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WHO HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES FRAMEWORK FOR COUNTRY ACTION

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LEARNING OBJECTIVE

- **Introduce and orient you on the WHO's HiAP Framework for Country Action.**
- **Acquaint you with some suggestions on how to put HiAP into action.**
- **Provide you with the opportunity to reflect on the WHO framework.**



HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE FRAMEWORK

The Framework includes the Following Components:

- Establish the need and priorities for HiAP
- Frame planned action
- Identify supportive structures and processes
- Facilitate assessment and engagement
- Ensure monitoring, evaluation, and reporting
- Build capacity

Health in All Policies (HiAP) Framework for Country Action

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1. Establish the need and priorities for HiAP

- **Begin strategic planning and prioritization process through the following key activities:**
 - ❖ **Assess** health needs, equity profile, and the health systems-related response including implications of existing policies.
 - ❖ Assess **policy, socio-economic and political** contexts.
 - ❖ Understand the **country context and the capacity** of government structures and mechanisms to limit or enhance the application of HiAP.
 - ❖ **Map governance** existing functions, and delegation of roles and responsibilities across government and partners.
 - ❖ Identify immediate, medium and long-term **priorities**.



2. Frame planned action

- **This component may include the following key activities:**
 - ❖ Identify the context and determine which HiAP implementation strategies are currently **feasible**.
 - ❖ Identify the **gaps in evidence** needed to plan, monitor and evaluate.
 - ❖ Identify the required supportive **structures and processes** for HiAP implementation.
 - ❖ Identify required human and **financial resources**.
 - ❖ Identify supportive **accountability framework and mechanisms**.

3. Identify supportive structures and processes

- This component may include the following key activities:
 - ❖ Identify the **lead agent** to manage, adapt, account for, and take forward HiAP approach on a given issue and function.
 - ❖ Consider **opportunities and entry points** for HiAP.
 - ❖ Build on **supportive accountability mechanisms** that can be applied to different sectors, including auditing, access to information, and disclosure and transparency.

4. Facilitate assessment and engagement

- This component may include the following key activities:
 - ❖ Assess the **health impacts** of the existing and proposed policies.
 - ❖ Assess the **vulnerability profiles** and identify key groups and communities likely to be impacted by existing or proposed policies.
 - ❖ Identify **stakeholders** who can influence the decision-making and/or policy implementation process.
 - ❖ Explore **available mechanisms for scrutiny** within the legislative process. For example, public hearing and consultations, and issue-based groups and coalitions within legal system.

5. Ensure monitoring, evaluation, and reporting

- This component may include the following key activities:
 - ❖ Start early planning for monitoring and evaluation.
 - ❖ Identify specific priority focus areas, and establish the baseline, targets, and indicators as appropriate.
 - ❖ Carry out monitoring and evaluation activities according to agreed schedules.
 - ❖ Disseminate lessons learned in order to provide feedback for future policy and strategy rounds.



6. Build capacity

- **This component may include the following key activities:**
 - ❖ Support **health professionals** in acquiring the requisite knowledge and skills.
 - ❖ Build **institutional capacity** including workforce capacity.
 - ❖ Build **research capacity** as well as strengthen teaching and research collaboration across sectors.
 - ❖ Build **capacity in other ministries**, ensuring that they have proper guidance concerning health impacts.
 - ❖ Build **community capacity** by supporting the ability of community members to fully participate in the HiAP process.

GROUP WORK

- **Building on the first group work exercise:**

- ❖ Think of the goal and target you have discussed earlier



- ❖ Select a moderator and rapporteur

- ❖ Try to figure out the following:

- How can we initiate to apply HiAP to address this target?
- What can be the added value?
- What are the challenges and barriers we should take in account?

THANK YOU

