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Summary Report of the National Workshop on Advice on Intersectoral Tools for Health: Health impact assessment

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Disease Prevention

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Summary report

The General Directorate of Public Health, Quality and Innovation of the Spanish Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality (MSSSI) organized, as a partner of the Equity Action project, the **National Workshop: Advice on Intersectoral Tools for Health: Health impact assessment**.

This workshop was framed in the Work Package 4 of the Equity Action "Tools to improve the health equity focus in cross government policy making".

The workshop took place the **13th and 14th of February 2014** in Madrid, at the MSSSI (Programme in Annex 1). There were 35 participants, all of them from the public health sector. They came from the regional level (27 professionals) and the national level (7 professionals).

The technical guidance of the workshop was ensured by Dr. Orielle Solar who is now working as a Research Director of the Employment, Health, Work and Equity Programme at FLACSO Chile.

Workshop Objectives:

- To understand the role and importance of intersectoral action/health in all policies approach on the design of interventions on social determinants of health, and its integration on the health plans.
- To analyze different intersectoral models and their contribution to the reduction of health inequities.
- To analyze tools and indicators for intersectoral work, such as health impact assessment.

Methodology

The methodology was based on theoretical sessions on the core contents, with debate spaces about the presentations, participants discussion and work in groups around some specific activities.

The two tools on intersectoral action which were used at the workshop are available in Spanish at annex 2 and 3.

The workshop development aimed to deepen on the knowledge through the discussion about selected experiences, and to organize a collective synthesis on the key contents developed at the workshop.

We had also the opportunity of presenting, sharing and discussing the case studies on Health Impact Assessment carried out by the two Spanish partners of the Equity Action that participated in WP4: the Basque Government and the General Directorate of



Public Health, Quality and Innovation of the Spanish Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality.

Workshop evaluation:

A workshop evaluation form was completed by the participants (30 of 36 completed it). The workshop was valued **positively with 7.8 points** on a scale of 1 to 10.

The design and objectives of the workshop, the teaching methodology, the documentation provided and the usefulness of the acquired knowledge has been classified as excellent or good by 75% or more of the participants (from the 4 eligible categories: excellent/good/fair/deficient).

Regarding the length of the workshop, 59% of the participants considered it as appropriate.

The trainer received also positive comments with a 9.5 score for her level of knowledge, 7.9 for her training methodology and 9.1 for the attention she gave to the participants, on a scale of 1 to 10.

When asked to the participants what they liked the most about the workshop the most common answer was: the specific tools to assess Intersectorality that were presented. Also participants highlighted the interest of the topic and the work carried out in the “work in group” sessions. Regarding the areas for improvement one mentioned by various participants was the length of the workshop (requesting for more time). It was also proposed to do it more practical with less theory, by sharing more experiences.

Regarding the suggestions that were done by the participants, a remarkable one was the proposal of organizing similar seminars at the local level to work with other health sectors. They argued it would be interesting to replicate it in the regions.

Conclusions:

This national workshop on “Advice on Intersectoral Tools for Health: Health impact assessment” will contribute to the development of actions to move forward health and equity in all policies.

Specifically, we are confident it will have an impact on the implementation of the Spanish National Strategy on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention which is now a national political priority. This Strategy was approved the last 18th of December by the National Health System Interterritorial Council². We are currently working on the

² The National Health System Interterritorial Council is the body responsible for the coordination, cooperation and liaison among the central and regional (Autonomous Communities) health administrations, and is formed by the Minister of Health, Social Services and Equality and the Regional Ministries of Health of the Autonomous Communities.



implementation process in which we have the goal of including the health equity and social determinants of health approach, since equity was established as one of the key principles of the strategy.

For an effective and equitable implementation of this strategy, we are absolutely convinced of the need of integrating intersectoral action at all the implementation levels (national, regional and local).

In this sense, having practical tools and sharing good practices and experiences such as the ones presented by Orielle Solar and shared by other participants are really useful for us.



