

Enhancing Capacity in the Assessment and Application of Health Equity Tools

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Equity Lens in Public Health

Purpose: guide and inform learning about the integration of an equity lens in public health and to contribute knowledge of health inequities reduction.

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Health Equity Tools

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Equity-Focused
Health Impact Assessment
Framework

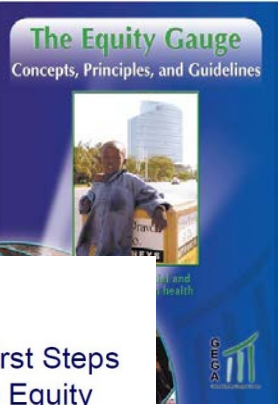
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EQUITY Framework for Health

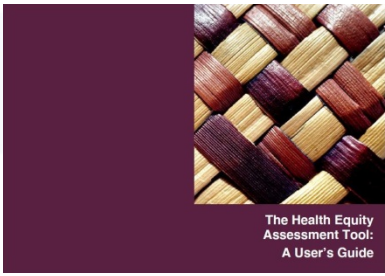
Health and poverty are interconnected. Health conditions and health care are resources, and resources are unevenly distributed. In addition, the poor and vulnerable groups who experience the burden of disease, which are people who live in poor health care systems, have the least access to health care and the fewest resources to improve their health. The EQUITY Framework for Health is a guide to help health care providers, public health workers, and others working to improve public health and reduce inequalities. It is based on the World Health Organization's (WHO) 2002 report, "Solid Facts: Health and Poverty in the 21st Century".

A Multistakeholder Collaboration for Health Equity Impact



The Equity Gauge
Concepts, Principles, and Guidelines

First Steps
to Equity
Ideas and Strategies
for Health Equity in
Ontario, 2008-2010



