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#### **Determinants of Health**

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#### objectives

By the end of this lecture students will be able to:

- Understand the spectrum of health in relation to health and sickness
- Define; health, disease, illness and wellbeing
- Define and understand the detriments of health; biological, behavioral, socio and cultural, environmental, socioeconomic, health services, and aging and gender
- Understand the concepts of "right to health " and "health for all"



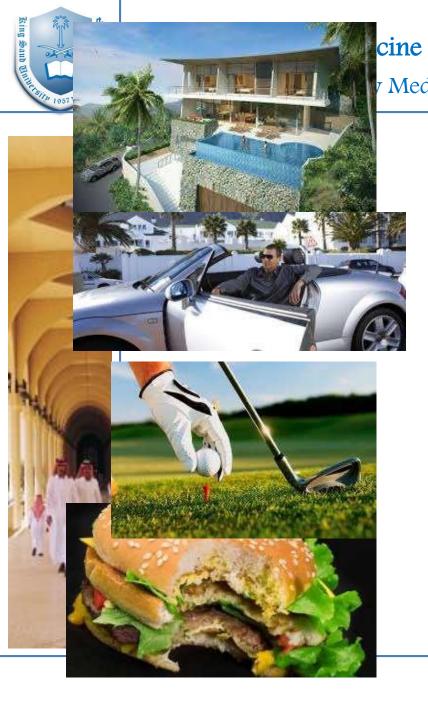
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# What is Determinants of Health?







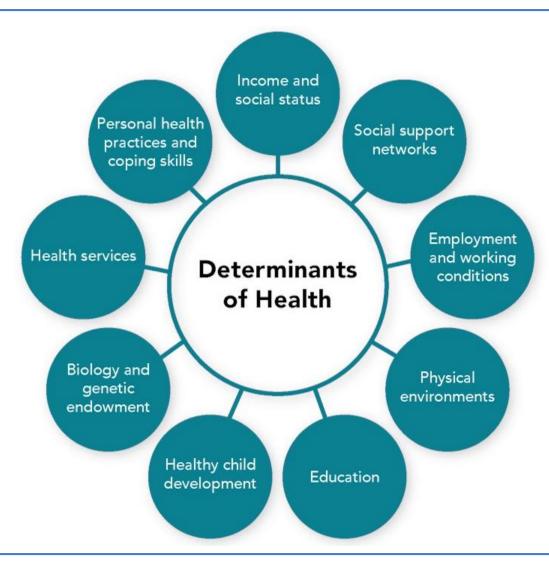


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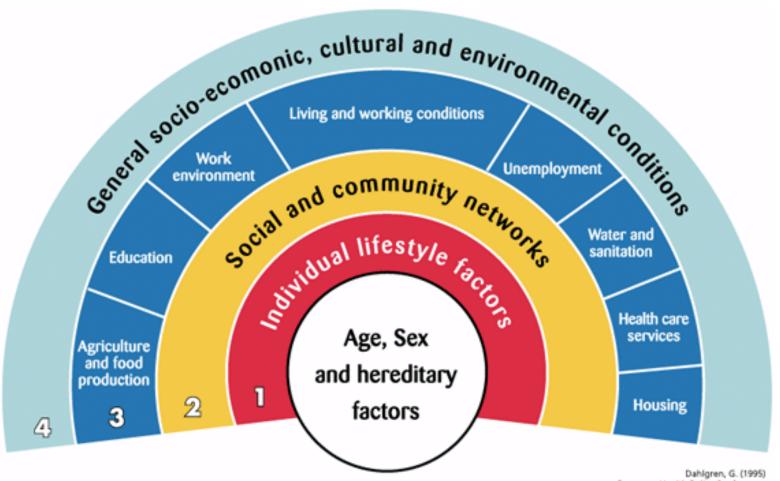


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### Spectrum of health

- Health is a dynamic
- phenomenon

 Transition is often gradual, and where one state ends and other begins is a matter of judgment **POSITIVE HEALTH** 

BETTER HEALTH

FREEDOM FROM SICKNESS

UNRECOGNIZED SICKNESS

MILD SICKNESS

SEVERE SICKNESS

DEATH



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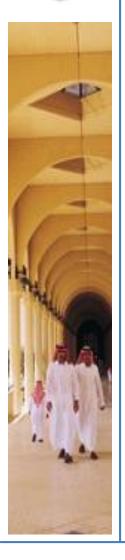


### Ecology of health

- Ecology derived from the greek word 'oikos' meaning a house
- Human ecosystem includes
  - Natural environment
  - Man-made environment (physical, chemical, biological, psychological)
- According to this concept, health seen as an equilibrium between man and his environment

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### Environment affects health?

