

Equitap

Introduction & Agenda

Equitap Workshop

Institute of Health and Economics

Seoul National University, Seoul

June 30 – July 1, 2011



Objectives for Seoul 2011 Workshop

- Review of preliminary results from Equitap Phase 2 work
- Identification of problems and agreement on work-plan for completion of all results
- Agreement on publications plan
- Update on Equitap-related activities

Equitap Goals

- To jointly collaborate on the comparative assessment of equity in national health systems in Asia-Pacific territories, so as to contribute to more equitable health systems
- To systematically document equity in health care systems in Asia according to four measures: finance, utilisation, spending and health status.
- To contribute to the development of national and regional capacity and information systems in Asia for monitoring equity in national health systems.

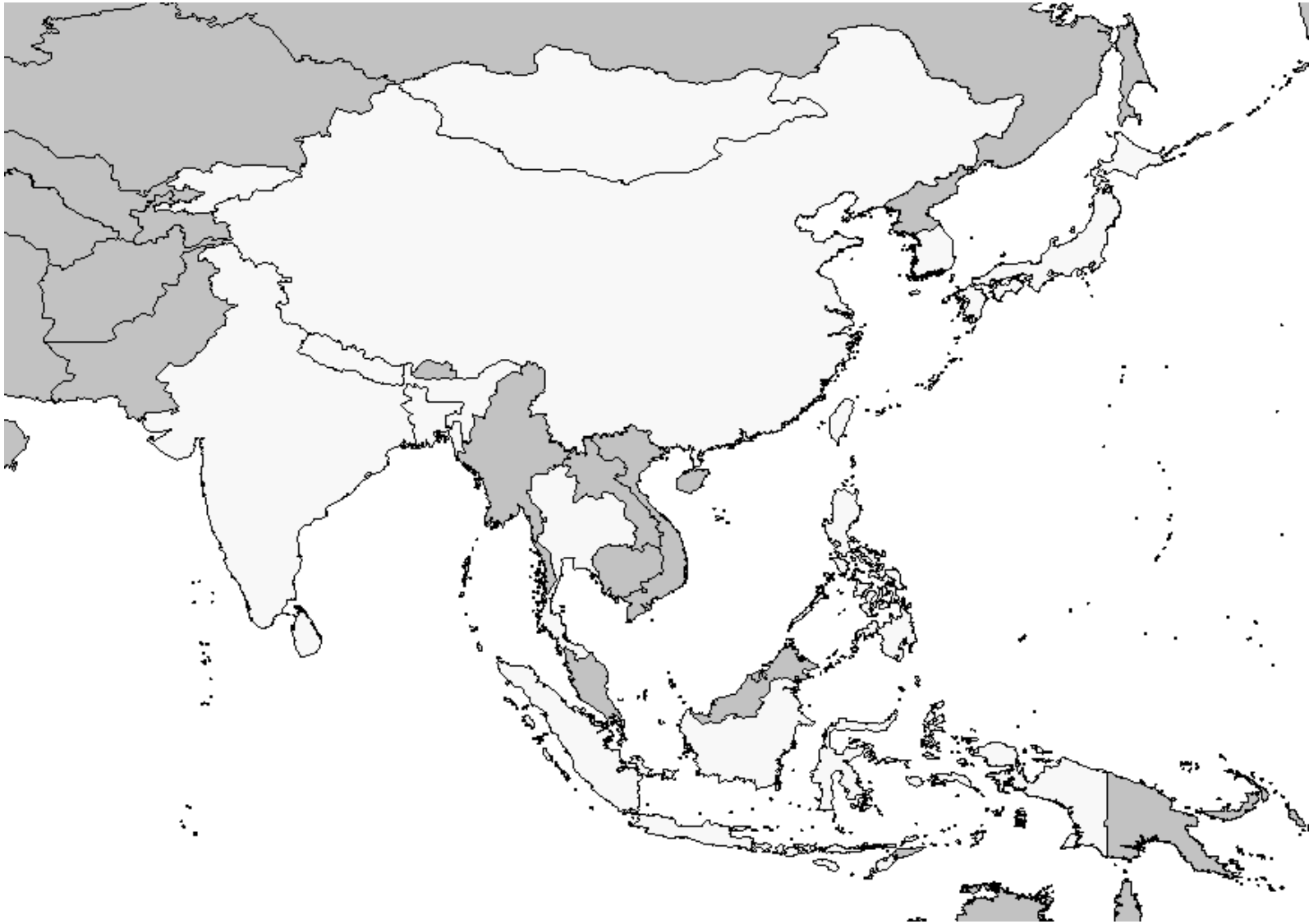
The Equitap Consortium

- National agencies/research groups/MoHs in 21 Asia-Pacific countries/territories
- Original technical collaborators during Equitap 1: Erasmus University & London School of Economics
- Equitap 1 Primary Sponsors: EU INCO-DEV grant, Rockefeller Grant, WHO
- Equitap 2 Primary Sponsors: IDRC, AusAID, World Bank, WHO
- Equitap approach is to rely on national teams to build local capacity and regional-level knowledge sharing

