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