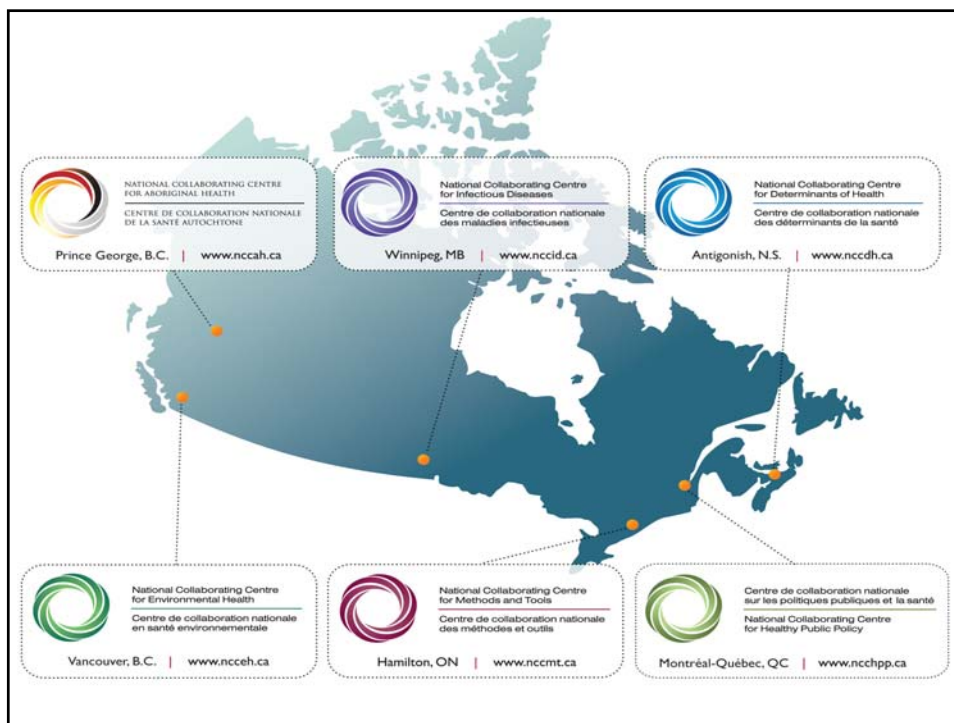


Health Equity Tools for Policy Change

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Map of Canada showing the locations of six National Collaborating Centres:

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CENTRE DE COLLABORATION NATIONALE DE LA SANTÉ AUTOCHTONE
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National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases
Centre de collaboration nationale des maladies infectieuses
- Antigonish, N.S.** | www.nccdh.ca
National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health
Centre de collaboration nationale des déterminants de la santé
- Vancouver, B.C.** | www.nccch.ca
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Centre de collaboration nationale en santé environnementale
- Hamilton, ON** | www.nccmt.ca
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Centre de collaboration nationale des méthodes et outils
- Montréal-Québec, QC** | www.ncchpp.ca
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3 well-established tools

- **Policy Readiness Tool (Alberta)**
- **Equity-focused health impact assessment framework (Australia)**
- **Gradient Evaluation Framework (Europe)**



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Good sources of health equity tools

- Health Equity Tools (2013) by Equity Lens in Public Health (ELPH) University of Victoria
- National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools



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Policy Readiness Tool


School of Public Health, University of Alberta
with support from
Alberta Policy Coalition for Chronic Disease Prevention

*Assessing readiness for policy change and
strategies for taking actions*

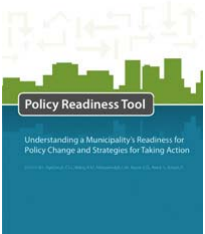
<http://policyreadinesstool.com/>



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Policy Readiness Tool




Based on Roger's diffusion of
innovation theory


Tested with municipal
representatives throughout
Alberta

Strategies developed with
wide-ranging membership of
advisory board

Met NCCMT assessment
criteria



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Policy Readiness Tool

Tool includes

1. Introduction to Rogers' Diffusion of Innovation Theory
2. A note on policy change
3. Assessing a municipality's readiness for policy change
4. Key strategies for policy change
5. Extensive resources for people advocating for change



