

Intersectoral Action for Health in I.R. of Iran: Community Based Initiatives Experience

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National Policy/ Program Responses to Health or Development Inequities

- Islamic Revolution in 1979 and new constitution
- Primary Health Care Network expansion
- Five-Year Development Plans (particularly the fourth 5YDP: 2005-2009)
- Health Councils
- The Family Physicians Program
- “Equity Stock”



Community Based Initiatives (CBI)

- Healthy City Program (HCP)
- Healthy Village Program (HVP)
- Basic Development Needs (BDN)

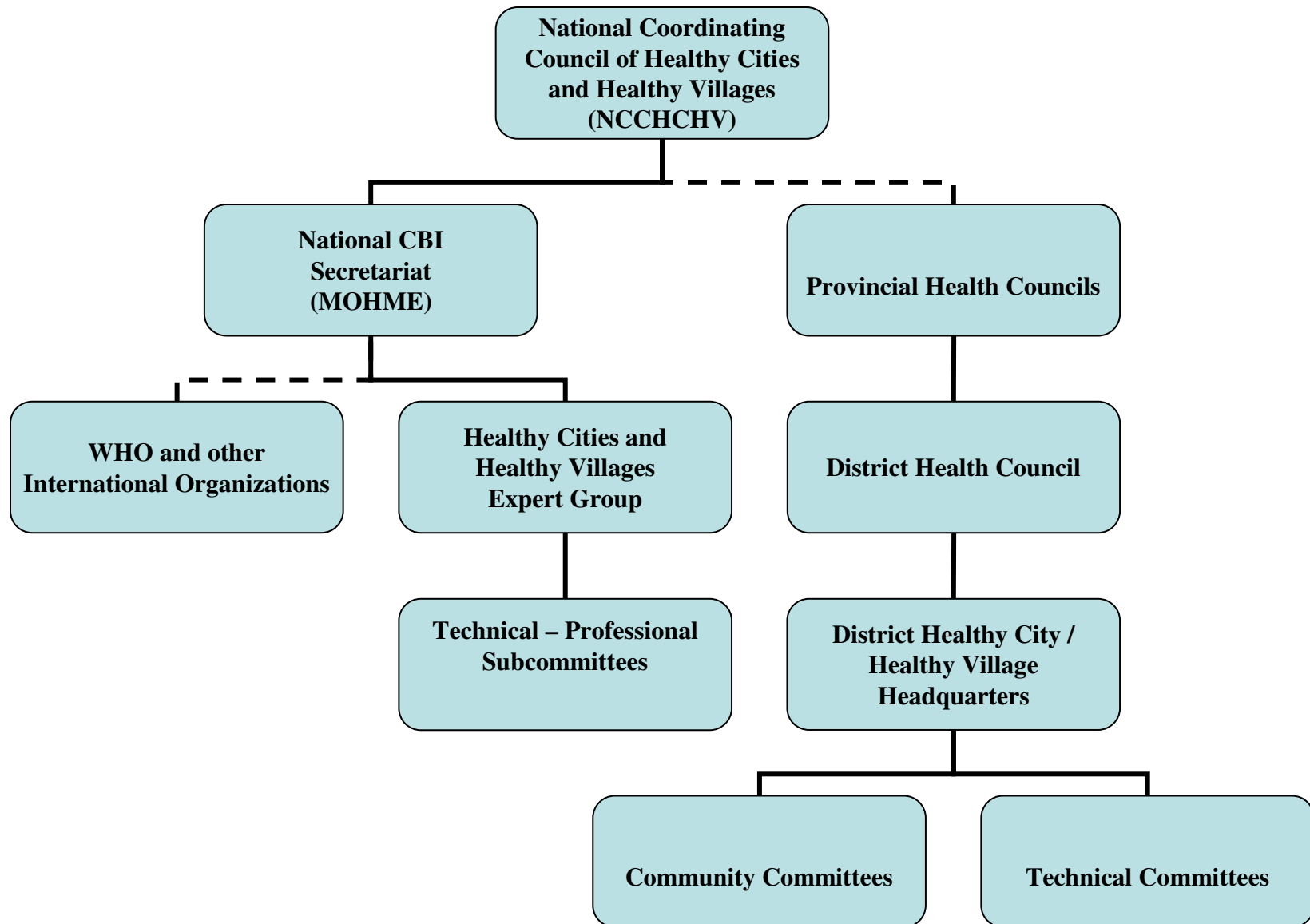
In I.R. of Iran; 56 Healthy Cities, 46 Healthy Villages and 17 BDN Villages started working from 1991 to 2004.



CBI timeline in I.R. of Iran

- 1984: “Healthy Toronto 2000: Beyond the Health Care” symposium
- 1990: Healthy City program launched in WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR), Cairo
- 1991: “Healthy City Symposium” in Tehran
- 1991: ‘13th Aban’ Healthy City Project started in South of Tehran
- 1995: First EMR conference on Healthy Villages in Isfahan, IR of Iran
- 1996: National Coordinating Council for Healthy Cities (including 9 ministries and 5 organizations) approved by council of ministers
- 1998: Second EMR conference on Healthy Villages in Tabriz, IR of Iran
- 1999: Healthy Villages added to the scope of National Coordinating Council (again approved by council of ministers)
- 2000: Basic Development Needs approach started in 10 pilot villages
- 2005-6: Evaluation of CBI was carried out by an intersectoral team

