

Healthequity Action Learnings Foundation
Five-Year Activity Report
(2020-21 to 2024-25)

Year	Activity	Summary
2024-25	Webinar: Social Determinants of Health Equity in India. February 20, 2025	The webinar underscored the urgent need for multi-sectoral collaboration in addressing SDH. Policymakers, researchers, and community stakeholders must work together to ensure a just and equitable healthcare system in India. The discussion reaffirmed that real change requires structural reforms, community participation, and political commitment.
	Workshop: Qualitative Research from Theory to Practice, June 30 to July 4, 2024, Chandigarh.	The workshop provided a robust platform for 35 academics and researchers from diverse backgrounds to deepen their understanding of qualitative research. Through engaging discussions, practical exercises, and hands-on sessions on qualitative data analysis tools, participants gained insights and skills applicable to their research endeavors.
	Project: Social Change and Adolescent Health: A Longitudinal Study in 3 Regions of India. August 19, 2024	A prospective study has been designed to understand the impact of changes in political, economic, and social structures on the behaviours of adolescents. Over 5 years, three waves of quantitative and qualitative data collection has been planned prospectively for understanding the behaviours, growth and psychosocial development.
2023-24	Panel Discussion: Social Determinants of Health, February 20, 2024.	A panel discussion focused on the intertwined link between social justice and health equity. Eminent speakers deliberated upon the need to create a fair and just society where everyone can lead a healthy and fulfilling life.
	Webinar: Health Equity, December 14, 2023	In this webinar it was emphasized that health inequity is the unjustified difference in different social groups. The root causes of health inequities lie within the social structure which is shaped by political ideology. Health equity can be achieved by concerted political action.
	Project: Transformative Research to Increase the Accountability of Panchayati Raj for Social Determinants of Health in a District of Punjab	This study has been planned to understand the issues related to performance of panchayats in addressing social determinants of health. Using participatory research approach, a capacity development program would be co-designed for Panchayats. The study is expected to provide a better understanding of the role of political and economic literacy in changing the health scenario at local levels.
2022-23	Project: An Assessment of India's Efforts and Achievements towards Social Determinants of Health funded by WHO India	The efforts and achievements of India were reviewed through study of various policy, programmes and schemes formulated within past 20 years that has contributed to addressing social determinants of health. Key data sources from national surveys were reviewed to assess impact of intersectoral actions on social determinants of health inequities.
2021-22	Workshop: Mixed Methods Research, Chandigarh	A 2-day workshop was organised for public health students to familiarize them with applications of mixed method research.
2020-21	Campaign: COVID-19 Pandemic	A group of academics came together as a public health forum and conducted social media campaign to spread awareness about prevention and control measures of COVID-19, which later developed into Healthequity Action Learnings Foundation.