

Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute of Population and Public Health: Strategic Plan Refresh

Health Equity Matters: 2015-2018 Executive Summary

Mandate

The mandate of the Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH) is to support research into the complex biological, social, cultural and environmental interactions that determine the health of individuals, communities and global populations; and to apply knowledge to improve the health of individuals and populations through strategic partnerships with population and public health stakeholders and innovative research funding programs.

Mission

To improve the health of populations and promote health equity in Canada and globally through research and its application to policies, programs, and practice in public health and other sectors.

Vision

To be a scientific leader for CIHR and the research community that catalyzes excellent research to examine the interactions among determinants of health, and the impact of public health strategies and intersectoral policies on equitable population health improvements in Canada and globally.



CIHR-IPPH's Strategic Research Priorities

CIHR-IPPH's refreshed strategic research priorities are in step with the evolving population and public health landscape, international directions, and partner interests within and outside of Canada. Our three strategic research priorities are:

1. Coherent intersectoral action for population health improvements
2. Scalable population health solutions
3. Equitable population health impacts

1. Coherent intersectoral action for population health improvements

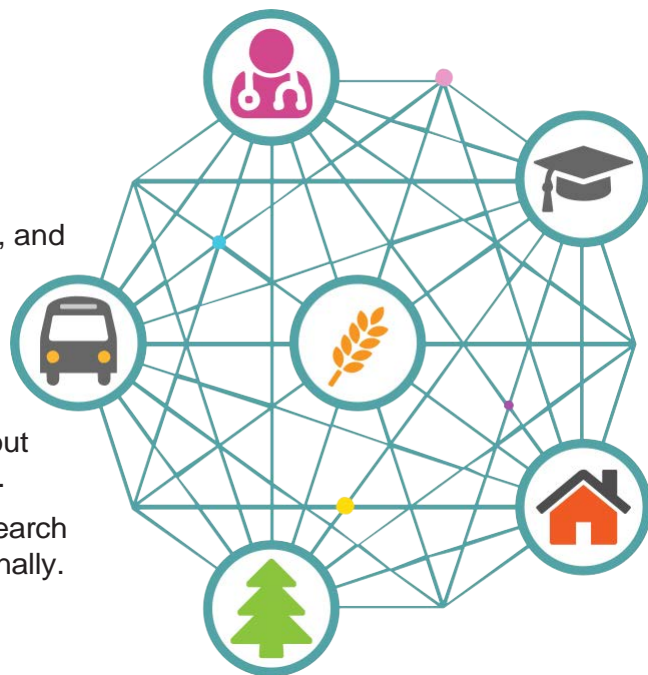
Objectives

- Better understand the obstacles and opportunities for intersectoral strategies to achieve population health and health equity impacts across different contexts.
- Increase the development and application of theories, methods and measures to examine dimensions of intersectoral prevention strategies and how these operate as a dynamic and functional system.
- Mobilize partners in sectors within and outside of health to support research on coherent intersectoral action for more equitable population health outcomes.

2. Scalable population health solutions

Objectives

- Better understand the processes of implementation, scale-up, and equitable health impacts of population health interventions.
- Increase the development and application of theories, methods and measures of contextual influences on population health interventions.
- Facilitate mechanisms that support the use of knowledge about population health interventions in policy and practice settings.
- Influence new directions in population health intervention research taken by other funding organizations in Canada and internationally.



3. Equitable population health impacts

Objectives

- Increase the development, yield and application of novel theories, methods and measures to understand what enhances equities or reduces inequities in population health.
- Improve the ethical integration of health equity considerations in research on population health interventions and intersectoral action.
- Enhance the application of knowledge about health equity pathways by research and policy organizations in Canada and internationally.

