

21-10-19 Q:- What is meant by Common goods for health? How does it attributes to the strengthening of foundation of public health care systems? Also discuss the significance of the concept in the light of healthcare schemes of GOI.

Common Goods for Health (CGH) are population based functions or interventions that require collective financing, either from the government or donors based on the following conditions:

1. Contribute to health and economic progress
2. There is a clear economic rationale for interventions based on market failures with focus on (i) Public goods or (ii) large social externalities

- CGH → FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS:-

CGH is a project launched by World Health Organisation (WHO). Consider the recent global issues Ebola outbreak, air pollution in North India or the health consequences of environmental degradation and climate change. Each of these are large problem, focusing on health care is not a efficient solution.

We should not merely think about public policy responses in the form of curing people. We must go upstream and combat these problem at root.

For example → Best defence against global pandemics lies in public health infrastructure that deals with communicable disease including disease monitoring system, emergency response and immunisation.

It is in the nature of governance process to creep away from public health towards health care.

For example → CGH in policy and coordination
like
→ Planning and management of emergency response
→ Urban design, disease control policies and strategies.
→ Community engagement and management.

CGH → India's healthcare Schemes:-

In India a lot remains in the public health care like air quality, road safety, food safety, safety etc,

Improving the public health expenditure, will reduce the extent to which people get sick, thus will reduce the fiscal burden associated with government programmes which pays for health care.

For ex:- Government sponsored Health insurance scheme (like PM-JAY, Ayushman Bharat). There are concerns about the magnitude of the implicit debt associated with the health insurance promises made by the Indian state.

A fresh focus upon CGH will help to reduce these kind of expenditures and fiscal risk. Need coordination among various ministries and agency. For ex:- problem like air quality or food safety lies outside the Ministry of health.

Thus by focus on CGH, it is better for a person to not get sick, as compared with going into faulty health care system. WHO's CGH project is the right direction for all health issues in world.