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Gender Equality and Health Indicators in the Americas

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1. Mandates



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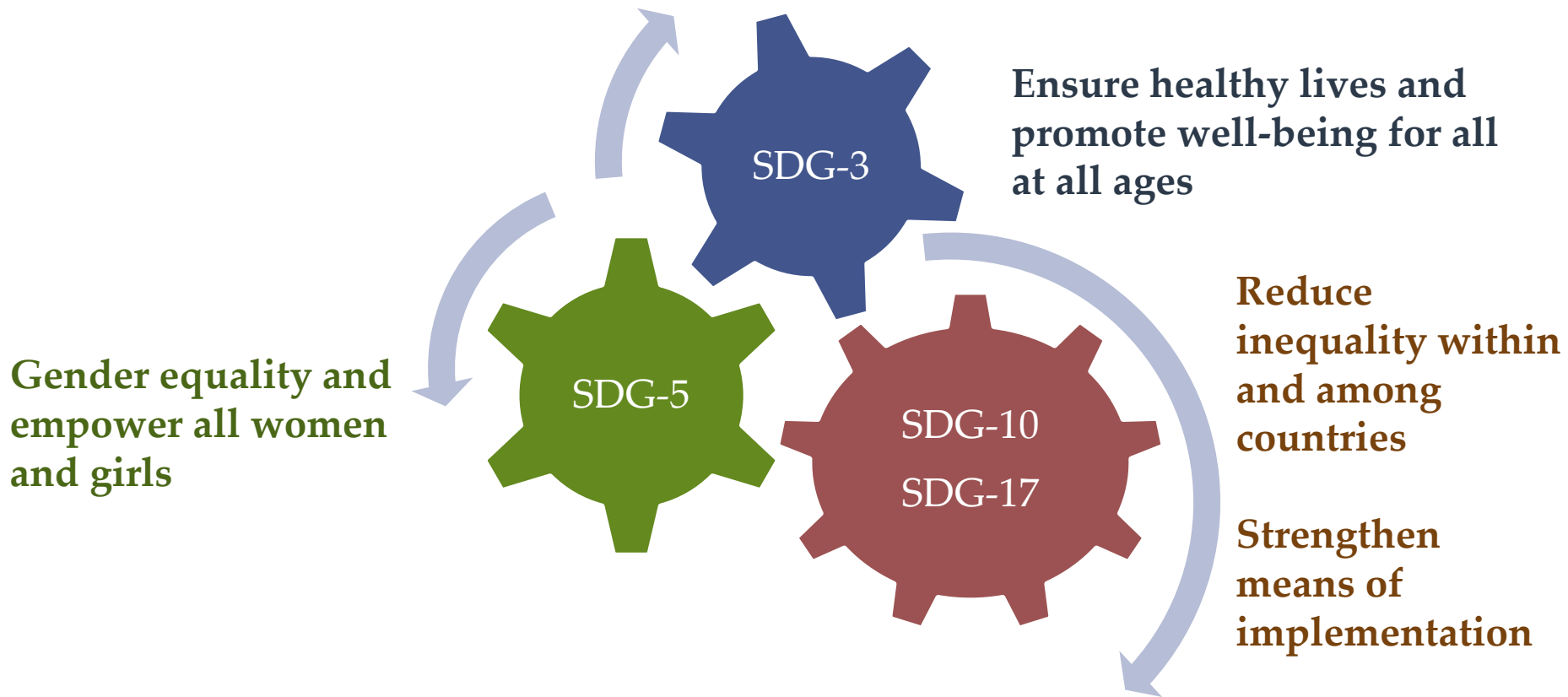
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Multiple mandates

- **PAHO Gender Equality Policy: Evidence building; capacity strengthening**
- **Strategy for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage**
- **Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health (2016-2030)**
- **PAHO Regional Plan for the Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics**
- **PAHO Resolution 'Addressing the causes of disparities in health service access and utilization for LGBT persons'**
- **The SDGs: Goal 3 and beyond...**

The SDGs: Integrated and indivisible



Linkages:

SDGs; Gender Equality Policy; Universal Health

SDG/Target	PAHO	
	GEP Resolution	Universal health resolution
3.7, 5.6 ...universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services...		d) ...providing universal access to comprehensive, quality, progressively expanded health services that are consistent with health needs, system capacities, and the national context...
3.8 Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection...		h) advance toward eliminating direct payment ...a barrier to access at the point of service, avoiding impoverishment and exposure to catastrophic expenditures
5.4 Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work...	c) include, as appropriate, in the National Health Accounts indicators for the unremunerated time devoted by men and women to health care in the home...	
10.2 ...empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status		j) ...empowerment of people and communities ... in order for them to take an active role in policy-making, in actions to identify and address health inequities...
10.3 Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard	d) incorporate a gender equality perspective, as appropriate, in the development, monitoring,	
17.18 ...increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts	b) generate and analyze data disaggregated by sex and other relevant variables;	



