

Training packages for health professionals to improve access and quality of health services for migrants and ethnic minorities, including the Roma

MODULE 4: KNOWLEDGE APPLICATION

Unit 4: Quality of health care taking diversity into account

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Outline of the session

- Presentation: Quality of Health Care taking Diversity into Account
- Activity: Quality Assessment of Health Care Oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity

Quality of Health Care oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Relevant Aspects

- Aspects of quality (Donabedian model)
 - ✓ Structure: Buildings, equipment, staff
 - Process: Actions in service delivery
 - ✓ Outcome: Effectiveness of actions in improving health
- Difficulties in assessing outcomes.
- Health care provision in diverse societies: *"Providing the same care to all will amount to providing inferior care to some"* (Mock-Muñoz de Luna, et al. 2015a: 96).
- Barriers to health care may undermine the perceived quality of health care.

⇒ Relevance of appropriateness, people-centeredness and cultural acceptability of health care.





Quality of Health Care oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Relevant Aspects

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, General Comment N^o 14, The right to the highest attainable standard of health

- Health as a fundamental human right
- Essential elements:
 - ✓ Availability
 - ✓ Accessibility
 - ✓ Acceptability
 - Quality



Quality of Health Care oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Relevant Aspects

• Analysis of quality of health care oriented towards cultural and ethnic diversity:

✓ Observation of lower quality of care in the case of migrant populations.

- Relevant aspects of quality of health care oriented towards cultural and ethnic diversity:
 - ✓ Non-discrimination.
 - Reduction of social inequalities.
 - ✓ People-centeredness and intercultural competence of health professionals.
 - Cultural acceptability.
 - ✓ Needs assessment.
 - Participation of migrants and ethnic minorities in the programme development.
 - ✓ Quality assessment measures.

Beach, et al. 2006; Council of Europe 2011, Martin, et al. 2013.

Access to and Quality of Health Care for Migrants and Ethnic Minorities: Analysis of the Current Situation

- Migrants
 - Uneven situation regarding health care entitlements across Europe.
 - Migrants in an 'irregular' situation: frequent limitation of access to health care.
 - Cultural, linguistic and administrative barriers to effective access to health care.
 - Lower quality of health care than the general population.
 - Experiences of discrimination in health care.
- Ethnic minorities, including Roma population
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Biswas, et al. 2011; Council of Europe 2012; Cuadra 2011; Dauvrin, et al. 2012; DHSSPS 2007; Duvell, et al. 2009; FRA, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights 2011a, 2011b, 2012; HUMA Network, et al. 2010; Karl-Trummer et al. 2010; Médicins du Monde, et al. 2009, 2012, 2013; PICUM, et al. 2014; Ruiz-Casares, et al. 2010; Suess et al. 2014; Woodward, et al. 2014;

Access to and Quality of Health Care for Migrants and Ethnic Minorities: Strategies and Best Practices: Reducing Barriers to Health Care Access

- Strategies for reducing barriers to health care for migrants and ethnic minorities
 - Entitlement to state-covered health care.
 - ✓ Intercultural competence or diversity sensitivity.
 - ✓ People-centeredness.
 - ✓ Written information material in different languages and use of pictograms.
 - ✓ Professional interpreters or bilingual professionals.
 - Intercultural mediation.
 - ✓ Community participation.



Access to and Quality of Health Care for Migrants and Ethnic Minorities: Migration Detention Centers

- Situation of access to and quality of health care in migration detention centers
 - Limited access to health care and insufficient quality of health care in detention centers.
 - ✓ Provision of health care by subcontracted health care providers or NGOs.
 - Experiences of discrimination or ill-treatment by health care provider.
 - \checkmark Health risks during the stay in detention centres.



Access to and Quality of Health Care for Migrants and Ethnic Minorities: Migration Detention Centers

Council of Europe Resolution 1707 (2010). *Detention of asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Europe*

✓ Detention of asylum seekers and migrants in an 'irregular' situation as an exception.

✓ Minimum standards regarding conditions of detention for migrants and asylum seekers: Dignity, respect of Human Rights, information, material conditions, health and well-being, legal advice, safety, complaint procedures, monitoring.

Consideration of alternatives for detention.

Quality of Health Care oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Current Situation of Quality Assessment

- Quality assessment as an important step of interventions oriented towards cultural and ethnic diversity.
- Current situation:
 - Frequent absence of intervention assessment.
 - Lack of awareness of limitations in the acceptability, cost-efficacy and sustainability.
 - Different outcomes according to the assessment methodology.
 - Lack of implementation and evaluation of existing assessment tools.