Annex 1. Workshop Programme

Programme

13th February (Thursday)			
Schedule	Title	Contents	Responsible
16:00 16:20	Presentation of the Equity Action and the screening tool for health impact assessment of national policies.	Presentation of the Equity Action and The screening tool for health impact assessment of national policies, which has been developed in the WP4 of the Equity Action.	Health Promotion Area
16.20 16.40	Integration of the health lens in the sustainable development strategy of Basque country region	Presntation of the process of Integration of the health lens in the sustainable development strategy of Basque country region; this work has also been developed in the WP4 of the Equity Action	Maite Morteruel
16:40 17:15	Building intersectoral action or Health in All Policies from the Social Determinants of Health (SDH) and equity perspective	Review Intersectoral action definitions, the various described typologies, its relationship with the SDH and the requirements for contributing to equity. Highlighting examples from other countries.	Orielle Solar
17:15 18:00	Discussion	Space for debate and discussion on the presented concepts.	

Viernes 14 Febrero			
Horario	Title	Contents	Responsible
9.00 09:40	Analyzing various models for building intersectoral action	Characteristics of the various models and the effectiveness of intersectoral action.	Orielle Solar
09:40 10:20	Health impact assessment as a tool on development	Examples, problems and strengths analysis.	Orielle Solar
10:20 10:40	Discussion	Space for debate and discussion on the presented concepts.	
10:40 11:00	BREAK		
11:00 12:00	Workshop (part 1): Intersectoral action and social participation in SDH interventions	Support guide to reflect on the nature of intersectoral action and social participation developed in health sector interventions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An example of health impact assessment • An example of a comprehensive policy: the childhood • An example from local and regional level • An example on addressing non communicable diseases 	Work in groups
12:00 13:00	Workshop (part 2):	Group discussion	Work in groups



13:00 13:30	Plenary	Presentation of the results of the working teams and discussion. Key recommendations.	Orielle Solar
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Annex 2. Checklist tool for grades of intersectoral actions

Area	Preguntas	Items	Grados de intersectorialidad			
			Infor	Coope	Coordi	Integ
MODO DE GESTION	¿Qué se comparte?	Comparten e Intercambian información	X	X	X	X
		Comparten actividades y recursos (Crosby 2005)		X	X	X
		Comparten poder y capacidades (Crosby 2005)			X	XX
		Comparten autoridad (Crosby 2005)				X
MODO DE GESTION	Cuándo y cómo se da el trabajo conjunto ?	El trabajo conjunto es incidental o reactivo a algún problema o situación	X			
		El trabajo conjunto deja de ser solo incidental o reactivo , sino que se traduce en acciones orientadas a problemas o prioridades comunes	X	XX		
		El trabajo conjunto se da principalmente en la implementación	X	XX		
		El trabajo conjunto está en el proceso de formulación, implementación y evaluación. Existiendo momentos e instancias específicas para ello. Por ejemplo, existe una planificación conjunta que se traduce en planes y presupuesto de cada sector, aunque no sea un plan único que integre todos los sectores		X	XX	
MODO DE GESTION	Qué pasa con ese trabajo conjunto ?	El trabajo conjunto está en el proceso de formulación, implementación y evaluación de trabajo a través del todo ciclo de la política, sin una instancia específica para ello , sino que dada la magnitud del mandato y su alto nivel político, las orientaciones son para el conjunto de los sectores más allá de los espacios formales de encuentro.				X
		El trabajo conjunto significa un ajuste de políticas y programas de cada sector.		X	XX	XXX
		Apunta a un trabajo más horizontal entre los sectores			X	X
		Hay pérdida de autonomía entre los sectores e interdependencia para el desarrollo del programa o política.			X	XX
PROPOSITO	Propósito u objetivo del trabajo conjunto	Busca la eficiencia de las acciones de cada sector		X	X	X
		Busca la eficacia de la acciones de cada sector			X	X
		Hay un objetivo social común, que no responde solamente a la necesidad particular de un sector, y que puede reorientar parte de sus actividades.			X	X
		Hay una objetivo social común, que se traduce en una nueva política (formulación, concepción y origen) que representa las necesidades del conjunto de los sectores involucrados.(la intersectorialidad se materializa en el nuevo diseño o contenido del programa o política)				X
MODO DE ORGANIZACION	Cuál es el modo de financiamiento	Hay un objetivo social común que se restringe a que los servicios o prestaciones de cada sector lleguen a un mismo grupo de personas, familias o territorios. (la intersectorialidad se materializa en la unidad de intervención misma)		XX	X	
		Se crean nuevas estructuras formales para el trabajo conjunto	X	X	X	X
		No se utilizan estructuras formales sino que se utilizan instancias informales o procesos para el trabajo conjunto, por ejemplos mesas de trabajo	X	X	X	X
		Existe un presupuesto adicional y específico para el trabajo Intersectorialidad				X
MODO DE FINANCIAMIENTO	Cuál es el modo de financiamiento	No existe un presupuesto específico para el trabajo intersectorial, solo es redistribución de recursos de cada sector	X	X	X	
		Existe una fuente de financiamiento central para las acciones comunes				X
		Cada sector aporta recursos a un fondo común para financiar las acciones comunes			X	X
		Cada sector aporta recursos para financiar las actividades comprometidas de su sector en esas acciones comunes. No existen recursos específicos para dicho programa , aunque pueden haber fondos para campañas puntuales o programadas.	X	X	X	