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2. Objectives and premises



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Objectives

- **Operationalize synergies between SDGs and gender and health mandates in proposed indicators**
 - Simplify indicator development and monitoring process for countries
 - Promote accountability for advances on gender equality in health
 - Identify a set of indicators that will measure the structural causes of inequities in health to inform transformative responses

- **Accelerate strengthening of health information systems to monitor advances in gender equality in health**
 - Institutionalize collection and analysis of data on structural causes of inequalities
 - Promote intersectorial approaches to health information (Gender Equality Observatory: proposal of one key indicator)
 - Make visible diversity and intersectionality visible (needs of diverse populations)



Premises

- **A cohesive 'set' of indicators that together refer to key aspects of gender equality and health**
 - Common understanding of an indicator and its relationship to others
- **Clarity in what, how and why to measure**
 - Monitoring health disparities in access to health services linked to gender inequalities
 - Measuring the response from the health systems (and others) to disparities and inequities in health
 - Measuring the advances toward gender equality in health
 - Disaggregated data (sex, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, geographical location/subnational level)
- **Utility**
 - Regional / policy making relevance
 - Technically viable



3. Process



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Process

Selection of
key indicator
to present to
NWMs



Conceptual
framework on
gender equality
and health
updated

Basic and core
indicators for
monitoring
advances on
gender equality
in health
selected

Validation and
technical
refinement of
indicators at
regional,
subregional and
national levels

Generation of
indicators,
analysis, and use
of information

Where we
are now



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4. Conceptual framework



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Review of diverse conceptual frameworks

1. HEALTH STATUS				
Well-being	Illness, Injury and Health-related States	Human Function	Sexual and Reproductive Health	Life Expectancy and Death
Key Gender Equality and Equity Issues				
2. DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH				
Environmental Factors	Socioeconomic Factors	Gender-Based Violence	Social and Community Factors	Household Factors
				Health-related Mediators: Health Behaviours and Psychosocial Factors
Key Gender Equality and Equity Issues				
3. HEALTH SYSTEM PERFORMANCE				
Accessibility	Effectiveness	Cost		
Availability	Service/Program Effectiveness	Technical Efficiency		
Affordability	Safety	Allocative Efficiency		
Service Access	Appropriateness	Sustainability		
Acceptability/Responsiveness	Continuity/Continuous			
		Competence/Capability		
Key Gender Equality and Equity Issues				
4. COMMUNITY AND STRUCTURAL FAC				
Economic Resources	Human Settlement	Governance		
Key Gender Equality and Equity Issues				

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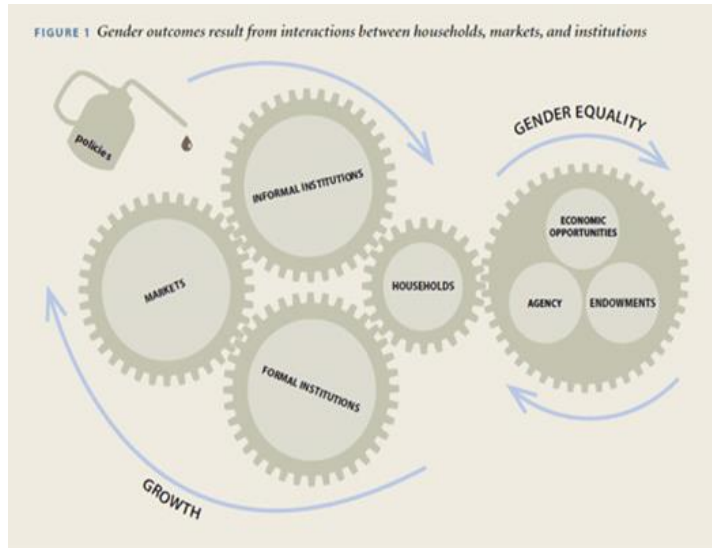
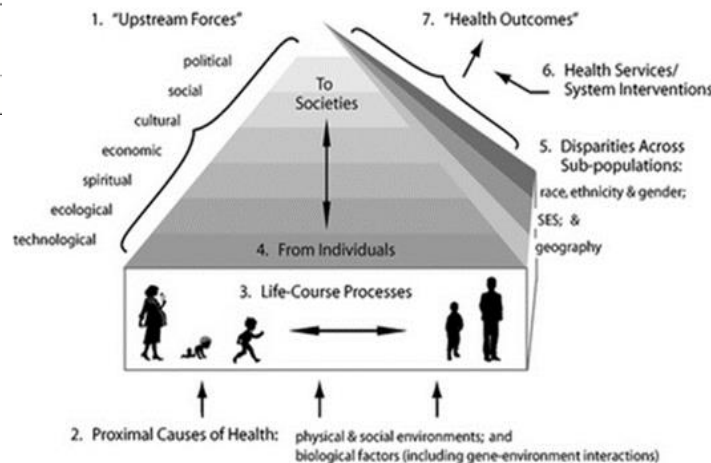
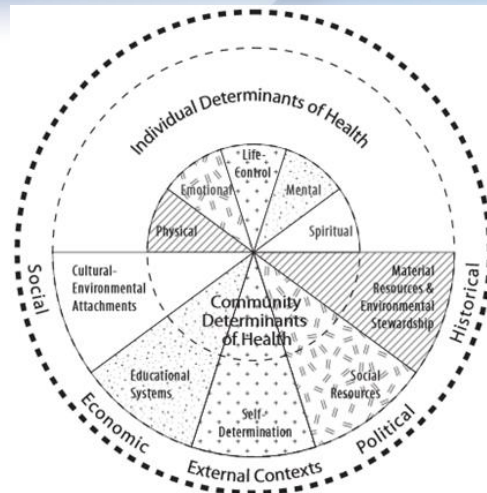


