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Abstract:

Public health interventions are not only useful for ensuring longer and better health lives, but they can also serve a complementary social function that help to promote personal and communal well-being. A prerequisite to this broad social action would be how well people participate in and collaborate with the public health system. This calls for a dynamic equilibrium between how people live and how the public health system responds to the challenges that arise. However, in a country like Zambia this dynamic equilibrium has been difficult to attain and seems to be further pushed into disequilibrium with forces such as globalization; thereby making action on the social determinants of health a challenging prospect. The work undertaken by Equity Gauge Zambia in the last few years highlights this picture and raises some challenges that the Zambian public Health System needs to come to terms with in providing effective interventions for better health. The Equity Gauge Zambia project has been undertaken in Zambia by the Centre for Health, Science & Social Research (CHESSORE) since 2001
