Inequality and Violence

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Health inequities flow from social inequalities.

Violence exacerbates health inequities.

Violence associated with inequalities.

Distribution of power, money and resources.
EMPOWERMENT

- MATERIAL
- PSYCHOSOCIAL
- POLITICAL
Conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age

Structural drivers of those conditions at global, national and local level

CSDH – three principles of action

Monitoring, Training, Research
CSDH – Areas for Action

- Health Equity in all Policies
  - Early child development and education
  - Healthy Places
  - Fair Employment
  - Social Protection
  - Universal Health Care

- Good Global Governance
  - Market Responsibility
    - Fair Financing
  - Gender Equity
    - Political empowerment
      - inclusion and voice
Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development, 2006

- Strategies for armed violence reduction and conflict prevention to be part of multilateral development plans and programmes

Global Burden of Armed Violence 2009,
Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development
Major Forms of Violence

- Conflict;
- Interpersonal Violence (homicide, domestic violence);
- Self-harm & suicide;
- Injury.
Conflict-affected countries

EMR countries in conflict

The World’s Internally Displaced People

Impact of Violence on Global Mortality

- Traffic Injury: 9th in 2004, 5th in 2030
- Self-inflicted injuries/suicide: 16th in 2004, 12th in 2030
- Interpersonal violence/homicide: 22nd in 2004, 16th in 2030

Homicide rates per 100,000 population by region and subregion, 2004

Mortality due to Violence by Age Group, Selected Latin American Countries, 1990s

Soares & Naritomi 2007
Mortality due to Violence by Age Group, Selected Comparison Countries, 1990s

Source: Soares (2006)
Underlying determinants of violence

- Economic and horizontal (between group) inequality e.g. in access to services, land holding, or political participation - processes of social exclusion
- Unemployment (especially young males)
- Rapid unregulated urbanisation, without rule of law or social protection
Homicide Rates are Higher in More Unequal Rich Countries

Children Experience More Conflict in More Unequal Societies

11, 13 & 15 yr olds fighting, bullying, and finding peers not kind & helpful

Income Inequality and Fiscal Redistribution: selected LAC and European Countries

(Gini coefficients of market and disposable income)

Source: Latin American Economic Outlook 2009, OECD
Homicide in Rio de Janeiro, by Neighbourhood

**Harbor**
- Gini: 0.61
- Poverty: 22.7
- Slum residence: 30.69
- Homicide rate: 211.17/100,000

**Coast**
- Gini: 0.45
- Poverty: 6.21
- Slum residence: 12.4
- Homicide rate: 72.25/100,000
Social determinants of maternal mortality in Afghanistan

- 92% of maternal deaths in rural areas
- Mean age at marriage is 15 years
- 94% of respondents had less than 1 year education
- Women report barriers to seeking health care
- Low use of available health care (only 11% prenatal care, less than 1% reported trained health care worker at delivery)

Amowit 2002 reported in Watts et al, report to CSDH 2007
GENDER RELATIONS:
% married women who believe that husband is justified to beat when wife refuses to have sex: selected countries

Source: DHS
Young people
Deaths from traffic accidents, fire, drowning, self-inflicted injury and violence: world and high and low and middle income regions: Young people

Patton et al, Lancet 2009
Global youth unemployment and youth unemployment rates
1997-2007

Source: ILO GETY 2008
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A world where social justice is taken seriously