

**Policy
&
Economic**

Policy

It is a set of principles determining the direction for action and allocation of resources to achieve an identified prioritized group of organizational goal .

Economic

It is the study of the ways in which societies make choices about how they address problem of scarcity .

Politics

It is the mechanism by which policy development is influenced by those with a **vested interest in its outcomes .**

Policy & Health

The overall goal of health policy is to provide all people with opportunities lead to socially and economically productive lives .

Specific goals of health policy

- 1 – Prevent disease , injury and promote health .**
- 2 – Relieve pain and suffering**
- 3 – Caring for and curing illness and caring for those with incurable illness .**
- 4 – Attempt to avoid premature death or prepare to a peaceful death if it is inevitable .**

Policy development requires goals prioritization which should be based on three policy directions

1 – Goals that address the needs of the underserved subpopulation

2 – Goals that enhance population health in general

3 – Goals that promote equity in health care services

CHN Role in Policy Development

- 1 – Consciousness**
- 2 – Initiating communication**
- 3 – Promoting attention**
- 4 – Advocacy**
- 5 – Promoting fairness & balance in the design and implementation of health policy**

CHNs roles in policy

- 1 – Citizen**
- 2 – Activist**
- 3 – Politician**
- 4 – Researcher**

Types of policies

- * ***Substantive policies*** : Those that dictate action to be taken such as mandating helmet use by bicycle riders .
- * ***Procedural policies*** : Those that determine how the action will occur such as in the case of helmet law , determine how the law will be implemented .

Health policy

The decisions, plans, and actions that are undertaken to achieve specific health care goals within a society.

Achievements of health policy

1-It defines a vision for the future

2-It outlines priorities and the expected roles of different groups

3-It builds consensus and informs people

Categories of health policies

1- Personal health care policy

2- Pharmaceutical policy

3- Policies related to public health such as: -

vaccination policy

tobacco control policy

breastfeeding promotion policy

Role of health policies

1-financing and delivery of health care

2-access to care

3-quality of care

4-health equity

Health care policy options

- 1- Philosophical (right to health, ethics)
- 2- Economical (health care financing - how to maximize the efficiency of health care delivery and minimize costs)
- 3- Medical research policy
- 4- Health workforce policy
- 5- Health in foreign policy
- 6- Global health policy

Medical research policy

Medical research can be both the basis for defining evidence-based health policy, and the subject of health policy itself.

Health workforce policy

Some countries have an explicit policy or strategy to plan for adequate numbers, distribution and quality of health workers to meet health care goals, such as to address physician and nursing shortages. Evidence-based policies for health workforce development are typically based on findings from health services research.

Health in foreign policy

Many governments and agencies include a health dimension in their **foreign policy** in order to achieve **global health goals**. Promoting health in lower income countries has been seen as instrumental to achieve other goals on the global agenda.

Goals of global agenda

- 1-Promoting [global security](#) – linked to fears of global [pandemics](#), the intentional spread of [pathogens](#), and a potential increase in humanitarian conflicts, natural disasters, and emergencies .
- 2-Promoting [economic development](#) – including addressing the economic effect of poor health on development, of pandemic outbreaks on the global market place, and also the gain from the growing global market in health goods and services .
- 3-Promoting [social justice](#) – reinforcing health as a social value and human right, including supporting the United Nations' [Millennium Development Goals](#).

Global health policy

Global health policy encompasses the global governance structures that create the policies underlying public health throughout the world.

Health care reform

Health care reform is a general rubric used for discussing major health policy creation or changes that affects health care delivery in a given place.

Purposes of health care reforming

Health care reform typically attempts to :-

1-Broaden the population that receives health care coverage through either public sector insurance programs or private sector insurance companies

2-Expand the array of health care providers

Purposes of health care reforming

3-Improve the access to health care specialists

4-Improve the quality of health care

5-Give more care to citizens