Orielle Solar. Febrero 2014.



Annex 3. Tool for opportunities and weaknesses for intersectoral action

<i>Instrumento para identificar oportunidades y debilidades para la ampliación y el fortalecimiento del trabajo intersectorial.</i>				
	Criterios de intervenciones intersectoriales para la equidad en salud	Descripción	Casos HiAP	Complete
Condiciones de Inicio	Voluntad política para el desarrollo de HiAP	YES	X	
		NO		
	Apertura a mandatos internacionales	YES	x	
		NO		
	Estructura formal o informal para el encuentro y negociación entre los sectores	YES	X	
		NO		
Aspectos claves para la implementación	Vision de salud predominante en el sector salud.	Cercano a una visión social de la salud	X	
		Cercano a una visión de ausencia de enfermedad		
	Grados o intensidad de trabajo conjunto entre los sectores : Información - coordinación-cooperación - integración	Integración	x	
		Cooperación – coordinación	x	
		Informativa		
	Niveles administrativos de Gobierno involucrados	Todos los niveles de Gobierno	X	
		Solo nacional o federal		
		Solo a nivel local		
	Cómo es conceptualizada en el programa la participación social	Busca una participación representativa y transformadora	x	
		Participación Representativa	x	
		Participación solo nominal o instrumental		
		No existe canales de participación social		
Aspectos claves en el abordaje de la equidad (contenido o diseño de la intervención)	Acción intersectorial a través de todos sectores de Gobierno	Todos los sectores	X	
		No todos los sectores pero incluye algunos sectores de mayor dificultad (area económica e industria)		
		No todos, solamente los win-win sectors , como los del ámbito social.		
	Equidad es una meta u objetivo explícito de la intervención intersectorial.	YES	X	
		NO		
	Principal enfoque de equidad utilizado	Gradiente – brechas	X	
		Grupos Vulnerables		
	Abordaje los Determinantes Sociales de la Salud	Se centra en temas estructurales o los incluye como aspectos central , es decir aborda intervenciones para la redistribución del poder (Determinantes Sociales estructurales)	X	
		Se centra en los temas de condiciones de vida y de trabajo (Determinantes Sociales intermediarios).	x	
		Se centra en los temas de acceso y factores de riesgo para la salud o enfermedades (Determinantes sociales downstream e intermediarios)		
		No los incluye o su mayor énfasis está en el acceso a los servicios.		
	Aproximación de cobertura utilizada (Enfoque de Derechos)	Universal	x	
Focalizada				
Mixta (Universal proporcional o selectiva)		X		



	Criterios de intervenciones intersectoriales para la equidad en salud	Descripción		Casos HiAP	Complete	
Aspectos claves para la sustentabilidad	Mandatos , estructura , organización y presupuesto	Estructura formal o informal de trabajo	YES	X		
			NO			
	Herramientas o mecanismos para fortalecer el intercambio entre los sectores.	Presupuesto integrado o recursos compartidos		YES	X	
				NO		
		Información sólida para el análisis de equidad y para monitorizar y evaluar HiAP		YES	X	
				NO		
	Conocimiento y habilidades de los interesados y funcionarios de los sectores	Uso de evaluación de impacto en salud con enfoque de equidad		YES	X	
				NO		
		Personal con apropiado entrenamiento en salud pública y habilidades de negociación.		YES	X	
				NO		
	Un buen conocimiento de quehacer político y de la estructura existente para ello.		YES	X		
			NO			

Observaciones :

Trabajo de Grupo : Instrumento para la identificación de oportunidades y debilidades para el desarrollo de HiAP. Febrero 2014 . Versión modificada para trabajo de grupo. O. Solar.