

CRITICAL ISSUES IN THE DEFINITION OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WHO FOR THE PERIOD 2006-20015



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OUTLINE

- Critical Issues in Global Health
- Critical Issues in Global Health Governance
- Critical Issues in Defining the Roles and Responsibilities of WHO in the Next Ten Years



CRITICAL ISSUES IN GLOBAL HEALTH



Issue 1: Improving Quality of Life

- No linear progression in health gain
 - Drop in life expectancy
 - Growth in Poverty
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Non communicable diseases
- Need to curtail the new epidemics and generalized health risks
 - Violence
 - Alcohol ,Tobacco and Drugs
 - Obesity
 - Road Safety
 - Environmental degradation



Issue 2: Reducing Inequities in Health

- Profound and avoidable disparities in health status
- Considerable inequities in access to health services
- Regressive patterns in health financing (out of pocket expenditures)



Issue 3: Attaining the MDGs

- Centrality of health in the development agenda
- Health related MDGs as tracers of the performance of the health systems and of the nature of investments in development
- Key areas where there is considerable room for improvement in global health
 - Child health
 - Maternal health
 - AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria
 - Hunger and malnutrition
 - Water and sanitation
 - Access to essential drugs



Issue 4: Contributing to Human Security

- Reducing Global Public Health Risks
- Epidemic Alert and Response
- Health and Migration
- Humanitarian Crisis, Conflict and Global Security
- Promoting Healthy Environments
- Better Health, Better Governance
- Health, Human Development, Access to Opportunities



Issue 5: Advancing Health as a Human Right

- Reducing Discrimination
- Fostering Equal Treatment
- Combating stigmatization
- Guaranteeing access to services regardless of ability to pay



CRITICAL ISSUES IN GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE



Issue 6: Building a Consensus on the Global Collective Intentionality in Health

- Developing New Global Health Covenants, Charters and Conventions
- Advancing the Notion of Global Public Health Goods
- Prioritizing Collaborative Endeavors for Improving Health Outcomes and Reducing Health Risks (Calls for Action)
- Supporting Efforts for Attaining Social Protection in Health Beyond the Realm of the Nation-States



Issue 7: Developing a Strong Global Public Health Movement and Leadership

- Articulating Multiple Stakeholders for Actions in the Name of Health
 - Government
 - Civil Society
 - Academia
 - Professional Associations
 - Industry
- Fostering the convergence of global, regional, subregional and national health agendas



Issue 8: Increasing Harmonization and Alignment in International Cooperation in Health

- Articulating the Different Mechanisms of International Cooperation in Health in support of National Health Development Processes
- Tracking and Rationalizing the Flow of External Resources Going into Health
- Contributing to Effective Multilateralism



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Issue 9: Setting Norms and Standards

- Example of Global Public Health Goods
- Consensus building around sound evidence
- Binding or non binding?
- Purely Normative Role or Enforcing Powers as Well ?
- International Health Regulations
- An Intergovernmental or a Supranational Function?



Issue 10: How directly involved should WHO be in Humanitarian Action and Relief?

- Health in Crisis: a Growing Reality.
- Emphasis on Preparedness
- Articulating with Other UN Agencies and Other Interested Parties
- Support National Efforts for Coordination and Action or Direct Involvement in Relief Operations

Issue 11: Building Institutional Capacity at Country Level

- Identifying Bottlenecks for National Health Development
- Centering Efforts in Developing Institutional Capacity for Advancing the National, Subregional, Regional and Global Health Agendas
- Fostering Sustainable Solutions (Financially and from the Human Capital standpoint)
- Developing Capacity in Planning and Managing International Health Cooperation



Issue 12: Promoting the Right Investments in Health

- Investing with high returns in terms of health outcomes and quality of life
- Increasing the Flow of Internal and External Resources Going into Health
- Scaling up Health Systems
- Investing in Global Public Goods
- Articulating Financial Cooperation and Technical Cooperation
- Playing a Leadership Role in Partnerships and Coordination

