

Social determinants of health

Report by the Director-General

1. In resolution WHA74.16 (2021) on social determinants of health, the Health Assembly requested the Director-General, inter alia, to prepare an updated report on social determinants of health, and recommendations for future action, for consideration by the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly in 2023. It also requested the preparation, in consultation with Member States and other relevant stakeholders, of an operational framework for measuring, assessing and addressing the social determinants of health and health inequities, for consideration by the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly through the Executive Board at its 152nd session.

2. A report on progress in the implementation of resolution WHA74.16 was submitted to the Executive Board at its 152nd session.¹ After further consultations during the intersessional period, the preparation of an operational framework for monitoring social determinants of health equity is complete.² Although considerable progress was made in preparing an updated report on social determinants of health with recommendations for future action, the Secretariat is not yet in a position to provide a final version to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly.

3. The Health Assembly is therefore invited to consider the following draft decision:

The Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly, having considered the consolidated report by the Director-General and its addendum on social determinants of health,³

Decided:

(1) to note the operational framework for monitoring social determinants of health equity;

(2) to request the Director-General to submit the updated report on social determinants of health, their impact on health and health equity, progress made so far in addressing them and recommendations for further action, to the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in 2024, through the Executive Board at its 154th session.

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¹ Document EB152/22.

² Available at <https://www.who.int/initiatives/action-on-the-social-determinants-of-health-for-advancing-equity/monitoring-framework/member-state-consultation-on-draft-operational-framework-for-monitoring-social-determinants-of-health-equity> (accessed 16 May 2023).

³ Documents A76/7 Rev.1 and A76/7 Rev.1 Add.1.