



Health Inequality and Spatially Distribution

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Reducing inequality is one of the most important goals of the United Nations for achieving sustainable development, and promoting the health of various population groups in all regions is at its core value. According to the United Nations and UK National Health Insurance, health inequality is an unfair and avoidable difference in people's health between the general population and specific populations.

How national policies can reduce structural factors and promote health equality will be a major challenge for public health in the future. United Nations surveys have shown that in developing countries, children in the poorest 20 per cent of the population are still up to three times more likely to die before their fifth birthday than children in the richest quintiles. Social protection has been significantly extended globally, yet persons with disabilities are up to five times more likely than average to incur catastrophic health expenditures. Despite overall declines in maternal mortality in most developing countries, women in rural areas are still up to three times more likely to die while giving birth than women living in urban centers.





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