Ubuntu 2024 Workshop
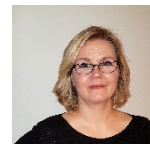
Title:

Integrating Social Determinants of Health Competencies into Education, Training and Practice: Using a Process Guide

Facilitator:

Björg Pálsdóttir, CEO Training for Health Equity Network is the project lead in the USAID-funded Local Health System Sustainability Project's work on social determinants of health and human resources for health. She is the technical lead of a Working Group on Equity at the Data and Evidence Hub of the WHO and member of the Africa – Europe Foundation's Strategy Group on Health.

Synopsis

The workshop resulting from the work of THEnet for the USAID-funded Local Health System Sustainability Project focuses on integrating Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) approaches and competencies into health workforce education, training, and service delivery. It emphasizes the importance of understanding the multifaceted factors impacting patient health and behaviors, including structural discrimination. Participants at a workshop at TUFH's conference in Vancouver in 2022 and other experts from low- and middle-income countries, contributed to the development of a practical guide aimed at assisting users in identifying and addressing SDOH-related challenges. The guide provides a structured framework for co-creating context-driven curricula and interventions, fostering collaboration with communities and stakeholders to deliver responsive and equitable care.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the workshop participants will be able to:
- *To understand why we need to apply an SDOH-lens to strengthen health systems.*
- *To understand why health workers need SDO-related competencies.*
- *To understand why community engagement is key in developing effective interventions.*
- *Understand how to use the process guide and apply key steps to identify and integrate SDoH competencies into education, training, and practice.*

Workshop Outline

Time	Activities
5 minutes	Welcome comments Ubuntu 2024 Moderator

15 minutes	Welcome remarks by Björg Pálsdóttir introducing the topic of SDOH and the process guide
5 minutes	Q&A on introduction
30 minutes	Small group discussion where: 1 or 2 participants volunteer to reflect on applying the guide in his/her context and works with group members using a prepared work sheet to conduct mini-stakeholder analysis to guide process design
10 minues	Feedback and wrap-up
5 minutes	Closing comments Ubuntu 2024 Moderator