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SDGs and health

An attempt is made in this paper to understand the linkages between health and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda is of unprecedented scope and ambition, applicable to all countries, and goes well beyond the MDGs. While poverty eradication, health, education, food security and nutrition remain priorities, the SDGs comprise a broad range of economic, social and environmental objectives, and offer the prospect of more peaceful and inclusive societies. The 17 goals and 169 targets, including one specific goal for health with 13 targets, of the new development agenda integrate the three dimensions of sustainable development around people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership. The health goal is broad: “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”. There are linkages between the health goal and other goals reflecting the integrated approach that is underpinning the SDGs. Progress in health is dependent on economic, social and environmental progress.

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