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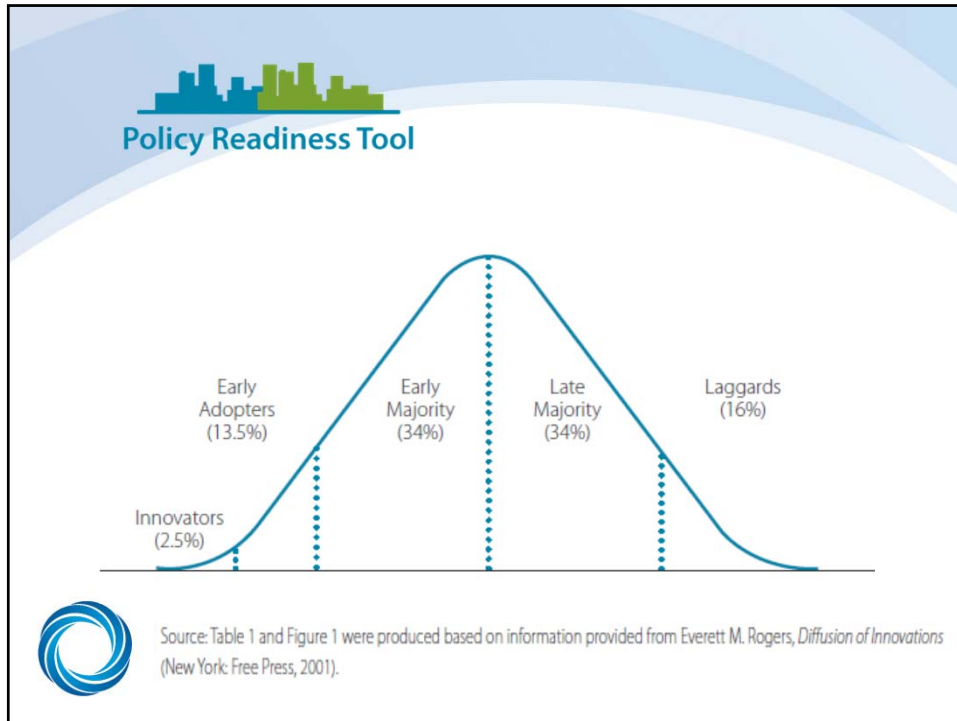
Policy Readiness Tool

Depending on the municipality's readiness, take different strategies

- **Innovator municipalities** adventurous
- **Major municipalities** deliberate
- **Late adopter municipalities** traditional



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**Equity-focused
health impact
assessment
framework**

Australia

**Does a policy, program or project
have the potential to create,
maintain or reduce health
inequities?**

http://hiaconnect.edu.au/old/files/EFHIA_Framework.pdf

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Equity-focused health impact assessment framework Australia

Can be used for

Policy Program Project

Assesses impact on population subgroups

Prospectively Retrospectively




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Equity-focused health impact assessment framework Australia

Rapid

Intermediate

Comprehensive



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Equity-focused health impact assessment framework

Developed by

3-university collaboration funded by PH education Research Program

How developed (over 2 years)

- literature review
- formal and informal consultations with experts
- testing with 5 partners from a range of health settings