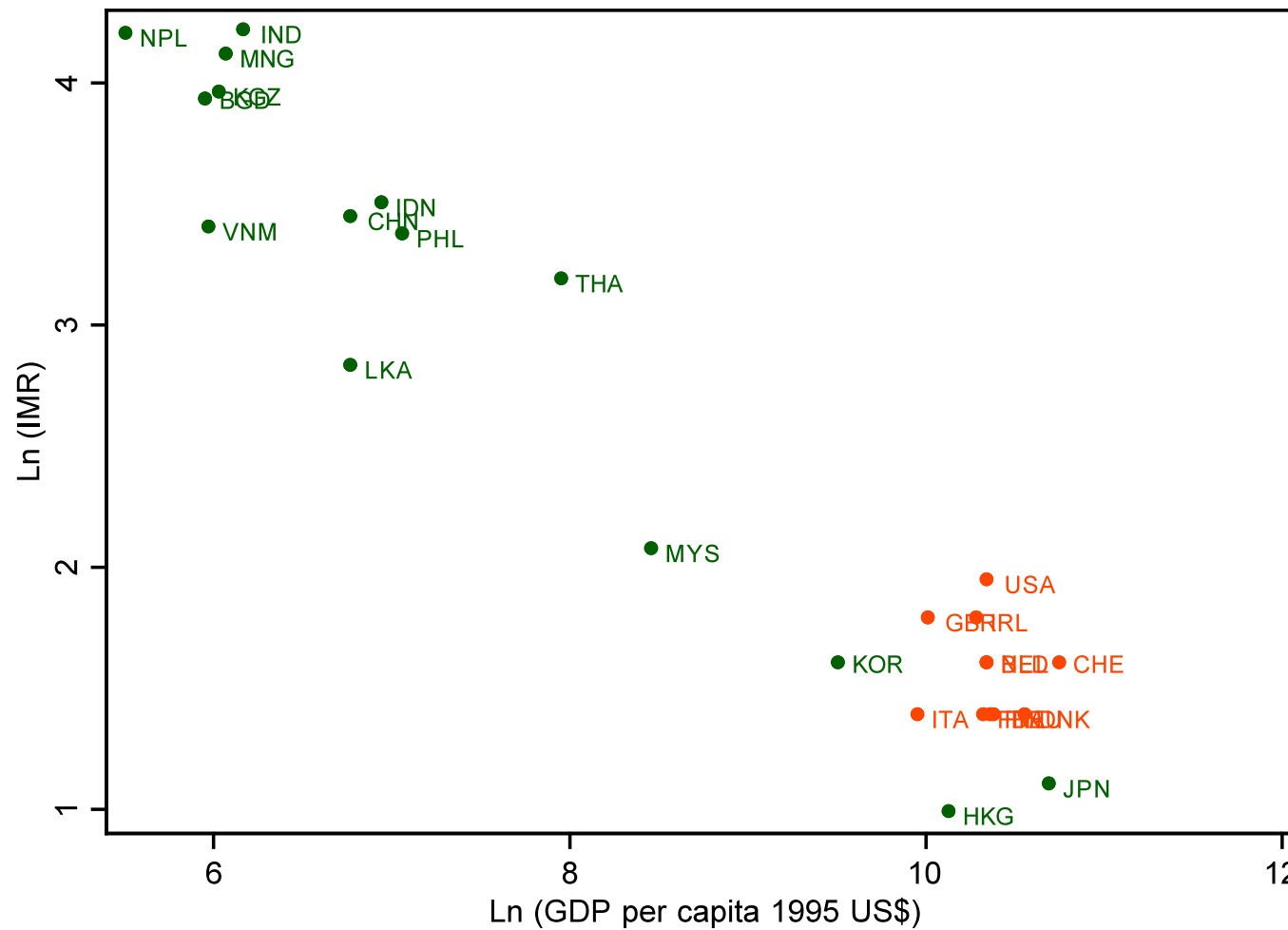
Equitap Timeline

- Time-line: Concept & proposal 2000
- Equitap 1: 2001-2005
- Equitap 2: 2006-2011
- Meetings:
 - 2001 (York, Bangkok), 2002 (Manila), 2003 (Hong Kong), 2005 (Kandalama), 2007-2011 (Seoul)
- Standardized protocols and technical guidance
- Shared effort with local responsibility for national analysis

Equitap 1 Geographical coverage



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Equitap 2 Geographical coverage



Equitap 2 Territories

- Current partner teams:
 - Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Cambodia, Laos, Viet Nam, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, China, Hong Kong SAR, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Fiji, Solomon Islands
- Other covered territories:
 - Maldives, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea
- Possible future collaborators:
 - Afghanistan, Iran

Dimensions of inequality examined in Equitap

- Health status
- Health care utilisation
- Payments for health care
- Benefit of government subsidy expenditures
- Benefit of health care expenditures
- Incidence of catastrophic health expenditures
- Impact of health care expenditure on poverty

What have we learnt?

- Potential for regional and extra-regional collaboration in achieving common scientific goals despite diversity of capacity
- Importance of health system design on equity performance
- Diversity but similarity with other regions

Equitap Impact

- Via:
 - Comparative publications
 - National capacity building
 - Stimulus for other regions to develop similar networks (Africa, Latin America)
- Future impacts
 - National health reforms (China, India, etc)
 - Context of UHC debates and attention
 - WHO WHR 2010

Funding Update

- IDRC grant
 - Ends July 20, 2011
- AusAID ADRA grant
 - Ends February 28, 2012
