

The results of research showed that this policies fall into a dilemma in the middle issue of human rights violations, while in the other side people need a health care without distinction on economic status. Coordination between stakeholders at the central level is not optimal yet, particularly in the policies preparation and monitoring on the policy implementation.

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Inequities in Health and the Concept of Structural Violence

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Social inequities in health are systematic, man-made, unjust and changeable. They constitute a violation of human rights - a discrimination of people with regard to income, education, and/or professional status. Peace science has formed the concept of structural violence. It is defined as socio-economic and political structures violating basic human needs. Structural violence kills, injures and halts development on a much larger scale than direct violence does. Any society where structural violence is predominant will therefore not be a peaceful one. Structural violence has also the potential of turning into social conflicts with the risk of escalation. This paper discusses the relationship between health inequities and structural violence on three different levels: Health inequities as symptom and indicator for structural violence, inequitable access to health care as one form of structural violence, and health deficits caused by violent structures as irreconcilable with health workers' values and ethics. The paper will reflect on the special role and responsibility of health professionals in the documentation and diagnosis of structural violence, in the reduction of social inequities within the health system, and in advocacy for social welfare and human rights protection. Furthermore, it will be explored how useful it is to introduce the concept of structural violence into the domain of public health.

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Access to Health Care

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Especially addressing a fair access to health care, both on national and on international level, with the aim of reducing social inequality, national legislatures must break with the tendency to go no further than declarations of intention, stipulation of national targets or, at best, statements of commitment on government level. When it comes to the application or enforcement of the law, or to any hypothetical legal claims based on the declaration of a fundamental human right to health, it is essential that this right be transposed into the law of the individual country, just as it will be necessary, as a next

step, to equip the right to health at national level with the appropriate legal mechanisms that enable the individual to assert his or her rights. At the moment, this means that neither experts working in the health care system, for whom a fundamental national right to health would be a highly significant institution with a view to the concretisation of health care provisions on the level of simple law, nor persons who wish or are compelled to take advantage of the services of the health care system, are in a position to appeal to 'hard law'. The in-depth structure of the society or of the individual state has to be adequately decrypted, modified or further developed. Currently, it is impossible for actions to be conceived in their process-related character. Everything circles around access to health care institutions.

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Health Promotion and Health Equity: The Role of Higher Education

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Ottawa Charter in 1986 has stated that health promotion is the process of enabling people to increase control over, and to improve, their health. To reach a state of complete physical mental and social wellbeing, an individual or group must be able to identify and to realize aspirations, to satisfy needs, and to change or cope with the environment. Health is, therefore, seen as a resource for everyday life, not the objective of living. Health is a positive concept emphasizing social and personal resources, as well as physical capacities. Therefore, health promotion is not just the responsibility of the health sector, but goes beyond healthy lifestyles to wellbeing. One of the five major strategies is healthy public policy that establishes the environment that makes the other four possible. Therefore, healthy public policy is a pre-requisite for successful health promotion. A Healthy Public Policy is characterized by a concern for health and equity and accountability for health impact. Health should be made a priority item on the agenda of policy-makers in all sectors. Policy-makers should be made aware of the health consequences of their decisions. They should create pro-health policies, whether in the area of development, legislation, taxation etc. Consequently, the fundamental conditions and resources for health are peace, shelter, education, food, income, a stable ecosystem, sustainable resources, social justice and equity. Improvement in health requires a secure foundation in these basic prerequisites. The paper discuss about the role of higher education in enhancing health promotion practice to reach health equity for community at large.