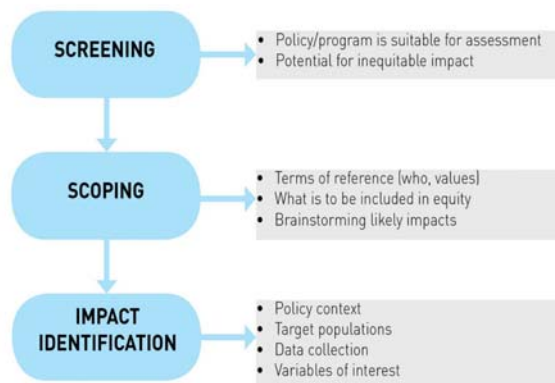
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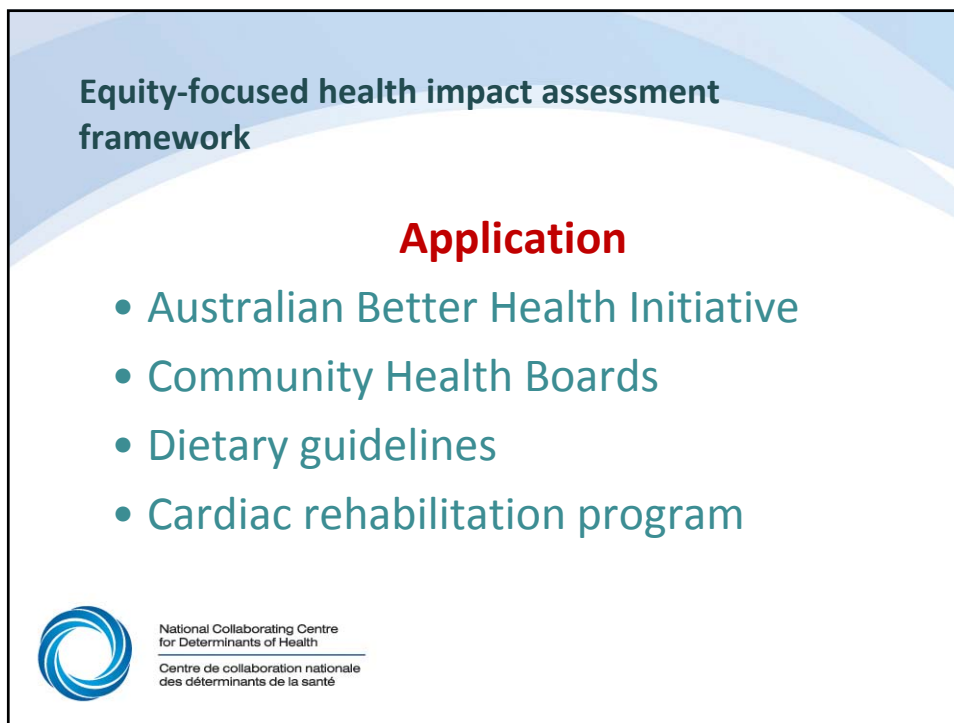
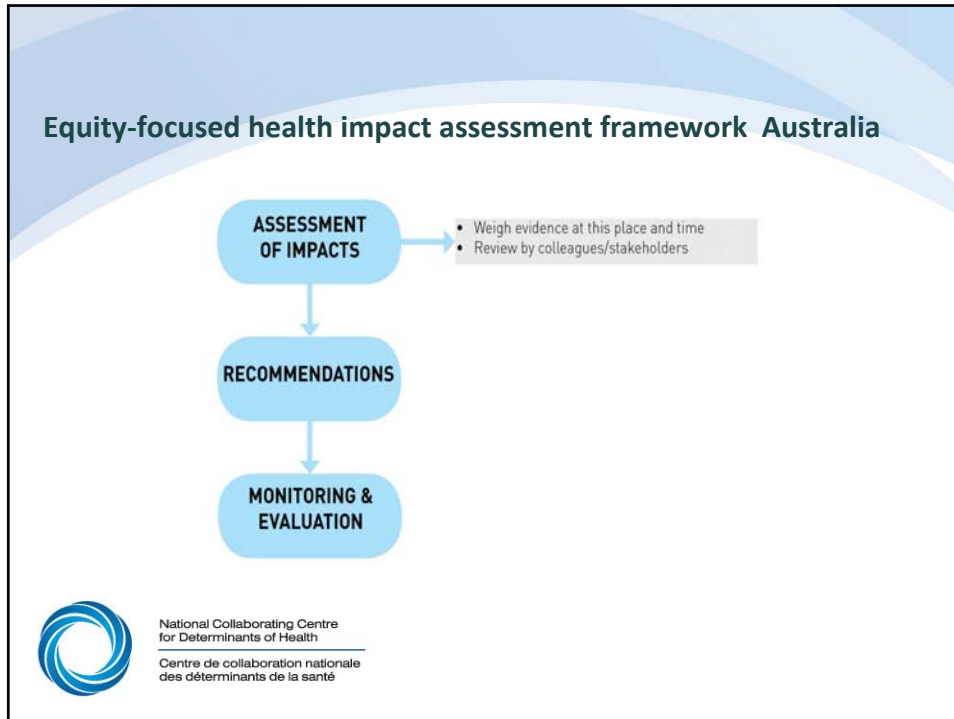


