

# A Global Framework for Public Health Functions

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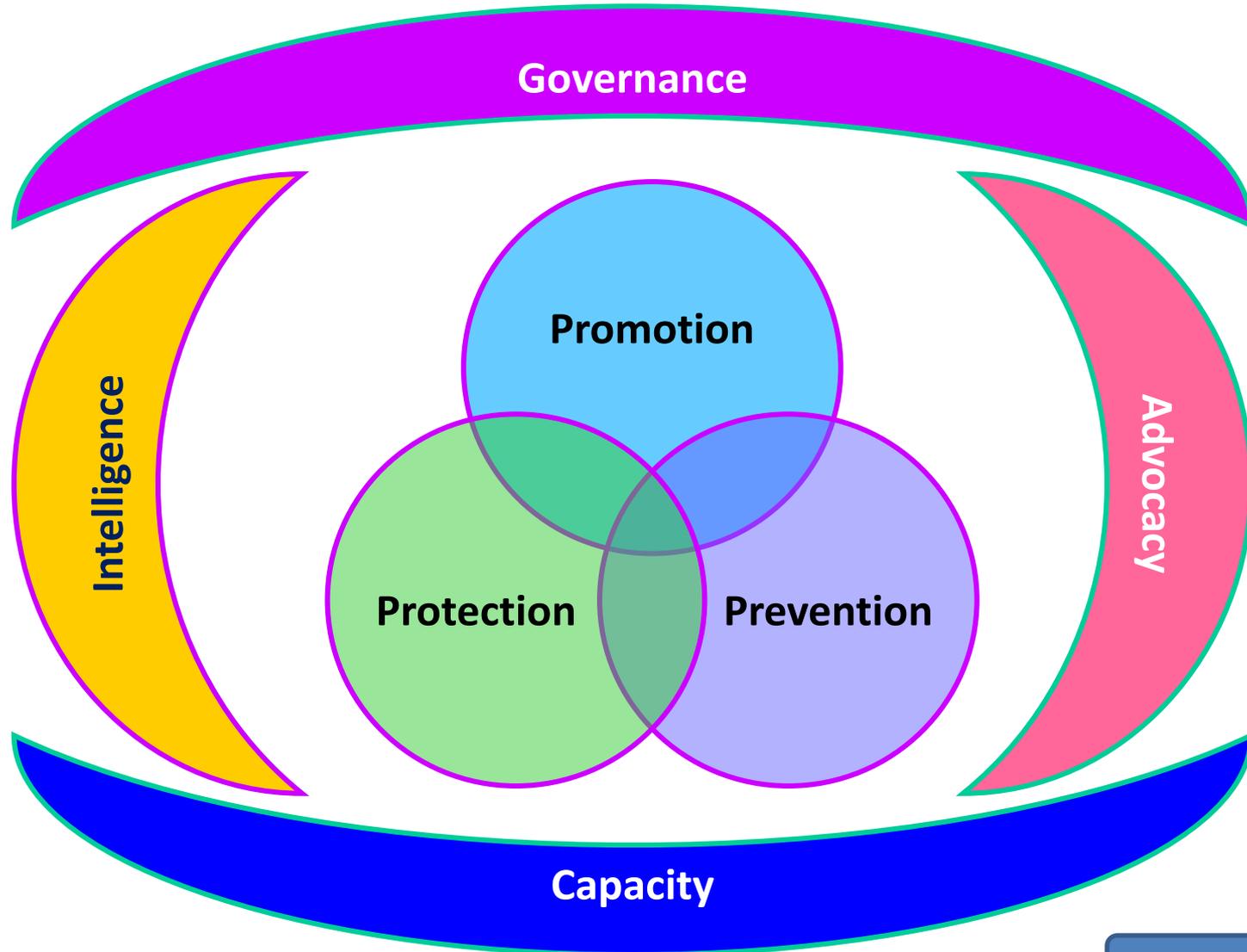
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# Purpose of the Framework

- To develop a globally recognised set of Public Health functions and definitions
- That are in the form of a flexible framework for different countries to apply to their own settings
- To strengthen public health systems to achieve sustainable and fair health outcomes
- To support the post 2015 MDGs and wider Sustainable Development agenda and the implementation of Universal Health Coverage
- To scale up public health capacity building and standardise assessment

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**Vision:** Towards fair and sustainable health and well-being



# Suggested areas for the Global Framework for Public Health Functions

- 1. Governance:** public health legislation and policy, health in all policy, strategy, funding, organisation, quality assurance, audit, transparency and accountability
- 2. Intelligence:** surveillance and monitoring, research and evaluation, innovation, dissemination and uptake
- 3. Protection:** communicable disease control, emergency preparedness, environmental health and climate change
- 4. Prevention:** vaccination, screening, evidence-based, integrated, person-centred quality health-care and rehabilitation
- 5. Promotion:** inequalities, social and environmental determinants, resilience, behaviour, health literacy, life-course, healthy settings
- 6. Advocacy:** sustainable development, social participation and solidarity, people-centred approach, voluntary community sector engagement, ethics, leadership and communications
- 7. Capacity:** for public health, health professionals and wider workforce: planning – numbers, resources, infrastructure; standards, curriculum, accreditation, capabilities, teaching and training

**Core Public Health Functions** = Intelligence, Protection, Prevention, Promotion (purple outline)

**Enabler Public Health Functions** = Governance, Advocacy, Capacity (green outline)

# **A Proposed Public Health Definition:**

***‘Public Health is the art and science of organising collective efforts to:***

- promote well-being,***
  - protect health and***
  - prevent disease,***
  - based upon robust intelligence and***
- enabled by good governance, advocacy and the capacity to ensure fair and sustainable health and well-being for all’***

(World Federation of Public Health Associations, 2014)