



Health Impact Assessment

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Introduction

1. My background
2. Aims of the presentation
 - What is HIA?
 - Purpose of HIA is and why you should do it
 - Definition of health
 - Model of health and relationship to the social determinants of health
 - A generic model of HIA
 - HIA and health inequalities



What is HIA?

A combination of procedures, methods and tools by which a policy, programme or project may be judged as to its' potential effects on the health of a population and the **distribution** of those effects within the population.

WHO 1999



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Purpose of HIA

HIA aims to inform and influence decision-making to reduce (or eliminate) any negative impacts and enhance the positive impacts of any decision.



10 reasons for doing HIA (1)

1. Core responsibilities of public sector/government
2. Corporate responsibility and reputation
3. 'Good business sense' and 'added value'
4. Costs of mistakes
5. Sustainable development



10 reasons for doing HIA (2)

6. Risk management
7. Legislation/license to operate
8. Public/stakeholder participation
9. A balanced approach
10. Appropriate at different levels

(Sources: adapted from Birley, 2004; adapted From Briggs, 2008;
HIA CONNECT, accessed January 2010)



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Core Values of HIA

- Democracy
- Ethical use of evidence
- Equity
- Sustainable development
- Openness and transparency



Definition of Health in HIA

‘Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.’

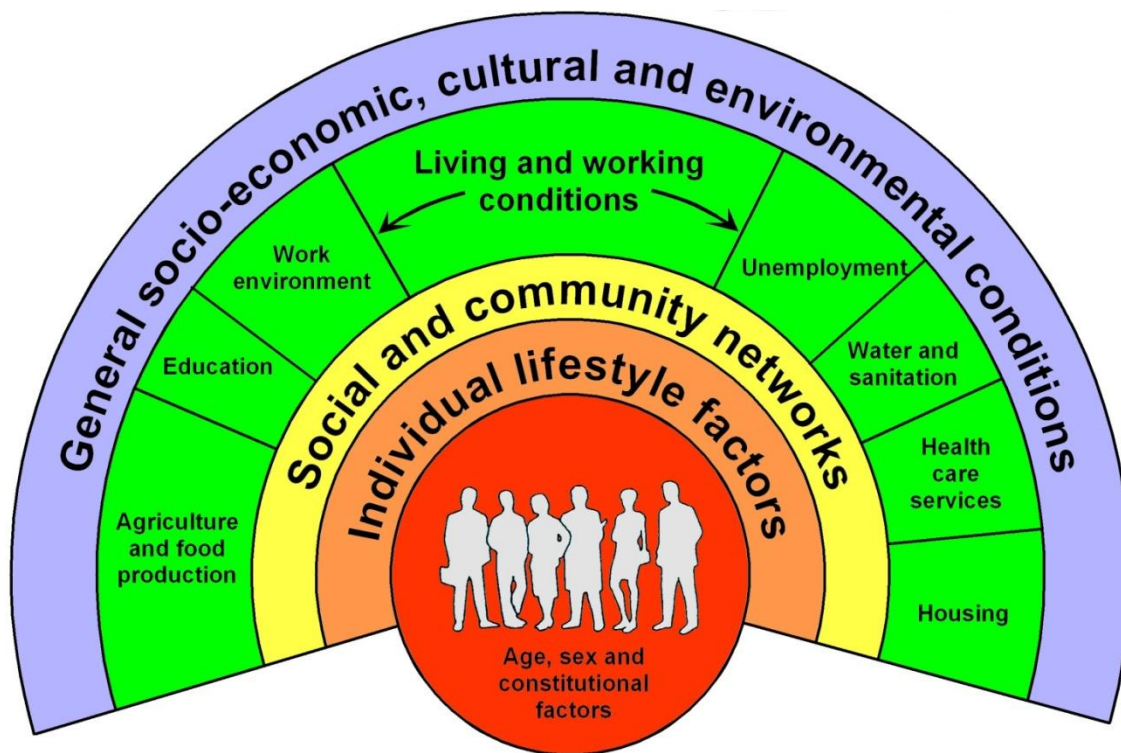
World Health Organization, 1948



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Model of Health

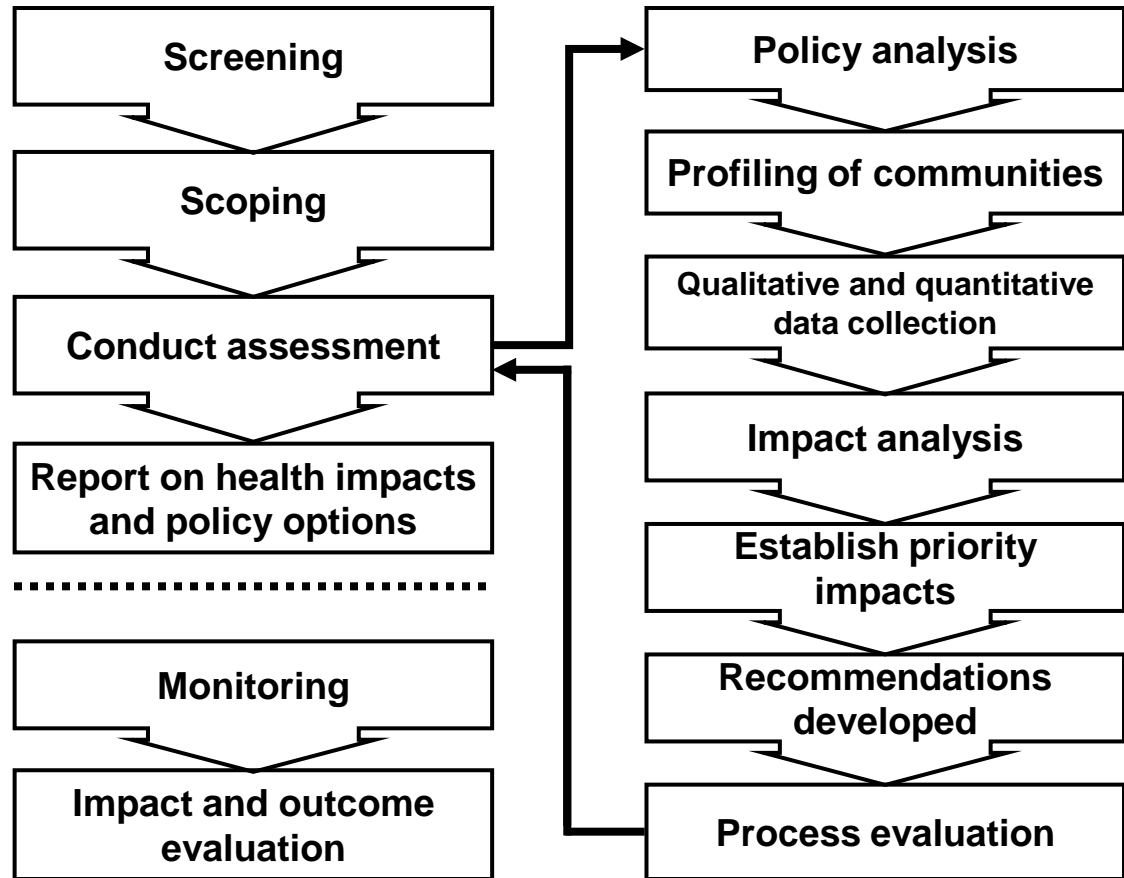


Source: Dahlgren and Whitehead, 1991

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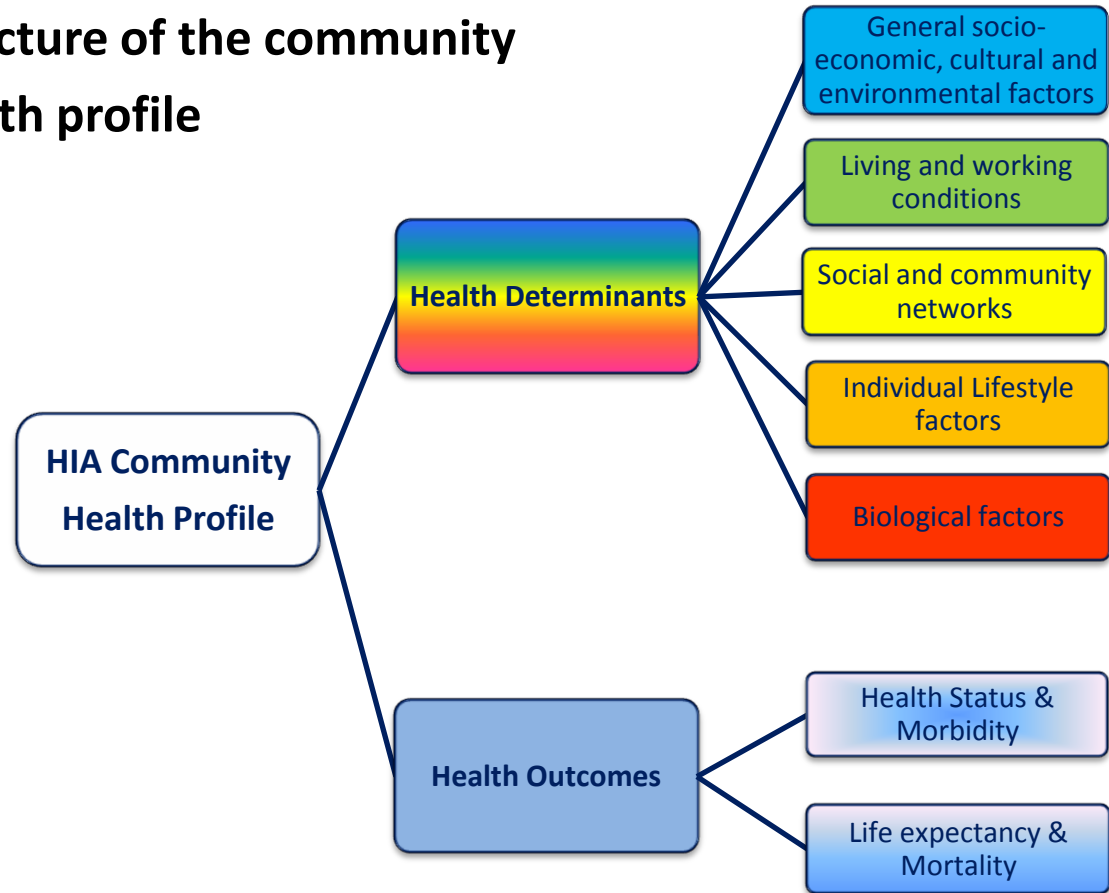
A Generic Model of HIA