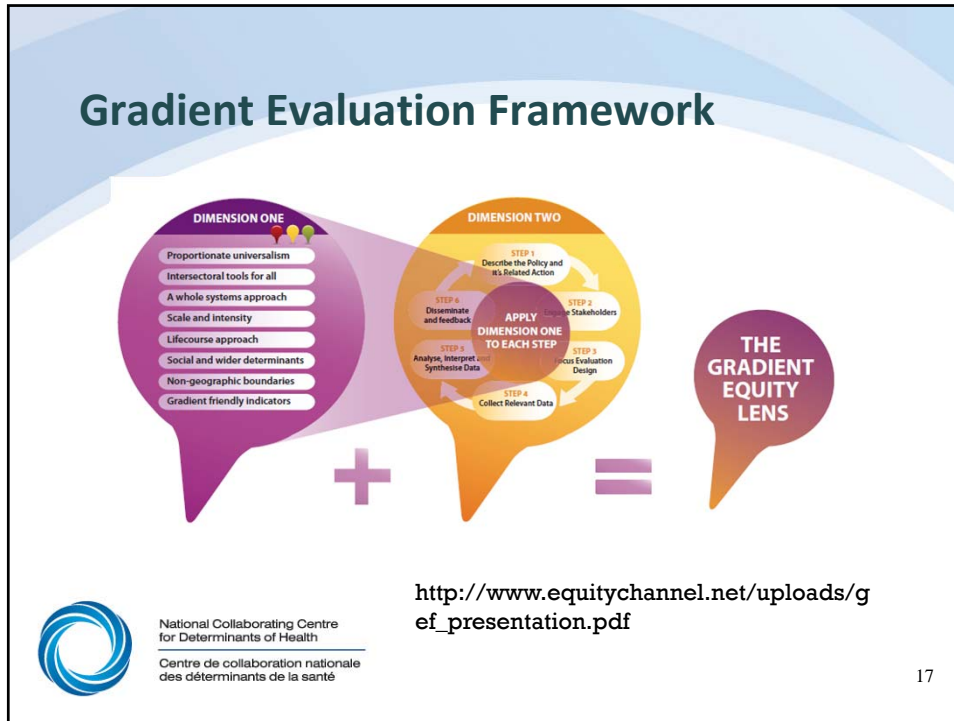
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Gradient Evaluation Framework

Developed by
The Gradient Project, University of Brighton, coordinated by EuroHealth Net

