



THE PORTUGUESE NATIONAL HEALTH PLAN

Interim Report on the National Health Plan:
Revision and Extension to 2020
(The NHP-Revision)

Comments from WHO Europe

Summary

- Introduction
- The overall approach of the NHP
- The NHP and Health 2020
- Comments in view of implementing the National Health Plan
- New initiatives
- Conclusion and initial recommendations

Implementation

- Developing a priority implementation of the NHP
- Clarifying core concepts and values, and alignment with Health 2020
- Strengthening ownership of the NHP-engaging whole of government and the wider society
- Bringing other sectors on board for NHP implementation
- Support regional and local implementation
- Implications for strengthening public health capacities and services
- Agree on a small number of indicators

Conclusions and recommendations



“The NHP extension to 2020 is significantly aligned with the Health 2020 policy framework. It is guided by explicit principles and values, with a strong health gain goal, and is built on a solid evidence base. Consistent with Health 2020, it emphasizes improvements in health and well-being, equity, whole of society approaches and access to quality health services. It is visionary, as a continuum from previous NHPs, and could benefit from yet further alignment with H2020.”

Conclusions and recommendations

“To guide the implementation process, the NHP might benefit from offering more tangible mechanisms for implementation and action, including clarify the roles and responsibilities of the different actors.”