HIA methods and the social determinants of health

Structure of the community health profile



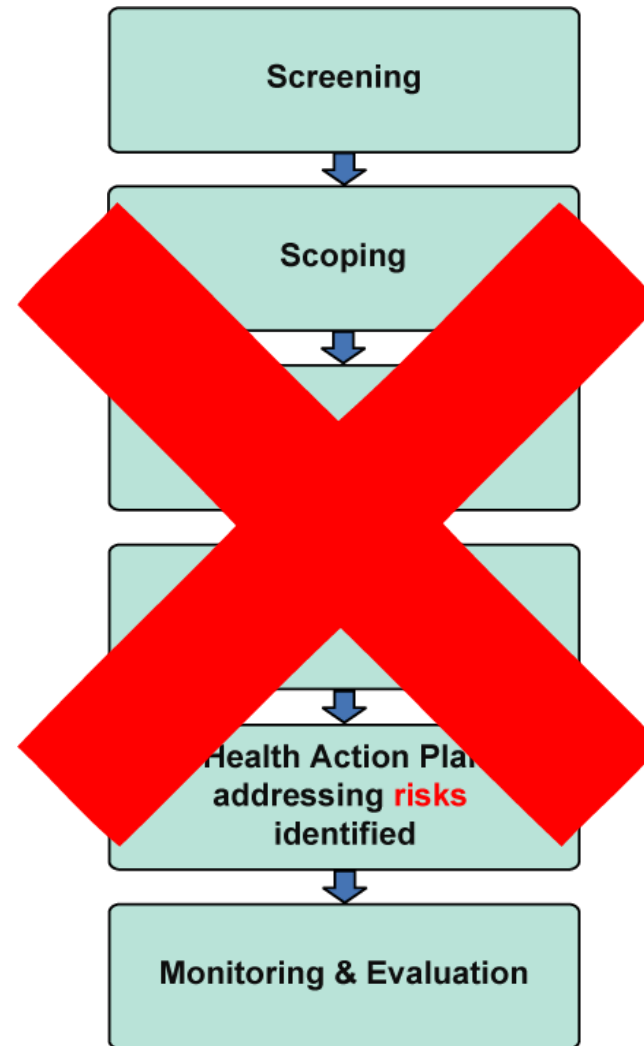


HIA and Health Inequalities

1. Two different views - Health Impact Assessment and Health Equity Impact Assessment
2. Addressing health equity within HIA:
 - HIA steering group and TOR
 - Scoping
 - Community profiling
 - Evidence from the literature
 - Evidence from stakeholders
 - Impact analysis
 - Recommendations
 - Monitoring and evaluation

