issues of the journal, Global Health Action²⁴ (2015 and 2016)	This Special Issue draws attention to indicators and monitoring practices on the determinants of health and their contribution to sustainable development – specifically emphasizing vulnerability, ‘No one left behind’ and social justice. This collection of papers illustrates how the assessment of health determinants points out policies with health gains and other co-benefits.
State of inequality: Reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health²⁵ (2015)	This publication covers 23 health indicators within RMNCH, examining the state of inequality in countries currently and how it has changed over time. It shows how within-country inequalities have narrowed, with a tendency for national improvements driven by faster improvements in disadvantaged subgroups. The report showcases best practices in health inequality monitoring and reporting, and is accompanied by electronic interactive visuals to facilitate thorough and customizable exploration of the data.
The Economics of Social Determinants of Health and Health Inequalities: a resource book²⁶ (2014)	This WHO resource book aims at explaining, illustrating and discussing the economic arguments that could (and could not) be put forth to support the case for investing in the social determinants of health on average and in the reduction in socially determined health inequalities.

²⁰ http://www.who.int/gho/health_equity/report_2018_immunization/en/

²¹ http://www.who.int/entity/social_determinants/publications/progressing-sdg-case-studies-2017.pdf?ua=1

²² http://www.who.int/gho/health_equity/report_2017_indonesia/en/

²³ http://www.who.int/gho/health_equity/report_2016_immunization/en/

²⁴ <http://tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/9/s3?nav=tocList>

²⁵ http://www.who.int/gho/health_equity/report_2015/en/

²⁶ http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/84213/1/9789241548625_eng.pdf?ua=1

Practising a health in all policies approach: lessons for universal health coverage and health equity: a policy briefing for ministries of health based on experiences from Africa, South-East Asia and the Western Pacific²⁷ (2014)	This publication aims to contribute to a growing familiarity with the Health in All Policies concepts by pointing to specific aspects of intersectoral and, in some cases, Health in All Policies experiences. It aims to provide ministries of health with a practical policy overview of key issues and approaches.
Moving towards health in all policies: a compilation of experience from Africa, South-East Asia and the Western Pacific²⁸ (2014)	This document reviews regional practices on intersectoral/multisectoral action and Health in All Policies (HiAP) to support assessments of the opportunities for and learning from practice on how to implement HiAP. Based on a policy-maker and theory driven analytic framework, this report provides a compilation of 19 country experiences across three WHO regions of Africa, South-East Asia and the Western Pacific.
Demonstrating a health in all policies analytic framework for learning from experiences: based on literature reviews from Africa, South-East Asia and the Western Pacific²⁹ (2013)	This publication examined what are the common elements of people's understanding of Health in All Policies across different ministries of health in different countries.
The Social Determinants of Health Sectoral Briefing Series (2011-2014): Housing³⁰ Social Protection³¹ Energy³² Education³³ Transport³⁴	By providing information on other sectors' agendas, goals and policy approaches, and their health impacts, and by illustrating areas for potential collaboration, the Social Determinants of Health Sectoral Briefing Series aims to encourage more systematic dialogue and problem solving, and more collaboration with other areas of government.
Improving equity in health by addressing social determinants³⁵ (2011)	This single volume offers the only in-depth effort to date that presents the collective work of the nine Knowledge Networks supporting the work of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health. The chapters of this book provide a summary of global evidence on the social determinants of health.
Urban HEART: Urban Health Equity Assessment and Response Tool³⁶ (2010)	Urban HEART guides local policy-makers and communities through a standardized procedure of gathering relevant evidence and planning efficiently for appropriate actions to tackle health inequities.

²⁷ https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/105529/9789241506632_eng.pdf?sequence=1

²⁸ http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/105528/1/9789241506595_eng.pdf?ua=1&ua=1

²⁹ http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/104083/1/9789241506274_eng.pdf?ua=1&ua=1