- Urbanization
- Industrialization
- Deforestation
- Dams and canals

Examples: Malaria, Filariasis, Schistosomiasis, Bhopal gas tragedy, Chernobyl nuclear accident



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### Importance of ecology

- Ecological considerations should be built into planning of prevention of disease
- Important for control of disease like malaria, filariasis, cholera, etc.

The greatest improvement in human health can be achieved through understanding environmental factors

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### **Definitions**

- Objective
  - Standard of living/ Level of living
- Subjective
  - Quality of life







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### Objective definitions

#### **Standard of Living**

- As per WHO
  - income
  - occupation
  - housing
  - sanitation
  - nutrition
  - health
  - education
  - recreation and other service

#### **Level of Living**

- As per United Nations
  - occupation
  - housing
  - food consumption
  - health
  - education
  - social security
  - clothing
  - recreation and leisure
  - human rights



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### Subjective definition

#### **Quality of Life**

- As per WHO
- Factors that determine
  - health
  - happiness
  - education
  - social and intellectual attainments
  - freedom of action
  - justice
  - freedom of expression







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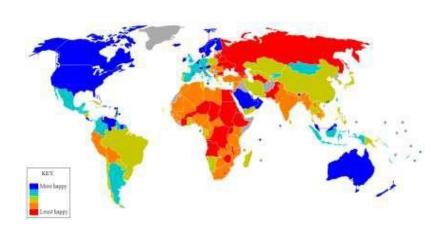




### Physical Quality of Life Index (PQLI)

- It includes three indicators such as
  - Infant mortality
  - Life expectancy at 1yr
  - Literacy







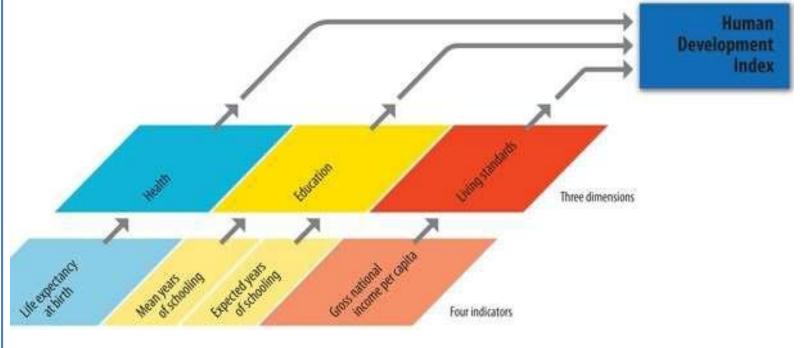
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### Human Development Index (HDI)





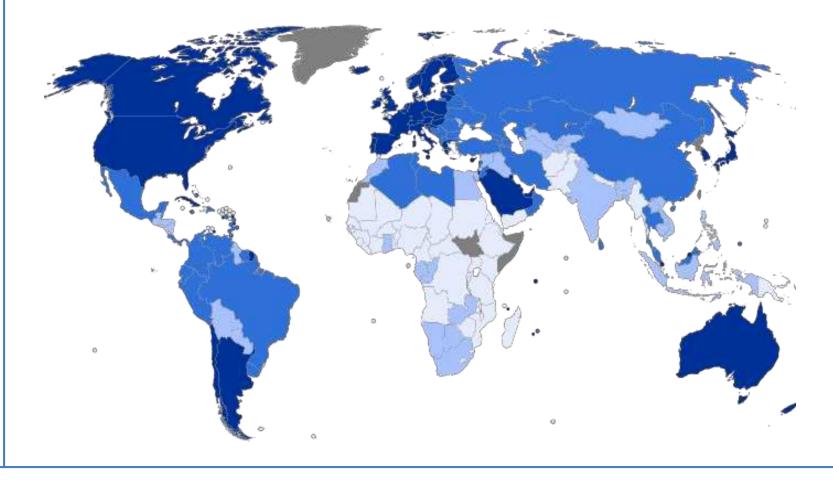
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### HDI 2014 world map





