

HIA 101

Screening



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Objective

To decide whether a HIA is feasible, timely, and would add value to the decision-making process.

Is there a DECISION regarding a policy, plan, or project, CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION whose outcomes are likely to impact health?

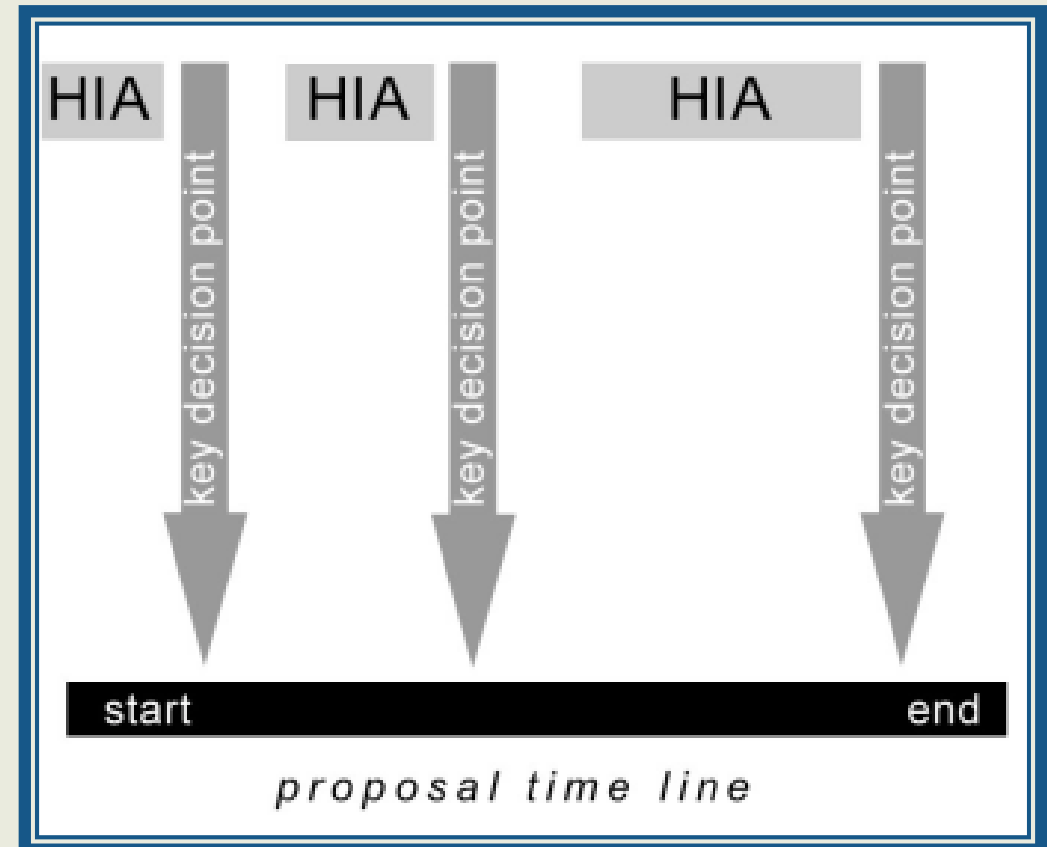


The purpose of HIA is to inform decision-makers **before** they make decisions, before the plan or policy is decided on or implemented.

You have to know quite a bit about the decision in order to be able to figure out if an HIA would be feasible, timely, and valuable. **Do you?**

HIA is used to assess a **defined** project, plan or policy

Does the decision-making PROCESS allow for input from an HIA?



Are health considerations already EXPLICITLY part of the discussion? i.e., Would the HIA bring new information to the decision-making process?

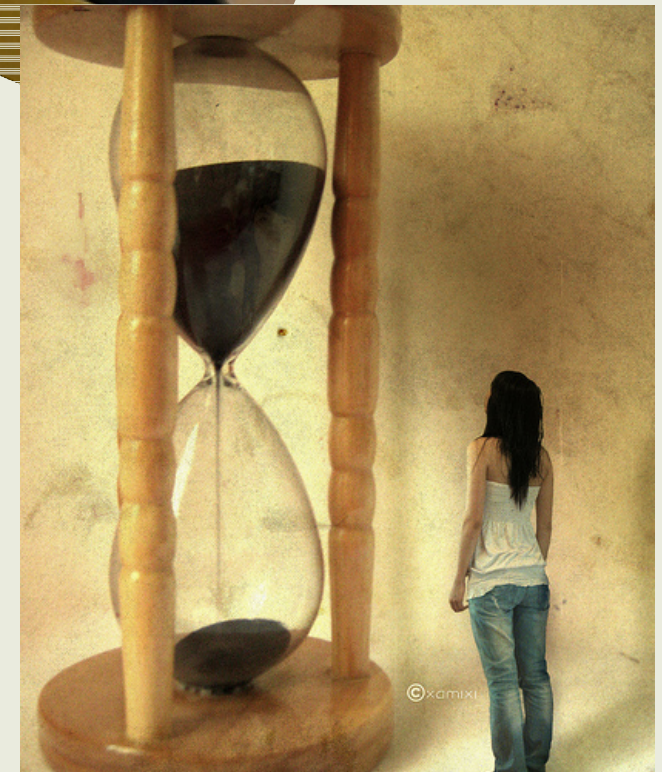


Can the HIA be completed within the TIMELINE for the decision?



Are there RESOURCES available to conduct the HIA?

- Staff
- Partnerships
- Data
- Time to develop relationships
- Stakeholder support



Will different sub-populations in the community be more adversely affected than others?



- Does the plan or policy impact determinants of health?
- What is the magnitude of the impact? Does it warrant the outlay of effort that an HIA requires?
- Is there already some sort of assessment that includes the considerations you are thinking about?
- Have you asked everyone that you should have asked?

A description of the proposal that will be the focus of the HIA, including the decision timeline and points when the HIA will be used

List of stakeholders involved in the screening process

A statement of why the proposal was selected, including:

Potential impacts of the proposal on health and health inequities

Expected resources required to conduct the HIA

Description of the decision's political context and opportunities to influence decision-making

An explanation of how the HIA proposal is screened should also be included in the HIA report