³⁰ <http://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/44705>

³¹ <http://www.who.int/iris/handle/10665/44876>

³² <http://www.who.int/iris/handle/10665/91591>

³³ <http://www.who.int/iris/handle/10665/44737>

³⁴ <http://www.who.int/iris/handle/10665/44749>

³⁵ <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/44793>

³⁶ <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/79060>

Equity, social determinants and public health programmes³⁷ (2010)	This publication aims at translating knowledge about equity and the social determinants into concrete, workable actions. Individual chapters represent the major public health programmes at WHO and are organized according to a common framework that allows for a fresh but structured look at many familiar problems. Levels in this framework range from the overall structure of society, to differential exposure to risks and disparate vulnerability within populations, to individual differences in health care outcomes and their social and economic consequences.
Social Determinants of Health Discussion Paper Series No's 1-11³⁸ (2010)	The Discussion Paper Series provides a forum for sharing knowledge on how to tackle the social determinants of health to improve health equity. Papers explore themes related to questions of strategy, governance, tools, and capacity building. They aim to review country experiences with an eye to understanding practice, innovations, and encouraging a frank debate on the connections between health and the broader policy environment.
Other/websites	
WHO Social Determinants of Health websites – HQ and regional³⁹	The WHO website describes the main current programmatic activities globally.
Action:SDG (website platform)⁴⁰	Action:SDG is an online platform for obtaining resources and sharing knowledge on addressing health equity and reaching the Sustainable Development Goals.
Global Network for Health in All Policies	The Global Network for Health in All Policies is a country-led initiative, which mission is to work with various stakeholders to address the determinants of health, by strengthening the Health in All Policies approach.
Training resources	
Integrating social determinants of health into health workforce education and training: A practical guide⁴¹ (forthcoming)	This practical guide provides a framework that articulates and demonstrates the relevance of the SDH approach to transformative health workforce education and training.
Inequality monitoring in immunization: a step-by-step manual (forthcoming)	The manual aims to serve as an introductory-level guide to build capacity for the uptake and improvement of inequality monitoring practices in immunization. It guides readers through the steps of health inequality monitoring applied to the topic of immunization.
National health inequality monitoring: a step-by-step manual⁴² (2017)	This manual is designed as a highly accessible, practical reference to encourage and strengthen the practice of health inequality monitoring. While the manual focuses on health at the national level, the step-by-step approach may be applied to monitor inequalities within any

³⁷ <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/44289>

³⁸ https://www.who.int/social_determinants/publications/paper-series/en/

³⁹ www.who.int/social_determinants/en

⁴⁰ <https://actionsdg.ctb.ku.edu/>

⁴¹ Integrating social determinants of health into health workforce education and training: A practical guide (forthcoming)

⁴² http://www.who.int/gho/health_equity/manual/en/

	defined population, ranging from a community context to a multinational context.
Health in All Policies Training Manual⁴³ (2015)	This manual is a training resource to increase understanding of the importance of Health in All Policies among health and other professionals. The material forms the basis of 2- and 3-day workshops, which will build capacity to promote, implement and evaluate HiAP; encourage engagement and collaboration across sectors; facilitate the exchange of experiences and lessons learned; promote regional and global collaboration on HiAP; and promote dissemination of skills to develop training courses for trainers.
Handbook on health inequality monitoring with a specific focus on low- and middle-income countries⁴⁴ (2013) <i>See also training videos on the Health Equity Assessment Toolkit⁴⁵, PowerPoint lecture series⁴⁶, and health inequality monitoring eLearning module⁴⁷.</i>	This handbook presents a comprehensive overview of health inequality monitoring in a user-friendly manner. It provides those involved in health inequality monitoring an appreciation of the complexities of the process and builds the practical knowledge and skills for systematic monitoring of health inequalities in low- and middle-income countries.
High Level External Reviews	
Pan American Health Organization / WHO Regional Office for the Americas. 2018 Report of the Commission on Equity and Health Inequalities in the Americas⁴⁸ (2019)	In 2016, PAHO established the Independent Commission on Equity and Health Inequalities in the Americas, led by Dr. Marmot, comprised of international experts who evaluated the available evidence on the factors that lead to these inequalities and proposed actions to improve the health of the people of the Region. The Commission studied the leading causes of health inequalities, focusing on gender, ethnicity, human rights, with a lens towards the social determinants of health, a human rights-based approach to health, and suggesting actions for addressing these inequalities.
WHO Regional Office for Europe. Review of social determinants of the health divide in the WHO European Region: final report⁴⁹ (2014)	This review of inequities in health between and within countries across the 53 Member States of the Region was commissioned to support the development of the new European policy framework for health and well-being, Health 2020. Much more is understood now about the extent and social causes of these inequities. The European review builds on the global evidence and recommends policies to ensure that progress can be made in reducing health inequities and the health divide across all countries, including those with low incomes.

⁴³ http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/151788/1/9789241507981_eng.pdf?ua=1

⁴⁴ https://www.who.int/gho/health_equity/handbook/en/

⁴⁵ https://www.who.int/gho/health_equity/assessment_toolkit/en/

⁴⁶ https://www.who.int/gho/health_equity/handbook/en/

⁴⁷ <https://extranet.who.int/elearn/course/category.php?id=15>

⁴⁸ Launch of Report during the 2019 Directing Council meeting in WDC

⁴⁹ http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/251878/Review-of-social-determinants-and-the-health-divide-in-the-WHO-European-Region-FINAL-REPORT.pdf