
Social innovations in Health:

An overview and some challenging questions

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Overview of Innovation – (Global Forum)

- Innovation encompasses the entire process from the generation of new ideas to their transformation into useful things to their **implementation**.
- Innovation may involve
 - new products, manufacturing processes
 - services, management structures
 - methods, policy

Dimension of Social Innovation-I (From a Health for All Perspective)

Product Innovation & Appropriate Technology:

- Appropriate economically (Low cost)
- Appropriate techno-managerially (Effective)
- Appropriate culturally (Synergistic with local beliefs)
- Appropriate socially (Access and Equities)
- Appropriate politically (Control and Demystification)
- Appropriate ecologically (Green and in Harmony)

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Dimension of Social Innovation –II (From a Health for All **Perspective**)

Process Innovation

- Enhancing Equity/ Access
- Community Participation/ownership
- Community Monitoring/watching/
evaluation
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□ Health worker to Health Activist

Community

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Evaluation/Participatory Research

Dimension of Social Innovation-III (From a Health for All Perspective)

Communication Innovation

- Low cost communication
- Decentralized /communication
- Autonomous communication (Folk Theatre)
- Community of learning (IPHU/ CHFP)
- Communication for advocacy/change (Culture of protest)

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CHFP

Dimension of Social Innovation-IV (From a Health for All Perspective)

Distribution Innovation

- Self help groups
- Community based organization/association
- Community Networking
 - Cooperatives

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Dimension of Social Innovation-V (From a Health for All Perspective)

Economics Innovation

- Micro Credit
- Health Cooperative
- Community Health Insurance
- Cost Sharing Partnerships
- Demand side and Supply side initiatives

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Dimension of Social Innovation-VI (From a Health for All Perspective)

Paradigmatic Innovation

- Medicine → health
- Individual → community
- Provision and product distribution →
Education and social processes
- Molecular Biology (intracellular) →
Ballooning/social/community action
- Professional control → community
autonomy

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