Need for integrated management in all branches of policies for human health

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Good health enhances quality of life, improves workforce productivity, supports sustainable habitats and environments, and contributes to security, poverty reduction and social inclusion.

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The causes of health and well-being remain outside the health sector and are socially and economically formed.
Yet escalating costs for treatment and care are placing unsustainable burdens on national and local resources such that broader developments may be held back.

The interface between health, well-being and economic development is a main task in the political agenda of all countries.
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More effective government means improved health

This requires a new form of governance where there is joined-up leadership within governments, across all sectors and between levels of government.
The new approach is referred to as ‘Health in All Policies’ has been formulated in the Adelaide Statement on “Health in All Policies” (2010).

It assists leaders and policy-makers to integrate considerations of health, well-being and equity during the development, implementation and evaluation of policies and services.
“Health in All Policies” works best when:

- a clear mandate makes joined-up government an imperative;
- systematic processes take account of interactions across sectors;
- mediation occurs across interests;
- accountability, transparency and participatory processes are present;
- engagement occurs with stakeholders outside of government;
- practical cross-sector initiatives build partnerships and trust.
Tools and instruments at different stages of the policy cycle include:

- inter-ministerial and inter-departmental committees
- community consultations and Citizens’ Juries
- cross-sector action teams
- partnership platforms
- integrated budgets and accounting
- Health Lens Analysis
- cross-cutting information and evaluation systems
- impact assessments
- joined-up workforce development
- legislative frameworks
The social determinants of health are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, including the health system.

These circumstances are shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources at global, national and local levels, which are themselves influenced by policy choices. The social determinants of health are mostly responsible for health inequities - the unfair and avoidable differences in health status seen within and between countries.
## Sectors of health impact assessment (HIA)

Final report of the Commission on social determinants of health. WHO, 2008

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Infrastructure, planning and transport

- Optimal planning for roads, transport and housing requires the consideration of health impacts as this can reduce environmentally costly emissions, and improve the capacity of transport networks and their efficiency with moving people, goods and services.

- Better transport opportunities, including cycling and walking opportunities, build safer and more liveable communities, and reduce environmental degradation, enhancing health.
Environments and sustainability

- Optimizing the use of natural resources and promoting sustainability can be best achieved through policies that influence population consumption patterns, which can also enhance human health.

- Globally, a quarter of all preventable illnesses are the result of the environmental conditions in which people live.
Governments can coordinate policy-making by developing strategic plans that set out common goals, integrated responses and increased accountability across government departments.
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