Quality Assessment Models

- •Health Impact Assessment (HIA)
- •Qualitative Assessment Methodologies
- •Participative Assessment Approaches

Health Impact Asessment: Definition and Guiding Principles

- Focus on individual, social, environmental and institutional determinants of health.
- Guiding principles:
 - ✓ Democracy
 - Equity
 - Sustainable development
 - ✓ Ethical use of evidence
 - ✓ Comprehensive approach to health

Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

HIA is a practical approach used to judge the potential health effects of a policy, programme or project on a population, particularly on vulnerable or disadvantaged groups. Recommendations are produced for decision-makers and stakeholders, with the aim of maximising the proposal's positive health effects and minimising its negative health effects. (WHO 2014a: s.n.)

Health Impact Asessment: HIA Process



Quality of Health Care oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Health Impact Asessment

- Application of the HIA model to the evaluation of quality of health care oriented towards cultural and ethnic diversity.
 - ✓ Inclusion of migrants in HIA projects.
 - Retrospective health impact assessment of a Roma housing project in Hungary.



Quality of Health Care oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Standards for equity in health care for migrants and other vulnerable groups

- Project Group on Standards for Equity in Health Care for Migrants and Other Vulnerable Groups, HPH Task Force Migrant Friendly Hospitals and Health Services.
- Self-Assessment tool for pilot implementation.
- Piloted in 45 health care organizations of 12 countries.

Objectives

- •Improve monitoring of the health of migrants and ethnic minorities.
- •Improve entitlements to health care and access to services.
- •Develop good practices to promote appropriate care and interventions.
- •Improve the participation of migrants and ethnic minorities in policy development and health services.



(Chiarenza, et al. 2014: 6)

Quality of Health Care oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Standards for equity in health care for migrants and other vulnerable groups

Standards:

Standard 1: Equity in Policy
Standard 2: Equitable Access and Utilisation
Standard 3: Equitable Quality of Care
Standard 4: Equity in Participation
Standard 5: Promoting Equity
(Chiarenza, et al. 2014: 13)



Quality of Health Care oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Qualitative Assessment Methodologies

- Examples of projects using qualitative assessment methodologies:
 - \checkmark Qualitative assessment of the focus of a NGO working with migrants.
 - ✓ Qualitative analysis of the health care quality from the perspective of migrant children and parents.



Huschke 2014; Sime 2014.

Quality of Health Care oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Qualitative Assessment Methodologies

- Qualitative-quantitative analysis of the impact of the current economic crisis on access to and quality of health care for marginalized populations, including migrants
 - ✓ Qualitative interviews with migrants in an 'irregular' situation and health professionals, qualitative-quantitative analysis of health records.
 - ✓ Observation of a limitation of access to health care and deterioration of self-perceived health.



Quality of Health Care oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Participative Assessment Models

- Relevance of including migrants and ethnic minorities in the assessment of health care oriented towards cultural and ethnic diversity.
 - ✓ Improvement of the legitimacy and cultural acceptability of the assessment process.
 - \checkmark Facilitation of the orientation of health policies to the users' needs.
 - ✓ European projects aimed at achieving user involvement in the design, implementation and evaluation (EURO HIV EDAT, TAMPEP, TUBIDU).



Quality of Health Care oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Assessment of Migrant Policies

Methods

- Literature reviews
- Analysis of strategic documents

Relevant aspects

- Only part of the European countries count on national policies on migrants' health and data information systems related to migrants' health.
- Few migrant health policies focused on preventive care.
- Difficulties in data comparability (differences in methods and target groups).
- Lack of sustainability and exposure of the policies to political changes.
- Relevance of monitoring implementation and assessing effectiveness.

Ingleby 2009; Keygnaert, et al. 2014; Mladovsky 2009; Mladovsky, et al. 2012; Rechel, et al. 2012; Vázquez, et al. 2013.

Quality of Health Care oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Limitations and Challenges of Quality Assessment

- Lack of statistical and methodological data comparability and difficulties in the data collecting process
 - Differences in the data collection related to migration status and ethnicity according to country.
 - Complexity of the concepts 'migrant', 'migration', 'ethnic minority' or 'ethnicity'.
 - ✓ Differences between external categorizations and self-denominations.

•Different quality assessment methods and indicators.

•Ethical concerns and questioning of the legitimacy of a data collection on migration status and ethnicity.

Abdikeeva 2014; Bhopal 2014; Jayaweera 2011; Mladovsky 2007; Mock-Muñoz de Luna, et al. 2015; Stronks, et al. 2014.

Activity Quality Assessment of Health Care Oriented towards Cultural and Ethnic Diversity



- Identify relevant aspects for quality of health care oriented towards cultural and ethnic diversity in your context, creating a list of assessment criteria (template).
- Remember a health intervention oriented towards cultural and ethnic diversity conducted in your own professional context.
- ✓ Apply the quality assessment criteria to the intervention (template).

Group discussion

Share the experience of developing assessment criteria and apply them to a concrete example of health care oriented towards cultural and ethnic diversity, including difficulties and doubts.



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