FIGURE 1 Gender outcomes result from interactions between households, markets, and institutions

Proposed domains

Health Status :

- Demographics and Life Expectancy
- Physical and Mental Health & Morbidity
- Risk Factors or Life Styles
- Gender-based Violence
- Mortality

Social determinants of health:

- Educational Achievement, Income and Income Distribution
- Paid and Unpaid Work
- Social Conditions for Sexual and Reproductive Health

Proposed domains (cont)

Health systems performance:

- Access to Health Services
- Universal Coverage

Governance and sustainable development:

- Education Systems
- Environmental Degradation
- Infrastructure
- Legal Frameworks
- Political Equality



5. Initially proposed indicators



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Initially proposed indicators (to be validated)

Domain 1: Health Status

	Basic Indicators	Core
1	Adolescent fertility rate (ages 10-19),	✓
2	Incidence and/or prevalence (or deaths) of select NCDs (to be determined)	✓
3	Incidence and/or prevalence (or deaths) of HIV	
4	Women and men who have experienced physical or sexual violence by current or former partner during the last year	✓
5	Healthy life expectancy at age 60	✓
6	Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births)	✓
7	Refugee or migrant population (as relevant) by country or territory of origin	
8	Self-reported health status	
9	Self-reported mental health status	✓
10	Incidence and/or prevalence of obesity, overweight	
11	Suicide deaths	

Initially proposed indicators (to be validated) (contd.)

Domain 2: Social Determinants of health

	Basic Indicators	Core
1	Access to income earned	
2	Average number of hours spent on paid and unpaid work combined	✓
3	Highest level of education achieved by adults (over 19 years)	✓
4	Unmet need for contraception (% of married women ages 15-49)(prevalence of use)	✓
5	Women and girls aged under 15 to 19 years who are mothers, by age group	✓
6	Comparison of average income/wages earned	
7	Average number of hours spent on unpaid health care work, by sex and tasks	
8	Decent employment (i.e., not precarious, seasonal or informal) compare to total employed	

Initially proposed indicators (to be validated) (contd.)

Domain 3: Health System Performance

	Basic Indicators	Core
1	Women and men with no access to sexual and reproductive health services	✓
2	Deferred required health treatment due to cost, by type of health service	✓
3	<u>Out-of-pocket health expenditure (% of private expenditure on health, % of cost of service.% catastrophic)</u>	✓
4	Proportion of health workforce (doctors, nurses, midwives, dental practitioners, pharmacists), by sex of employee and decision-making authority	✓
5	Pregnant women receiving appropriate prenatal care (at least 4 antenatal visits in the first trimester)	✓
6	Community mental health service use per 1,000 population (or treatment of severe illness)	
7	Obstetric violence – inappropriate interventions, including verbal and mental abuse to women during perinatal care	
8	Health expenditure on public health (% of total health expenditure)	

Initially proposed indicators (to be validated)

Domain 4: Governance and Sustainable Development

	Basic Indicators	Core
1	Curriculum for sexual education is integrated in school systems	
2	School attendance-primary, secondary and tertiary schools	✓
3	Basic drinking water, by urban/rural	✓
4	Availability of safe, legal abortions (legal framework and location of services)	✓
5	Proportion of seats held by women, minorities in national/local parliaments	✓
6	Centre-based full- and part-time day child care for age 0-5 and % of children aged 0-5 for whom there is a regulated child care space	
7	Proportion of households with poor air quality / using biofuels for cooking and heating	
8	Secure rights to land, measured by (i) documented rights to land, and (ii) feeling safe from arbitrary dispossession of land	



6. Next steps



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- Validation of basic and core indicators at regional, sub-regional and national levels
- Technical development and alignment
- Agreements for producing the selected indicators regularly
- Continue strengthening capacities for analysis and use in policy making and monitoring

Thank you

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