



The World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Advancing Health in All Policies Implementation

FACT SHEET

➤ DEFINITION

A World Health Organization Collaborating Centre (WHO CC) is an institution designated by the WHO Director-General to form part of an international collaborative network carrying out activities in support of the Organization's programmes at all levels. WHO gains access to top centres worldwide and the institutional capacity to support its work and ensure the scientific validity of global health work.

➤ THE WHO CC ON ADVANCING HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES IMPLEMENTATION

Health in All Policies (HiAP) is a proven methodology that catalyses cross-sectoral collaboration, to deliver joined-up public policy for improved health and wellbeing outcomes. The HiAP approach works to deliver co-benefits for the health sector, other areas of government, and ultimately to the South Australian community. The Health Determinants and Policy team (formerly known as the Health in All Policies Unit) has been responsible for this work in South Australia since its inception in 2007.

The Department for Health and Wellbeing was designated as a WHO CC on 2 September 2019. This recognises both a long history of successful HiAP activity, and collaboration between the WHO and DHW. The designation further provides a formal framework for future joint activities. Under a collaboratively developed and approved four year work plan, the Health Determinants and Policy Team in Wellbeing SA will implement a series of concrete activities that have been designed to contribute to the below priority areas:

- *Increase capabilities for action on the determinants of health and health equity through Health in All Policies approaches.*
- *Contribute to the knowledge base on the critical success factors for collaborative practices to enhance systems for health.*
- *Support WHO in strengthening the alignment between the determinants of health and the Sustainable Development Goals to drive collaborative action on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Agenda.*
- *Support WHO to strengthen research to policy translation on the determinants of health to increase evidence-based strategies for prevention and population health.*

In delivering the work plan, the WHO HiAP CC will draw on South Australia's ongoing HiAP work and subsequently translate the approach and outcomes for the national and international context.

➤ WHO COLLABORATING CENTRES IN CONTEXT

The WHO CCs have been in place since the founding of the Organization. Currently the World Health Organization has over 800 WHO CCs located in over 80 Member States.

The WHO Collaborating Centres (WHO CCs) are a highly valued mechanism of cooperation in which relevant institutions are designated by WHO to support the implementation and achievement of the Organization's planned strategic objectives at the regional and global levels; enhancing the scientific validity of its global health work; as well as developing and strengthening institutional capacity in countries and regions.

The Centres provide expert advice and technical guidance to WHO on a diverse range of activities such as undertaking research, collecting data, drafting reports, participating in WHO missions, delivering capacity building programmes, providing expert consultation, and developing guidelines.

Designation as a WHO Collaborating Centre provides institutions with enhanced visibility and recognition by national authorities, calling public attention to the health issues on which they work. It opens up improved opportunities for them to exchange information and develop technical cooperation with other institutions, in particular at international level, and to mobilise additional resources.

➤ NETWORKS OF WHO COLLABORATING CENTRES

WHO Collaborating Centres are encouraged to develop working relations with other centres and national institutions recognized by WHO, in particular by setting up or joining collaborative networks with the WHO's support. This includes opportunities to connect with internationally recognised health networks.

➤ FIND THE CENTRES

The WHO Collaborating Centres Database is the official source of information about the WHO Collaborating Centres worldwide. It can be accessed at: <http://www.who.int/whocc/>

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