



Joint WSPH-SAMA Addressing Health Inequities

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Legal and Policy Environment

- In RSA we have great Laws and Policies
- The Constitution
- National Health Act
- National Environmental Management Act
- Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Road Traffic Management Act
- Public Finance Management Act
- Mental Health Care Act
- Medical Schemes Act
- ...and lately the NDP and sugar tax



Implementation: Acts and Policies

Challenges:

Historical racial disparities that still persist

DGMAH, PAH, CHBAH (Township Hospitals)

Fragmented Health system

- Fiscal Federalism
- Private Health Care vs Public Health Care

Rapid Urbanisation (peri-urbanisation/informal settlements) → further pressure on Township Hospitals



Implementation: Acts and Policies

- Recommendations:
 - Increase resources in areas of greatest need
 - Increase resources in High Priority Health Programmes
 - Fast track NHI
 - Monitor policy implementation and the effects thereof

