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# PROMOTING EQUITY THROUGH MONITORING INEQUALITIES IN THE SEMI-RURAL REGION OF GIRONA

## Participatory Process to Identify Municipalities' Needs for Data and Information

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### [ Introduction ]

#### The area: Girona

- Semi-rural region (Spain)
- 750.000 population

#### The institution: Dipsalut

- Public health provider for the municipalities in the region of Girona (Deputation of Girona)



#### Diagnosis:

Lack of inequalities monitoring system

Lack of local public health equity policies

### [ Main purpose ]

To identify local agents' information needs on social determinants of health and inequalities

### [ Secondary purposes ]

1. To promote local communities' commitment to public health, wellbeing and sustainable development.
2. To involve local actors in the detection of data needs to promote proactive health and well-being policies and practices.
3. To promote knowledge transference among local actors on social determinants and their effects on health and well-being.
4. To obtain shared criteria for indicators selection and prioritization.

### [ Participants & Methods ]



### [ Results ]

HEALTH ENVIRONMENT INDICATORS	Rank.	SOCIAL AND HEALTH INDICATORS	Rank.
Prevention and control measures for urban pests	1	Emotional wellbeing	1
Hygienic and sanitary conditions of municipal equipment	2	Educational attainment level (by age)	2
Sanitary compliance criteria	3	Health related quality of life in young population	3
Incidence of water transmission diseases	4	AROPE index	4
Green spaces accessibility	5	Self-perceived Health status	5
Bathing water microbiological quality	6	Mental Health on adult and young population	6
Feral cat colonies	7	Early school leavers	7
Sanitary state of beaches	8	Domestic and gender violence. Elderly and children mistreatment	8
Water service coverage	9	Households unable to pay utility bills on time	9
Urban pests incidence	10	Employment by occupation, economic activity, time since job started, job characteristics and employee characteristics	10
Population exposed to high level of noise	10		

### [ Discussion and conclusions ]

- **Local actors** have been highly involved in configuring a **shared set of indicators** based on social determinants of health framework.
- **Environmental health** technicians are mainly focused in mandatory compliance of health protection competencies.
- More efforts are needed to develop further **knowledge on social determinants of health** among local actors.
- More action is needed to further **monitor health inequalities** in order to adjust health and wellbeing local policies.
- To obtain **adjusted indicators at a local level** will be useful to design local proximity policies.

*Limitations: The participatory process was adapted to be held online due to Covid-19 pandemic.*

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