

Racial discrimination in the enjoyment of the right to health

Main challenges and key issues

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Monitoring Effective Access to Quality Healthcare

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Racial discrimination as structural determinant of health

- Combined effect
 - ❑ Higher poverty rates
 - ❑ Limited access to social determinants of health
 - ❑ Higher prevalence of underlying health conditions
 - ❑ Over policing and disproportionate incarceration
 - ❑ Stress and anxiety

Challenges and right to health



Prevention

Autonomy

Healthcare

Prevention and key determinants of health

- Safe drinking water and sanitation, safe food, and housing
- Safe and healthy working environment
- Climate change and environmental health hazards
- Gender
- Migratory status
- Deprivation of liberty

Autonomy

- Right to bodily autonomy and physical integrity
 - Involuntary placement, seclusion and treatment
 - Forced sterilisation
 - Reproductive autonomy
 - Access to information, personal integrity, privacy, and protection against racial and gender-based violence
 - Access to safe and legal abortion

Healthcare

- Right to equal and unhindered access to culturally appropriate, gender-sensitive and context-responsive quality health facilities, goods, services
- Right to privacy and confidentiality

Challenges in:

- Availability
- Accessibility, including physical, economic (affordability), information and digital accessibility
- Acceptability
- Quality

Actively promote substantive equality

- Enhance equality with concrete multidimensional incentives
 - ✓ Recognise racial bias and stigmatisation
 - ✓ Identify (monitoring) and redress the disadvantage, including by affirmative action
 - ✓ Promote active participation of racialised communities within an intersectional framework
 - ✓ Coordinate to improve monitoring of strategies and health action plans and promote structural changes
 - ✓ Improve access to judicial and non-judicial effective remedies
- Promote training for national authorities to prevent discriminatory practices
- Promote prevention and protection against violations by private parties

Thank you !

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