- ADB RETA-6515 on MNCH Financial Barriers
- IDRC GNHE grant
 - Global Network for Health Equity involving Equitap, Lanet and SHIELD

Communications Update

- New logo



- Revamped website
 - Need feedback and content



Equitap is a network of research groups in the Asia-Pacific region, bound by a shared commitment to inform the development of more equitable health systems in their countries, through collaboration to jointly profile, compare and analyze equity in their health systems. That commitment is expressed both in joint research and communication, as well as a core emphasis on building capacity for health systems equity research in its participating institutions.

Equitap has been continuously engaged since 2001 in profiling the overall equity performance of health systems, emphasizing equity in financing and delivery. With members in over 20 Asia-Pacific countries, it provides a unique platform for joint, cross-country and comparative research on specific equity research and policy issues.

Equitap's work has been highly influential in transforming the understanding of how and whether different health systems in the region achieve equity. Its work on inequalities in out-of-pocket payments has increased the attention given to financial risk protection in health policies, and informed the decision of the UK government to support countries who abolish user fees for health. At the same time, its comparative profiling of the targeting of government health spending has drawn attention to the feasibility of health systems in developing countries reaching the poor. In the methodological area, the standard protocols field tested during Equitap 1 form the core methods published by the World Bank Institute in its guidelines for equity analysis using household survey data.

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