



World Conference on Social Determinants of Health

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All for Equity

**Symposium on Social protection interventions for
TB control**

**Linking TB and social protection: way forward after
the Rio Conference**

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From a WHO review on CTs and Health:

1. The Public Health Community to date has largely been passive observer of CTs rather than an active participant
2. There are good theoretical and empirical reasons why CTs might be expected to improve health
3. CTs have potentially significant impacts on access to health systems

From a WHO review on CCTs and Health:

4. The health sector is well placed to assist CCTs design and implementation
- CONCLUSION: Public Health Agencies should develop more substantive engagement with CCTs



From an ECLAC Review on CCTs in Latin America and the Caribbean:

1. CCTs just one of many non contributory social protection instrument which include social pensions, emergency jobs, school scholarships, subsidies on home purchases. They are NOT to replace them
2. Effectiveness of CCTs depend on well established universal education and health systems as well as sustainable, quality jobs
3. Where no social protection systems exist CCT risk being "Xmas threes" unless precision or efficacy are ensured
4. Countries with lower HD have lower investment and coverage for the poor through CCTs and thus less impact

From an ECLAC Review on CCTs in latin America and the Caribbean:

5. Social Funds to increase not only demand but also expansion and strengthening of social services
6. CCTs to be (and seen) as part of access to a comprehensive social protection system realizing rights and citizenship and not as instrument of political patronage



Rio Conference on SD's objectives

- To identify the basic principles, methods and strategies for developing national action plans to address social determinants of health to reduce health inequities.
- To share experiences, challenges and technical knowledge on how to address social determinants of health and construct national plans to reduce health inequities, considering the need for strengthening of governance arrangements, and learning from different contexts.
- **To strengthen political commitment by Member States to develop and implement such national action plans, as well as the provisions of Resolution WHA62.14**



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The Rio Declaration

Some Highlights on what
The Rio process has to offer



What have Member States agreed upon?

Health is ...

...a defining factor of good governance

...a societal goal

...a contribution to other societal goals and

...socially produced.





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Key features

- Interconnectedness of policies - decisions in sectors outside of health have huge implications on people's health and wellbeing
- Action on social determinants of health through coordinated interventions in multiple sectors has proven to be effective
- Health contributes to other goals of society and thus to broader development



What have Member States agreed upon?

"We are convinced that action on social determinants of health is essential to create inclusive, equitable, economically productive and healthy societies."



What have Member States agreed upon?

"Health inequities...are...largely avoidable and unfair...."

The current global economic and financial crisis urgently requires actions to reduce increasing health inequities and prevent worsening of living conditions and the deterioration of universal health care and social protection systems



What have Member States agreed upon?

“We express our political will to make health equity a national, regional and global goal...through resolute action on social determinants of health across all sectors and at all levels”



Rio Political Declaration on SDH: Key action areas

- Adopt better governance for health and development
- Promote participation in policy-making and implementation
- Further reorient the health sector towards reducing health inequities
- Strengthen global governance and collaboration
- Monitor progress and increase accountability

Reorient the health sector towards reducing health inequities-1

- Few global targets (e.g. MDGs) will be met without addressing social determinants
- A social determinants approach mean moving out of comfort-zones to work across sectors
- How do we translate in to action plan?
 - Maintain and develop effective public health policies which address the social determinants of health with a particular focus on reducing health inequities
 - Build, strengthen and maintain public health capacity for intersectoral action on SDH, including development of tools
 - Integrate equity as a priority within health systems as well as in the design and delivery of health services and public health programmes

What have Member States agreed upon?

- Promote and strengthen universal access to social services and social protection floors
- Support social protection floors as defined by countries to address their specific needs and the ongoing work on social protection within the UN system, including the International Labour Organization
- To promote research on the relationships between SDH and health equity outcomes with a particular focus on evaluation of effectiveness of interventions

What have Member States agreed upon?

"Our common values and responsibilities towards humanity move us to fulfil our pledge to act on social determinants of health. We firmly believe that doing so is not only a moral and a human rights imperative but also indispensable to promote human wellbeing, peace, prosperity and sustainable development"