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#### **Human Development Index (HDI)**

- *HDI values range*: 0 to + 1
- HDI India is 0.554 (Rank 136 out of 186 countries) [2012]
- HDI for KSA 0.847 Rank 38 (2018)
- Human poverty index [HPI] is complementary to HDI



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#### **Estimation of HDI by New Method (2010 onwards)**

• *Goalposts for HDI:* 

Dimension	Country	Maximum va	lue Minimum
value			
Life expectancy	Japan	83.4	20.0
Mean years of			
schooling	Czech Republic	13.1	0
Expected years			
of schooling	Capped at	18.0	0
Combined			
education index	New Zealand	0.978	0
Per capita			
income (PPP \$)	Qatar	107,721	100

Calculation of each dimension index:

Actual value - Minimum value

Maximum value - Minimum value

• HDI is Geometric mean of 3 dimension indices =  $I_{Life1/3}X$   $I_{Education1/3}X$   $I_{Income1/3}$ 



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#### Human Development Index [HDI] Vs Physical Quality of Life Index [PQLI]Q

	HDI	PQLI
Components	<ol> <li>Longetivity – Life expectancy at birth (LE<sub>B</sub>/ LE<sub>0</sub>)</li> <li>Income (Real GDP per capita in PPP US\$)</li> <li>Knowledge (Mean years of schooling – Gross enrolment ratio &amp; Literacy rate)</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Life expectancy at 1 year age (LE<sub>1</sub>)</li> <li>Infant mortality rate (IMR)</li> <li>Literacy rate</li> </ol>
Range	0 to +1	0 to 100
Value of India	0.554	65

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### **Human Poverty Index**

- HPI 1 and 2
- It measures 3 dimensions
  - A long and healthy life
  - Knowledge
  - A decent standard of living



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### Gender-related Development Index (GDI)

DIMENSION	A long and healthy life		Knowledge			A decent standard of living		
INDICATOR	Female life expectancy at birth	Male life expectancy at birth	Female adult literacy rate	Female GER	Male adult literacy rate	Male GER	Female estimated earned income	Male estimated earned income
DIMENSION INDEX	Female life expectancy index	Male life expectancy index	Femal y educati index	on	Male educat inde:	ion	Female income index	Male income index
Equally Distributed Index	Equally distributed life expectancy index		Equally distributed education index  Gender-related development index (GDI)		Equally distributed income index			



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### Other measures

- Inequality-adjusted Human Development Index (IHDI)
- Gender Inequality Index (GII)
- Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)
- Gini Index



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### **Cultural Competence**

Culture is the blended patterns of human behavior that include "language, thoughts, communications, actions, customs, beliefs, values, and institutions of racial, ethnic, religious, or social groups." Cultural competence is "a set of congruent behaviors, attitudes, and policies that come together in a system, agency, or among professionals that enables effective work in cross-cultural situations." "Competence" in the term *cultural competence* implies that an individual or organization has the capacity to function effectively "within the context of the cultural beliefs, behaviors, and needs presented by consumers and their communities."



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Factors that contribute to a person's current state of health. These factors may be biological, socioeconomic, psychosocial, behavioral, or social in nature. Scientists generally recognize five determinants of health of a population:

- Biology and genetics. Examples: sex and age
- Individual behavior. Examples: alcohol use, injection drug use (needles), unprotected sex, and smoking
- Social environment. Examples: discrimination, income, and gender
- 4. Physical environment. Examples: where a person lives and crowding conditions
- Health services. Examples: Access to quality health care and having or not having health insurance



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### تفاوت Health Disparity

A type of difference in health that is closely linked with social or economic disadvantage. Health disparities negatively affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater social or economic obstacles to health. These obstacles stem from characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion such as race or ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, gender, mental health, sexual orientation, or geographic location. Other characteristics include cognitive, sensory, or physical disability



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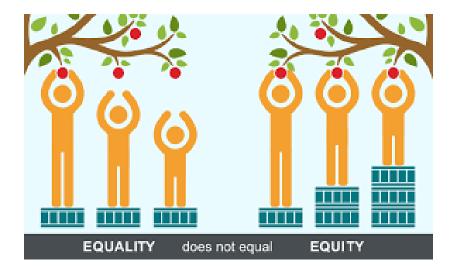