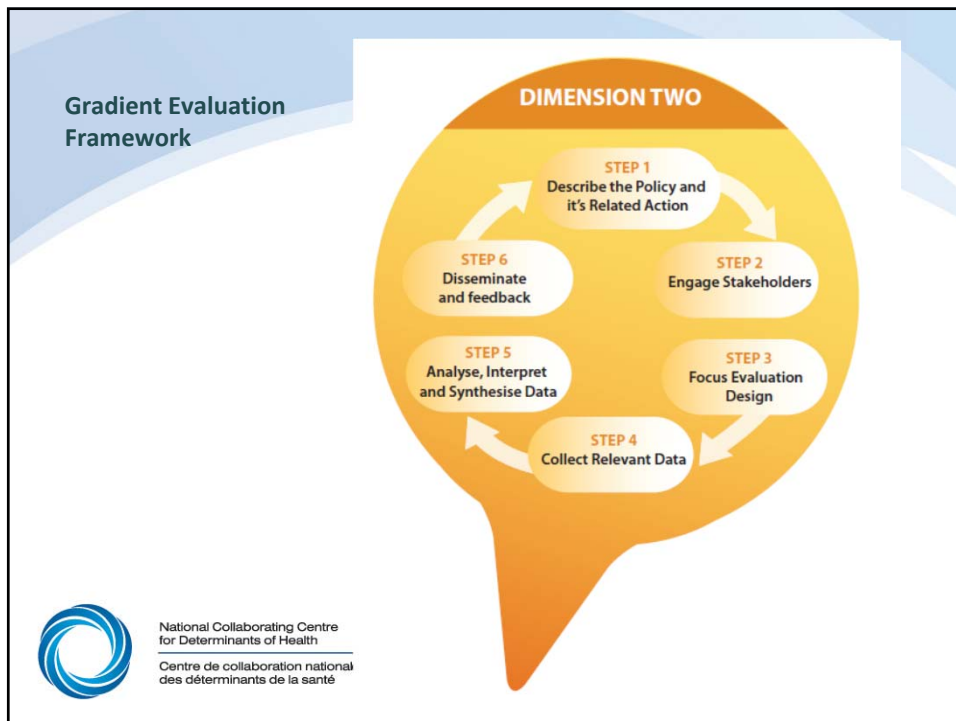
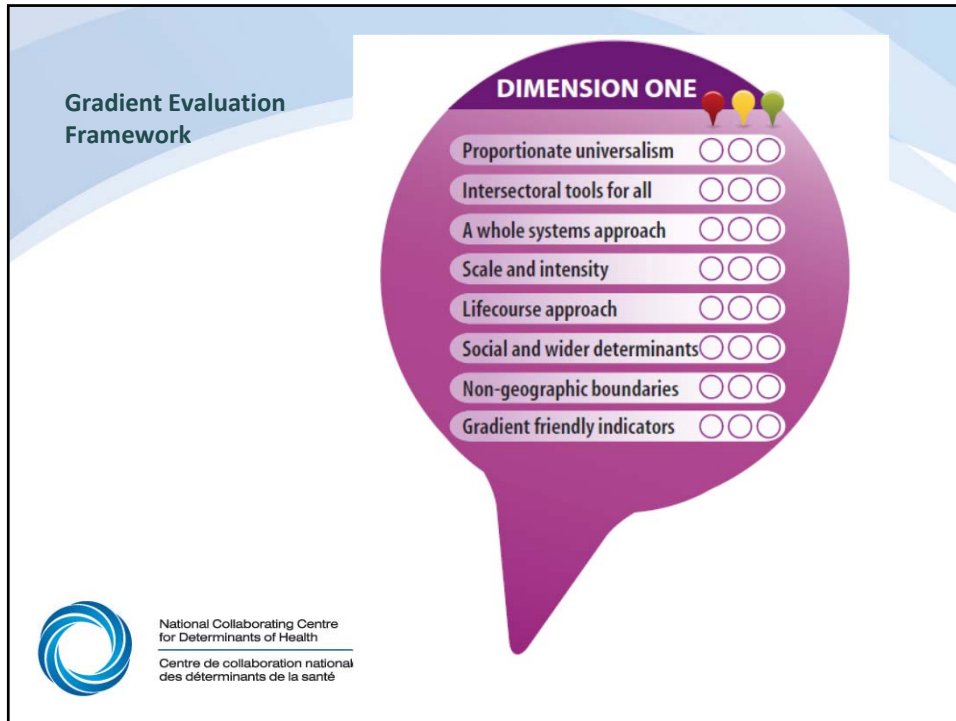
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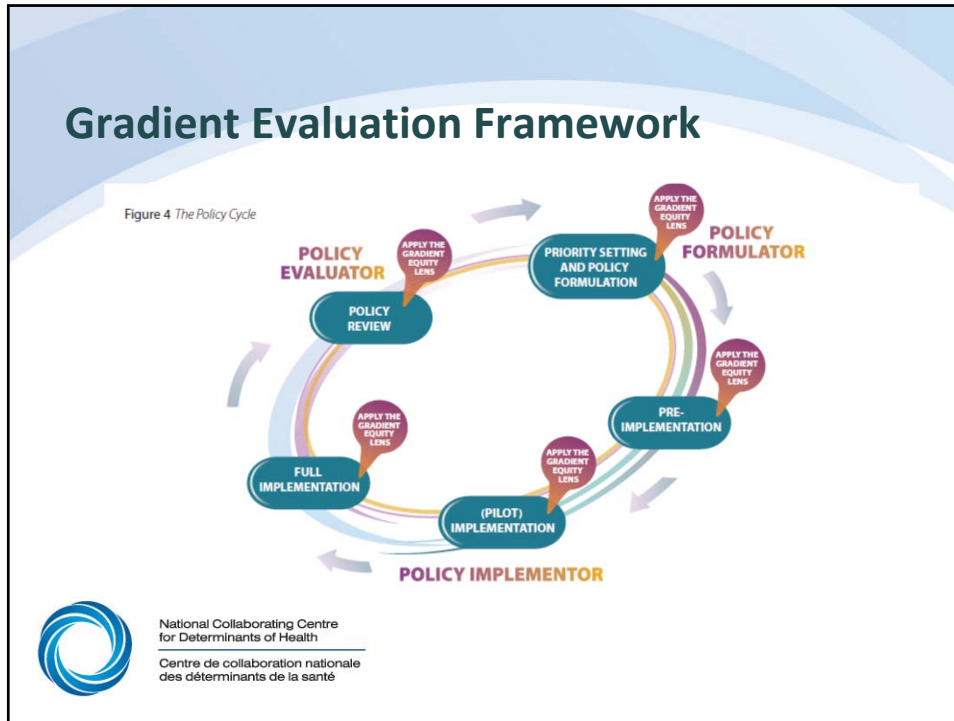
- Consensus building workshops
- Peer review process
- Extensive literature review

Assessed
NCCMT

The cover of the GEF report features the title 'THE GRADIENT EVALUATION FRAMEWORK' and 'GEF'. Below the title, it states: 'A European framework for designing and evaluating policies and actions to level-up the gradient in health inequalities among children, young people and their families'. The cover image shows a group of diverse children smiling. At the bottom, it says 'Tackling the GRADIENT in health' with the University of Brighton logo and names of Professor John Kenneth Davies and Dr Nigel Sheriff.

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