A joint WHO-UNHABITAT report on urban health
Closing the gap in a generation

Health equity through action on the social determinants of health

2007 KNOWLEDGE NETWORK ON URBAN SETTINGS
HIDDEN CITIES 2010

Objectives

- To create greater awareness among policy makers of the urgency to tackle health inequities in urban areas

- To elicit the magnitude of urban inequities in health and in determinants of health

- To share ‘best practice’ interventions used in different settings and contexts

- To provide tools and resources for local stakeholders to tackle health inequities
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Production and dissemination components

- Steering Committee
- Consultations with experts
- Technical Writer
- 190 contributors
- Designers and publishers
- Media
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What we MAY have done right

1) Raised awareness among decision-makers on the importance of health inequities in urban settings

2) Elicited the magnitude of health inequities in urban settings especially in low- and middle-income countries

3) Provided new tools and resources for local stakeholders to develop solutions in order to tackle health inequities

4) Created a wider partnership within development agencies to work on urban health
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What we MAY need to improve on

1. Better dissemination of the report through wider networks of professionals, media coverage

2. Sustained engagement of policy makers at the national and local levels to tackle health inequities

3. Raising the profile of urban health and health inequities within the broader global development agenda

4. Encompassing issues of interest to policy-makers in countries from all income categories: low, medium and high
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