GLOBAL NETWORK FOR HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES

Achievement Report June 2021

Introduction

The Global Network for Health in All Policies (GNHiAP) is a country-led initiative which was launched by the governments of Sudan, Finland and Thailand, the Province of Québec, and the State of South Australia at a side event during the 70th World Health Assembly (WHA) on May 24, 2017. The GNHiAP has been established as a capability building platform for advancing HiAP implementation. It aims to "work with countries to strengthen the HiAP approach with the aim of speeding up movement towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and facilitating progress on universal health coverage." An Executive Committee (ExCom) nominated by members and supported by a Secretariat has been set up to oversee the development and implementation of the Network's workplan.

Membership

Network membership is open to all countries, different levels of government within countries, academic and research institutions, civil society organizations, and United Nations agencies/International organizations that have committed to using the HiAP approach to achieve SDGs and that are willing to contribute in-kind or financial resources to support the work of the Network. The Network is now comprised of 31 members including 14 countries, 9 public health and government representatives, 5 academic/research institutions, and 3 United Nations agencies.

Achievements

The GNHiAP has been consolidating governance arrangements and core functions to support the delivery of its workplan. Over the past four years, with the support of members, the GNHiAP has attained a number of milestones. These are summarized below:

Advocacy and Promotion

- ❖ **Advocacy**: GNHiAP members in the African region called on **The African Union** to adopt a Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach as a key platform, to support countries in the African region in efforts to act on the Social Determinants of Health and the SDGs. **The African Union** endorsed the Declaration for Health in All Policies in 2018.

- ❖ **Global Network Meetings:** The Network has convened two Global Meetings for members: the first in Thailand in 2017, and the second in Québec in 2019. The Global Meetings are important knowledge sharing and capacity building events and provide Network members with opportunities to meet and associate, strengthening relationships. The Global Meetings also provide opportunity for members to set the strategic directions of the GNHiAP.

- ❖ **Communication:** The ExCom and the GNHiAP Secretariat have created communication tools to promote the Network. These include a website, a distribution list for non-members, a GNHiAP information brochure, and other materials to be used by members to promote the Network. Visit the GNHiAP website at https://actionsdg.ctb.ku.edu/.

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Capacity Building

- ❖ A key strategy of the GNHiAP is **knowledge gathering and information sharing.** The Network has conducted several member surveys to learn about how different countries and regions practice HiAP. A recent survey was focused on the links between **COVID-19 and HiAP.** The survey sought to understand what impact, if any, HiAP had on the way GNHiAP members responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. This survey helped to inform the COVID-19 and HiAP webinar series.

- ❖ **COVID-19 and HiAP Webinars**: The GNHiAP, in collaboration with a range of country partners, convened a series of 3 webinars on "Health in All Policies in the time of COVID-19: What Role for the Health Sector Moving Forward." The webinars reflected on the value of multisectoral action (MSA) and on how governments used HiAP and other MSA approaches, when responding to COVID-19. The webinars asked: *What can be learned from this experience to support the **amplification of HiAP practice** within countries and regions, as a recognised approach for addressing complex health issues*. The webinars were delivered in multiple regions and time zones to increase reach and impact. Overall, more than 300 participants from around the world joined us for these webinars and evaluation data indicate very high levels of satisfaction, knowledge acquisition, and usefulness for professional activities. The webinars were recorded and viewed more than 1600 times. The recordings and associated materials can be viewed at the Network's website at https://actionsdg.ctb.ku.edu/about-us/news-events/.

Global Status Report on HiAP

- ❖ **The Global Status Report on HiAP** is a foundational achievement of the Network**.** It is the first report to attempt to capture global HiAP Practice. The Report presents a portrait of HiAP approaches and of the diversity of practice from 41 jurisdictions across the world. It contributes to the growing evidence base demonstrating a consistent set of conditions for success that support the establishment, implementation, and sustainability of HiAP within jurisdictions. The Report provides an analysis of HiAP in operation at different levels of government and different phases of practice maturity.

- ❖ The full Global Status Report and a summary version of the document are available online at https://actionsdg.ctb.ku.edu/gn-hiap/reports/.

- ❖ The Global Status Report **data collection tool** was originally distributed in **French and English,** to increase uptake among countries and regions. In recent months, the data collection tool has been **translated into Spanish** and plans are underway to collect HiAP practice data from Spanish speaking countries. This will be a valuable addition to our knowledge of global HiAP practice.

To stay informed about future GNHiAP activities and other HiAP-related activities and resources, subscribe to our distribution list at: https://actionsdg.ctb.ku.edu/about-us/gnhiap-distribution-list/.