The Health Equity
Assessment Tool:
A User's Guide



Health Equity Tools
2013



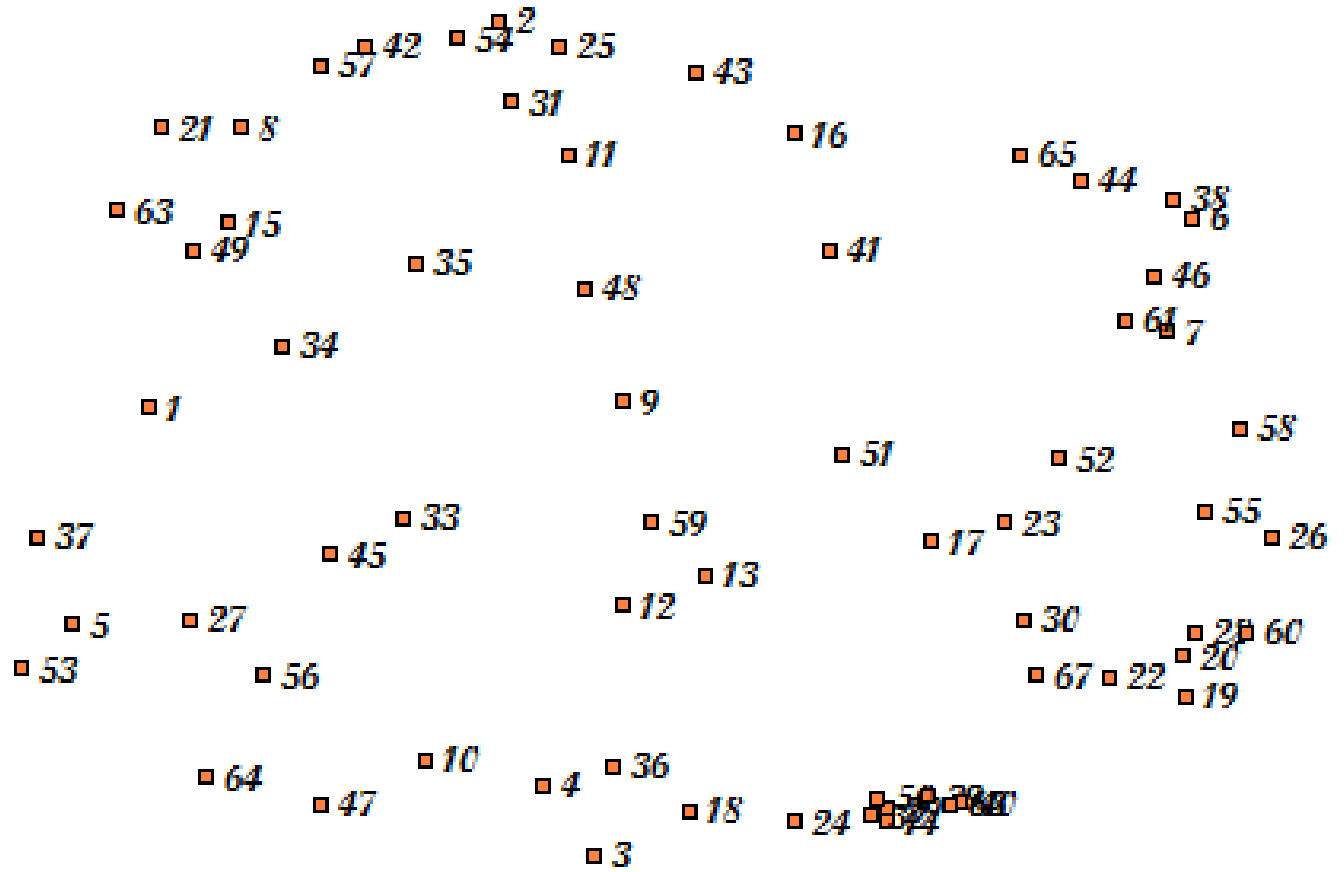
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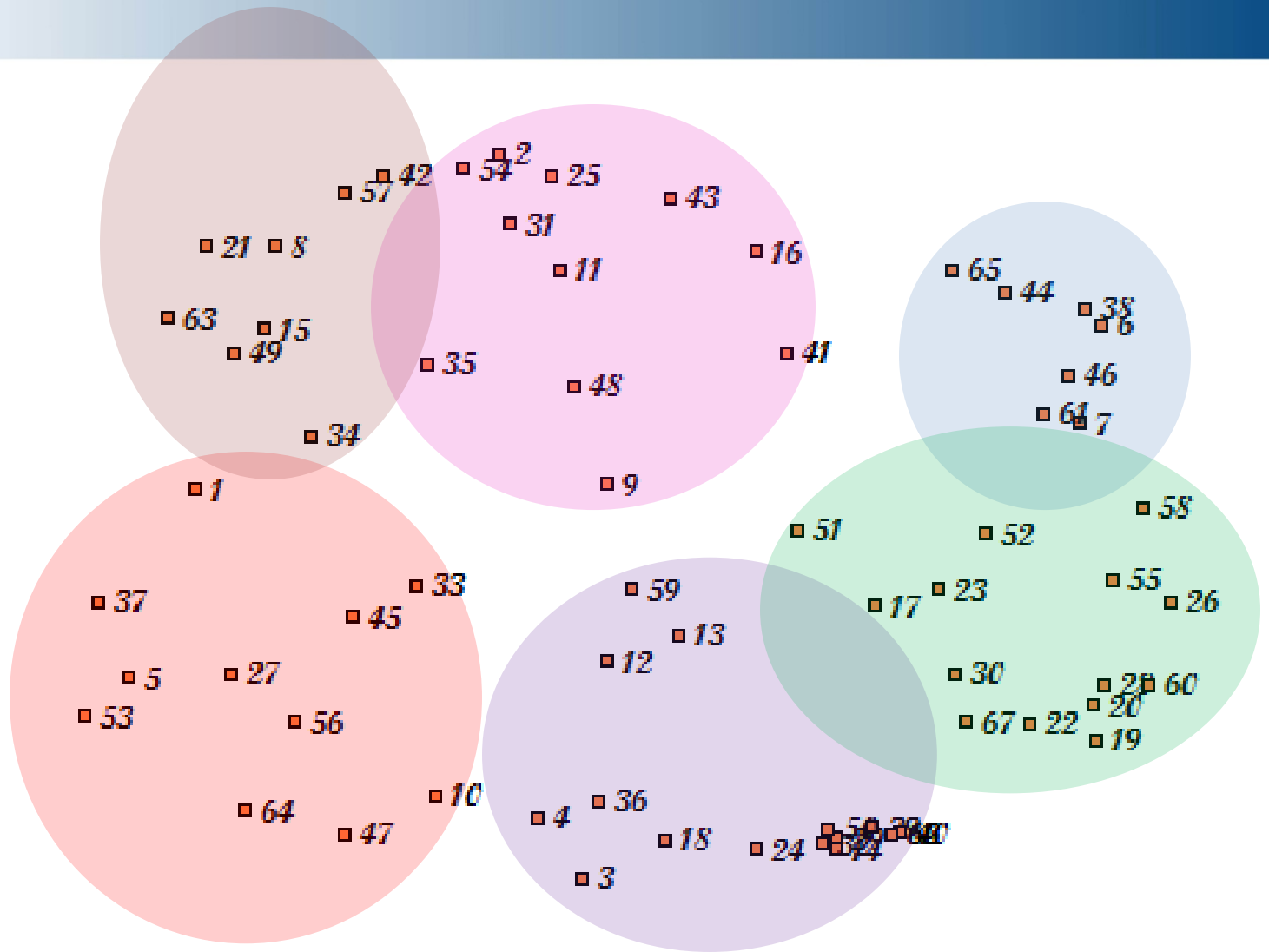
Concept Mapping

