



The Justice, Health and Inequality Trifecta

Inequality before the law, SDGs 3, 10 and 16: How discriminatory law and enforcement affect violence, equality and health, pushing the marginalised further behind.

Where: Aldo Moro Room, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome

When: 27 May 13.30 – 14.45

Join us for a discussion on the links between legal inequality, particularly criminal laws, violence, equality, health and gender. The panel will discuss the need for law reform, equality before the law and access to justice as critical tools in achieving the SDGs, particularly health (3), gender (5), inequality (10) and violence (16).

The experiences in the HIV response regarding the effect of laws that discriminate, particularly on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, sex work or drug use, make it clear that law can further marginalise and leave behind already vulnerable groups. Conversely, removal of criminal laws can increase access to health, justice and social services and decrease violence, stigma and discrimination. Yet for the law to be truly an ally for health, it must be accompanied by the introduction of protective laws and accessible accountability mechanisms and redress.

Recognising these links, the health and justice communities are working together. Join us and take part in a discussion on how organisations from different sectors can and do work together across the sustainable agenda using access to justice and law to improve health, equality and peace.

Panelists

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