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International perspectives on
HIA

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From Washington to World – and back...

Origins of HIA

Many differences in context, methods,
developments

But also similarities



Origins of HIA



Two streams:

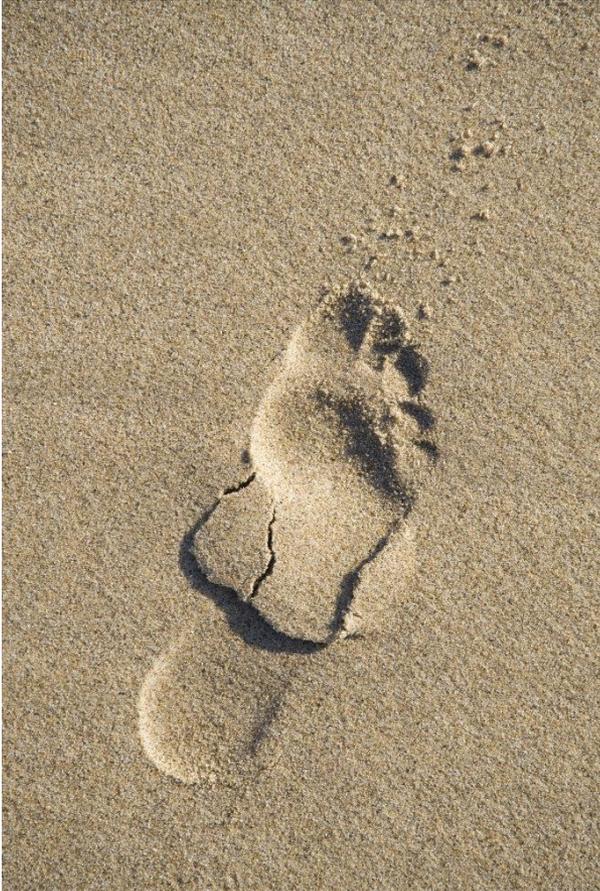
- Public health
- Environmental health

Concern about health in policies and plans





Basic steps in HIA are shared worldwide.....?



Screening
Scoping
Assessment
Reporting

Evaluation
Monitoring



HIA & legal requirements

- May like to perform HIA
- Should perform HIA
- Must perform HIA

- Most countries are in group 1, but increasing number in group 2
- Very few countries are in group 3

Country contexts and cultural aspects count





Advocacy... or science?





Development of HIA

First...

- 'How to' guides and handbooks
- Learning by doing

Then...

- Quantitative methods, including cost-benefit analysis
- Methods with a specific focus e.g. health inequalities, wellbeing
- Research work on settings, conditions, requirements: what makes HIA 'stick'?
- Health in other IA





HIA and decision making

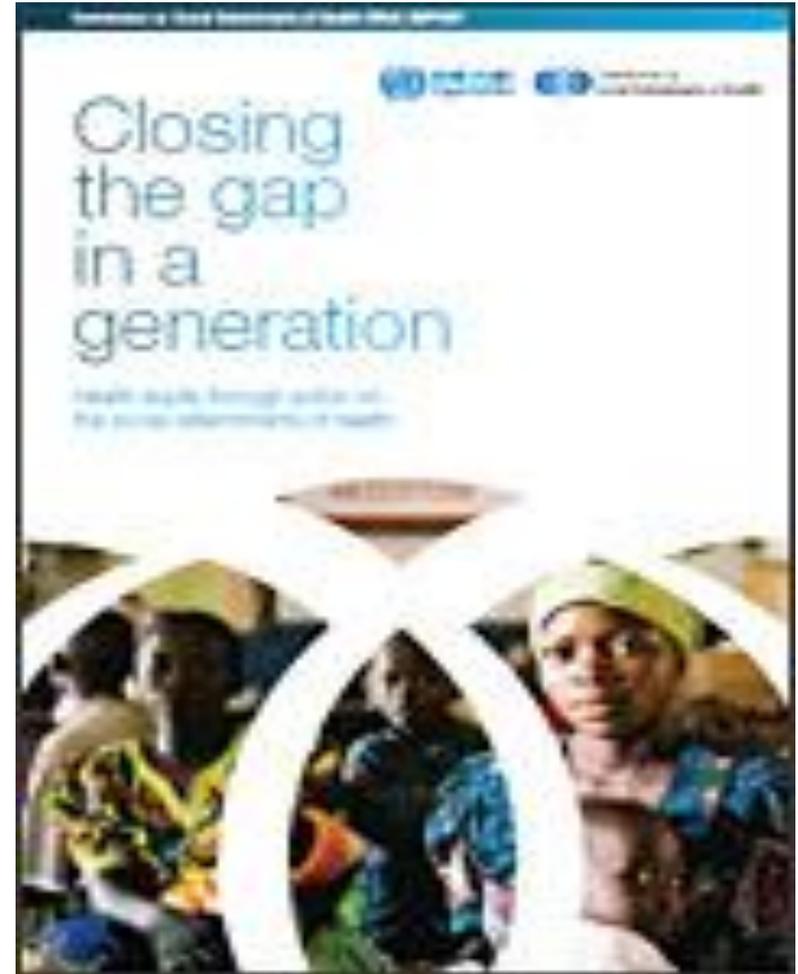
- Project HIA, e.g. landfill site, regeneration scheme
UK: better involvement of local communities, health is considered and project may be adapted.
- Policy level, a more fluid process. Difficult to identify contribution to better decisions.





Frameworks and joint processes on an international level

- EU IA process
- IFC standards
- World Bank standards
- World Health Organisation
- IUHPE
- EUPHA
- IAIA





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