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### Health Equity انصاف

When all people have "the opportunity to 'attain their full health potential' and no one is 'disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of their social position or other socially determined circumstance'





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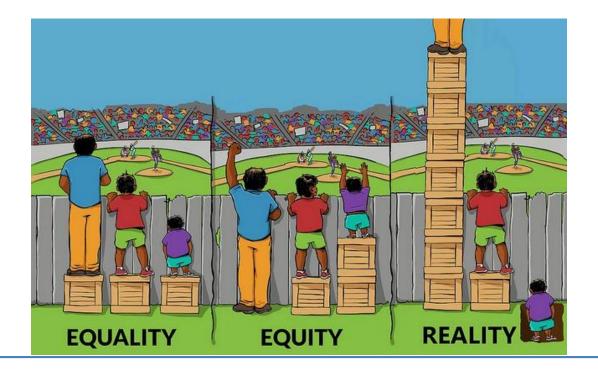


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### عدم مساواة Health Inequality

Differences, variations, and disparities in the health achievements of individuals and groups of people





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### **Health Inequity**

A difference or disparity in health outcomes that is systematic, avoidable, and unjust





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### **Health Literacy**

Whether a person can obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services that are needed to make suitable health decisions.

Health literacy includes the ability to understand instructions on prescription drug bottles, appointment cards, medical education brochures, doctor's directions, and consent forms. It also includes the ability to navigate complex health care systems. Health literacy is not simply the ability to read. It requires a complex group of reading, listening, analytical, and decision-making skills and the ability to apply these skills to health situations



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### **Index of Disparity**

A regression-based measure that is used by scientists and retains the inherent order of categories like education or income but incorporates the population weights of the categories.

The size of each category is taken into account by placing the groups on an axis that reflects the cumulative proportion of the population represented by the ordered groups.

The index of disparity can be absolute (slope referred to as Slope Index of Inequality) or relative (slope referred to as Relative Index of Inequality)



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#### **Individual Risk Factors**

Characteristics of a person that may explain health or behavior. Some examples include a person's age or whether a person smokes.





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### **Poverty**

When a person or group of people lack human needs because they cannot afford them. Human needs include clean water, nutrition, health care, education, clothing, and shelter.

The U.S. Social Security Administration originally developed the definitions that are used to help calculate and determine poverty.



Families or people with income below a certain limit are considered to be below the poverty level.





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#### **Social Determinants of Health**

The complex, integrated, and overlapping social structures and economic systems that are responsible for most health inequities.

These social structures and economic systems include the social environment, physical environment, health services, and structural and societal factors. Social determinants of health are shaped by the distribution of money, power, and resources throughout local communities, nations, and the world



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## Socioeconomic Gradient in Health رجة الميل

This term refers to the stepwise fashion health outcomes improve as socioeconomic position improves.

This gradient can be measured by a person's income, occupation, or the highest level of education he or she has



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#### **Socioeconomic Position**

An aggregate concept that includes both resource-based and prestigebased measures, which are linked to both childhood and adult social class position. Resource-based measures refer to material and social resources and assets, including income, wealth, and educational credentials.

Terms used to describe inadequate resources include "poverty" and "deprivation." Prestige-based measures refer to a person's rank or status in a social hierarchy.

Prestige-based measures are typically evaluated with reference to people's access to and consumption of goods, services, and knowledge, that are linked to their occupational prestige, income, and education level



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#### **Socioeconomic Status**

A composite measure that typically incorporates economic, social, and work status.

- Economic status is measured by income.
- Social status is measured by education, and
- work status is measured by occupation.

Each status is considered an indicator. These three indicators are related but do not overlap



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#### The right to health

The right to health is the economic, social and cultural right to a universal minimum standard of health to which all individuals are entitled.

The concept of a right to health has been enumerated in international agreements which include the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

There is debate on the interpretation and application of the right to health due to considerations such as how health is defined, what minimum entitlements are encompassed in a right to health, and which institutions are responsible for ensuring a right to health.



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#### **Health For All**

Health For All is a programming goal of the World Health Organization (WHO), which envisions securing the health and well being of people around the world that has been popularized since the 1970s. It is the basis for the World Health Organization's primary health care strategy to promote health, human dignity, and

enhanced quality of life.





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