Health reporting in the WHO European Region

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53 Member States  900 million population
• “Health information” refers to all information, data and evidence that determines health and facilitates policy-making.
• The activities necessary to obtain health information and bring this information into the health policy-making process can be described as “public health monitoring and reporting”.
• The term “health information system” includes all activities and resources related to public health monitoring and reporting. It also includes some less tangible elements necessary for operating a HIS, such as governance mechanisms and legal frameworks, interinstitutional relationships and values.

The European Health Information Initiative is committed to improving information on which policy is based, and ultimately to integrating and harmonising health information in Europe.
EHII participants: 30 and growing

Austria
Belgium
Czechia
Finland
Georgia
Italy
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Latvia
Lithuania
Malta
Netherlands
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russian Federation
Slovenia
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
European Health for All family of databases

- for international comparisons of health and well-being
- tradition of reporting by Member States (MS) since 1980s
- MS-reported indicators or other UN agency sources
- Aim to reduce burden of reporting – collect only internationally-agreed data for monitoring and reporting on health and well-being

Three major frameworks – overlapping indicators

HEALTH 2020

- 17 goals
- 6 targets
- 37 indicators
- 19 core
- 18 additional

THE GLOBAL GOALS

- 169 targets
- Over 200 indicators
- (26 indicators under SDG3)

GLOBAL ACTION PLAN

- 9 targets
- 25 indicators
The SDGs and Health 2020 are very well aligned

76% alignment of indicators between H2020 and SDGs

Alignment of H2020 and SDG indicators

76% of H2020 indicators (28/37) align thematically with SDGs

- Alcohol
- Educational attainment
- Health expenditure
- Household consumption
- Mortality
- Reducing income inequality
- Sanitation
- Smoking
- Social support
- TB treatment
- Unemployment
- Vaccination
European Health for All explorer

gateway.euro.who.int/hfa-explorer

Health information in WHO European Region (aspects of quantitative indicators)

Data and information

“what information is needed to measure impact of policy?”

Reported and confirmed by Member States, validated by WHO

Collected from other UN agencies

Integration and dissemination

gateway.euro.who.int

European Health statistics mobile app

Analysis and HIS strengthening
Practical challenges

- Counterparts of WHO are Ministries of Health
  - National Statistical Offices are one of stakeholders and sources in Health Information System
  - Institute of Public Health is the quality assurer and interpreter of health statistics
- Member States demand reduced burden of reporting → joint monitoring framework
- Data sources essential for health monitoring often operated outside health sector (eg. CRVS)
- Indicator definitions used by international organizations not always the same → need for harmonization of indicators
- Different geographic coverage of countries by UN agencies and other organizations (Eurostat, OECD) → need for coordination
"Without data you’re just another person with an opinion."

- W. Edwards Deming,
Data Scientist

Thank you
Спасибо
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