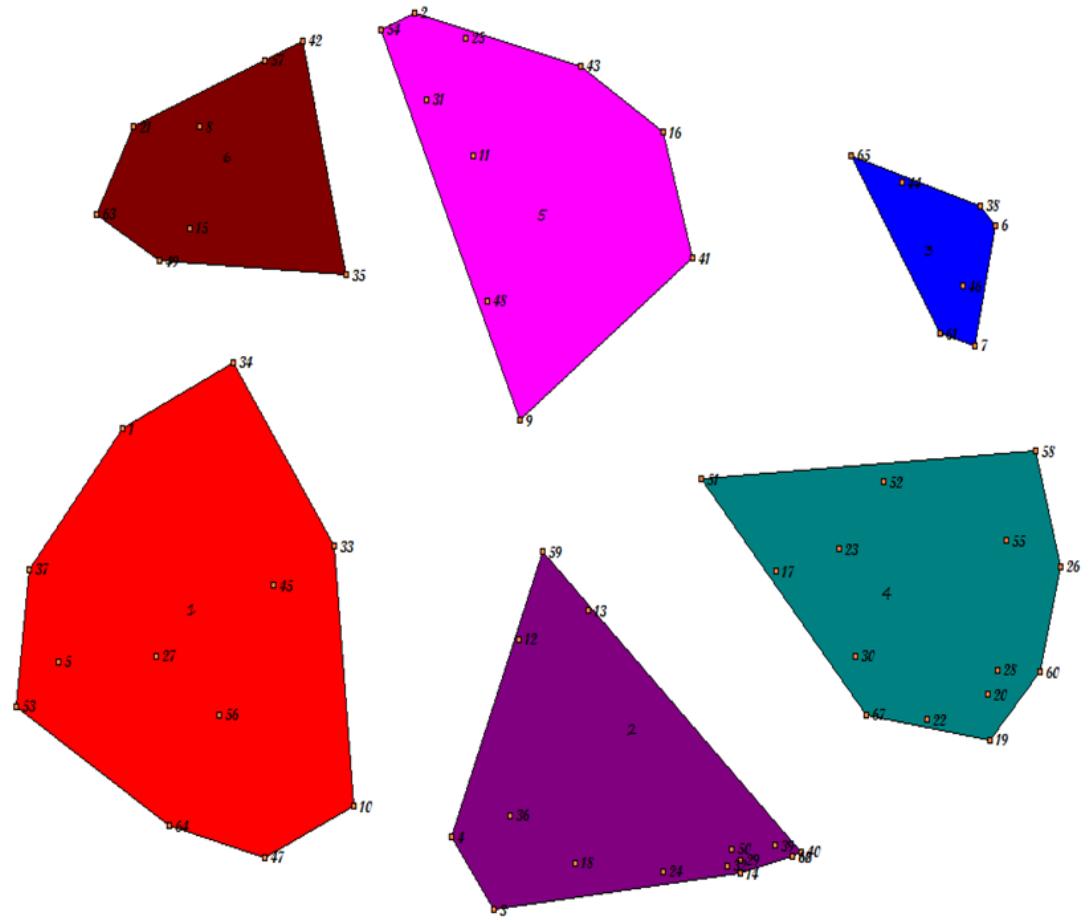
To be useful, a health equity tool should...



- Have a clear feedback loop to improve practice
- Have a clear intended outcome
- Assist program planners to improve the equity of their programs
- Lead to the identification of areas for improvement in policy/program

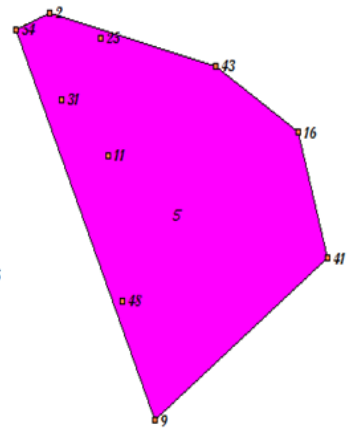
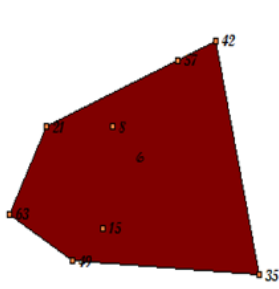




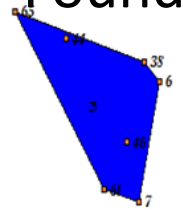


Reflexive Institutional, Cultural and Public Health Lens

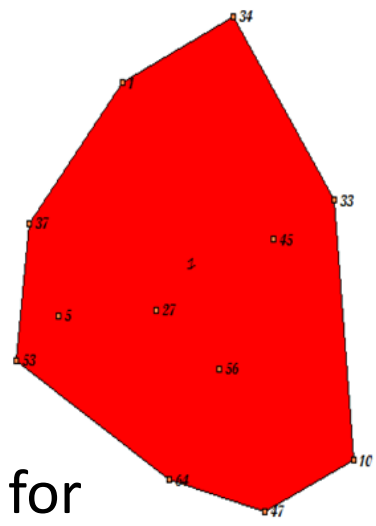
Reflexive
Practice



Explicit Theoretical
Foundations



Evaluation for
Improvement



User Friendly



Practical Resources
To Guide Use



Recommendations

- Health equity tools should
 - Be meaningful and guide action
 - Be clear and concise
 - Contain resources to support use
- Context matters: Understanding of health equity and institutional environments are as important as the use of tools
- Next Steps: Practical and Theoretical Criteria

Thank you!

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