

# Social determination of Health

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# Social determinants of health

- Clean and safe water, sanitation
- Climate change
- Forced migration and conflict
- Education
- Access to information
- Gender inequality
- Poverty
- Culture eg taboos
- Employment
- Corruption accountability
- Women accessing health care
- Food security
- Religious taboos

# Root causes

- Info education:
  - government decreased transparency, decreased accountability, easier vote banks
  - Reduced formal ed facilities; increase unempowered citizens, self centred interest of gov
  - Reduced transparency in private section
- Access to information
  - Lack of fin resources
  - Lack of transparency
  - Market society resp for lack of transparency
  - Lack of education
  - Capitalistic society
  - Market and economy
- Corruption and accountability
  - Lack of civic education
  - Poor leadership
- Food security
  - Displaced from land
  - Big farming, exploitation
- Gender inequality
  - Women issues not well addressed
  - Also men (prostate cancer)
  - Privatisation and
  - external funding drives prioritisation
  - Male dominance affects SRHRs
- WASH
  - Inequitable distribution of clean water
  - Technology
  - Limited resources
  - Lack of political will
  - Lack of power of citizens

# Strategies for health activists

- Evidence based research
- Movement building
- Promote policy dialogue with communities and governments
- Social audits, strengthen accountability
- Create awareness
- Educate about rights
- Demand quality health care: advocacy
- Make govs more accountable re budgeting eg education and health
- Create pressure groups for tax reform
- Research
- Capacity building, community empowerment
- Litigation and other legal processes
- Advocacy media engagement
- Advocacy and lobbying around rural development
- Unequal trade agreements
- Debt repayments
- Gender inequality: policies laws and guidelines equal opportunities for education, etc