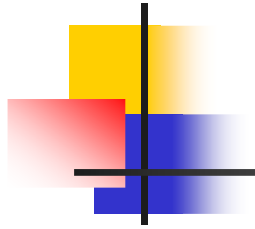
CBI structure in I.R.Iran





Intersectoral action in CBI programs; Iran

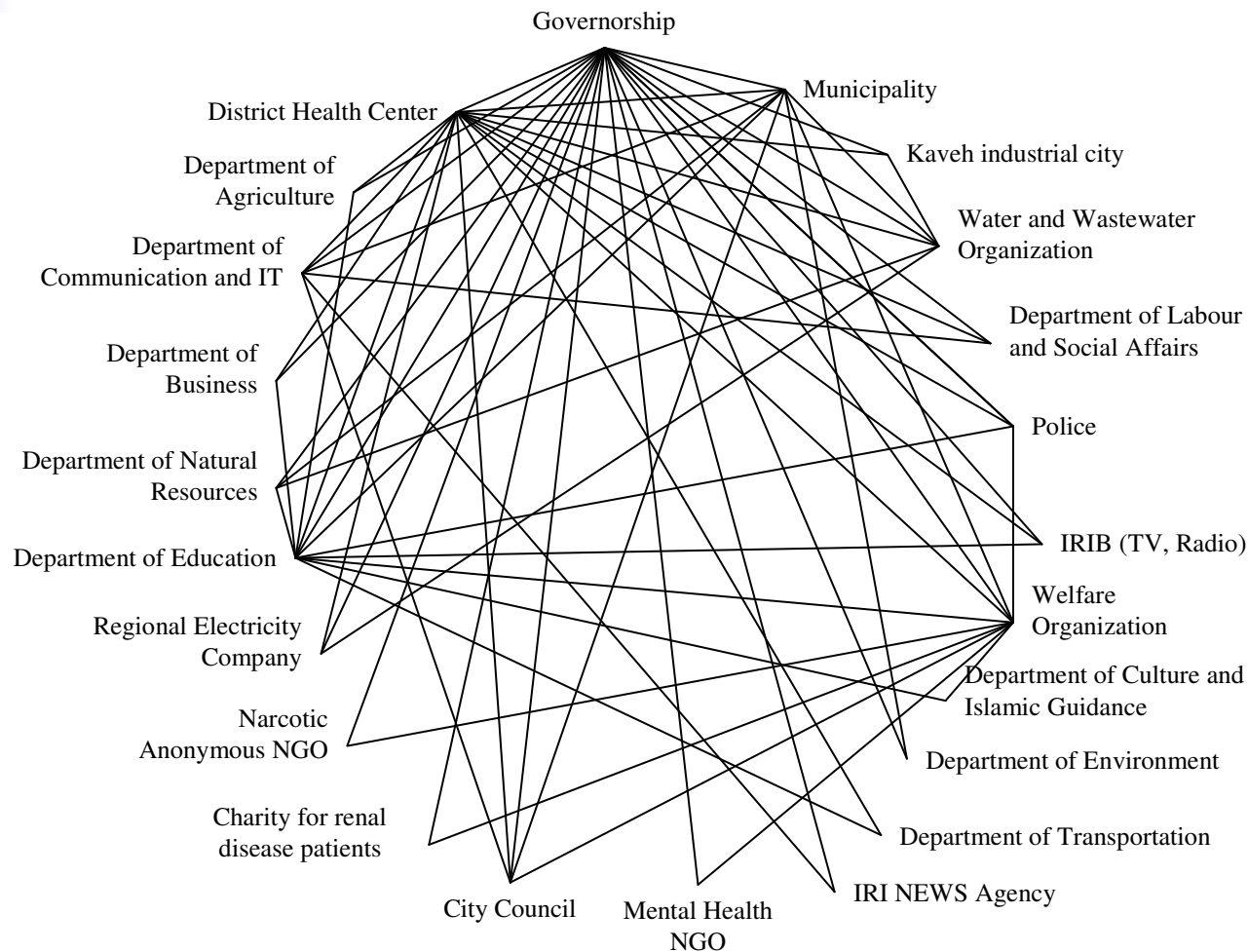
	HCP	HVP	BDN
Approaches	Place-based Setting-based Targeted (national)	Place-based Setting-based	Place-based
Policy entry point	To reduce exposures of people living in underprivileged areas	Same as HCP	To reduce social stratification
Participation of civil society	Informing	Consulting	Collaborating



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	HCP	HVP	BDN
Examples of projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Water supply•Waste disposal•Mental health promotion•Nutrition•Traffic injury prevention•E-government•Healthy schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Waste disposal•Reconstruction of village roads•Healthy schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Income generating projects•Reconstruction of village roads•Gas piping•Building sanitary latrines•Waste disposal

Example of intersectoral action: Saveh Healthy City- map of relationships





Example of intersectoral action: Saveh Water Supply (1)

- Three of the ten prioritized issues in Saveh Healthy City (Based on community needs assessment in 2001):
 - Inappropriate quality and quantity of drinking water;
 - Lack of recreational facilities; and
 - Low surface area of green space
- Healthy City Headquarters established a committee for management of water resources including:
 - Governorship, municipality, district water and waste water department, district health center, Kaveh industrial city, natural resource department, provincial water and wastewater department and ministry of energy.



Example of intersectoral action: Saveh Water Supply (2)

- Horizontal integration caused:
 - Preventing pollution of underground water resources;
 - Refinement of industrial wastewater;
 - Monitoring chemical and biological properties of the refined water;
 - Making use the refined water to extend the surface area of green space in the city, and building a recreational facility (Roof of Saveh);
 - Making use refined water to develop a green belt around the city.
- Vertical integration caused:
 - Saveh Drinking Water Supply Project became approved as a national project with 19 billion Rials budget (equal to 2 million US\$)