Health Equity, Human Rights and Social Justice: Social Determinants as the Direction for Global Health

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Health Equity

• “Health equity is the realization by ALL people of the highest attainable level of health. Achieving health equity requires valuing all individuals and populations equally, and entails focused and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities by assuring the conditions for optimal health for all groups, particularly for those who have experienced historical or contemporary injustices or socioeconomic disadvantage.”
Health Inequities

• Systemic, avoidable, unfair and unjust differences in health status and mortality rates and in the distribution of disease and illness across population groups. They are sustained over time and generations and beyond the control of individuals.
Justice

• The quality of fairness
• The principle of moral rightness; equity
• Conformity to moral rightness in action or attitude
The Right to Health vs The Right to Bear Arms
A NEW direction
Looking upstream, finding the causes of he causes.

“The web of causation”
Nancy Krieger

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• Creating Health Equity

• Ensuring the Right to Health and Healthcare

• Building Healthcare Infrastructure and Capacity

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