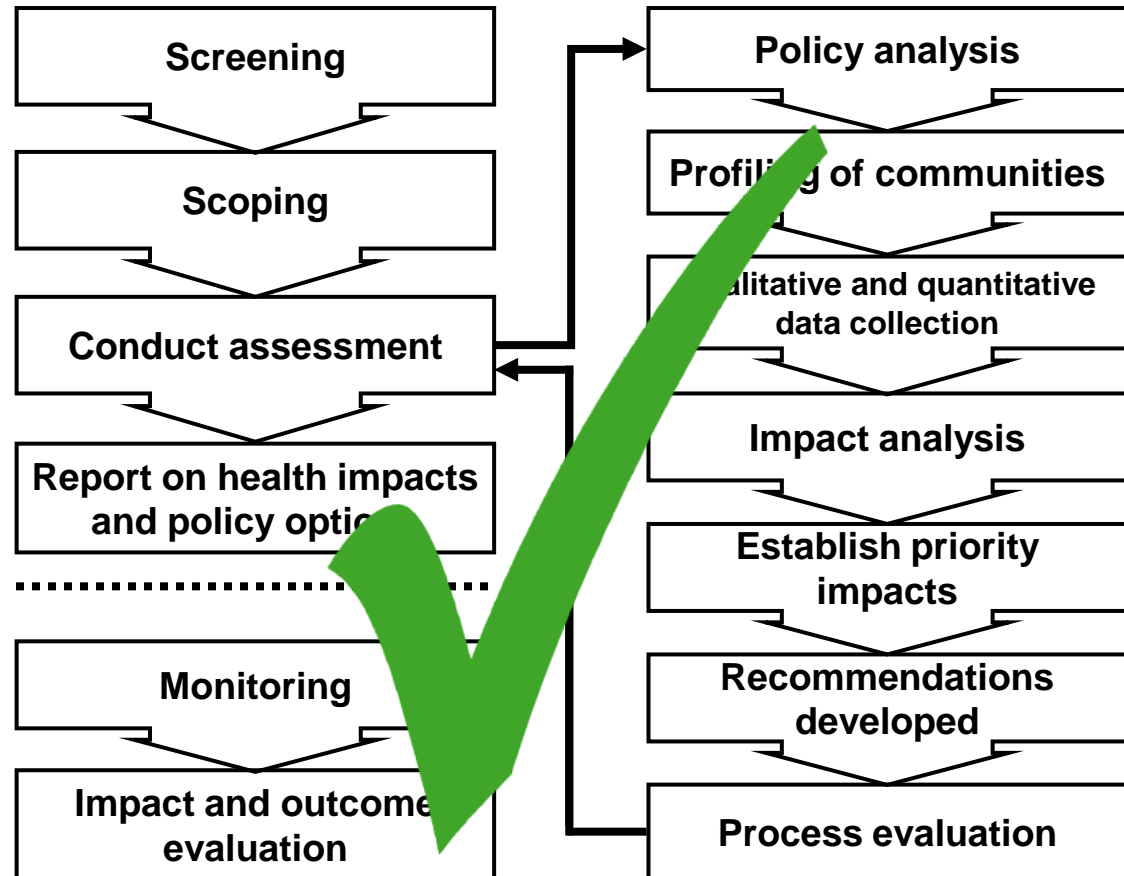


Risk based Approach





True HIA Approach





Sources of further information

The HIA Gateway contains:

- HIA screening tools
- Guides to conducting HIAs
- Sector and topic specific examples of HIA
- Information on the relationships between HIA and other assessments such as SEA and EIA
- Information on HIA conferences and training

See: <http://tinyurl.com/yfx7r87>

or access through the **IMPACT Website**



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3 Levels of HIA

- Desk-top
- Rapid
- Comprehensive



HIA of employment policy

For HIAs of employment policy conducted by IMPACT in 2004 see:

- HIA of the European Employment Strategy – EU
- HIA of the European Employment Strategy – UK
- HIA of the European Employment Strategy – Ireland
- HIA of the European Employment Strategy – Netherlands
- HIA of the European Employment Strategy – Germany

@ http://www.liv.ac.uk/ihia/IMPACT_HIA_Reports.htm



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Examples of IMPACT HIA work



- North West Region HIA capacity building programme
- Comprehensive HIA of housing and neighbourhood investment programme in Salford
- Rapid HIA of housing investment programme in Liverpool
- Tower Hamlets regeneration HIA and production of best practice guidance
- The Liverpool Local Authority and PCT HIA capacity building programme
- Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council HIA capacity building programme
- HIA of the Cheshire West and Chester Unitary Authority Core Strategy
- European Policy Health Impact Assessment (EPHIA) Guide
- Prospective Rapid Health Impact Assessment of the proposed Sports Stadium and Retail Development in Kirkby
- Health Impact Assessment of the Health is Wealth Commission's 'Big Ideas'
- Rapid Health Impact Assessment of the Liverpool Mutual Homes Housing Investment Programme
- Prospective Rapid Health Impact Assessment of an Energy for Waste Facility in the States of Jersey
- Rapid Health Impact Assessment of Oldham Town Centre Integrated Care Centre
- Rapid Health Impact Assessment of Birmingham International Airport's Proposed Runway Extension
- Liverpool CitySafe Anti-Social Behaviour Trailblazer Comprehensive Health Impact Assessment
- Integrated Rapid Health Impact Assessment and Race Impact Assessment of the Reconfiguration of Women's and Children's Health Services in N.W. England
- Desk-Based Health Impact Assessment of the Residential Relocation Core Document for Liverpool



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Differences between HIA and EA

- Backgrounds, perspectives and aims
- Different approaches
- Skills & understanding
- Overcoming differences

