

**Guidelines related to Health Sector by  
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- ✿ In striving with all out efforts for building a peaceful modern and developed nation, healthy and educated citizens are the key human resources
- ✿ Ministry of Health, in carrying out the tasks of uplifting the health status of the citizens, need the leadership and guidance of the State, community involvement and collaboration of related departments, organizations and non-governmental organizations in order to achieve the desired outcomes

**Foreword by H.E. Professor Dr. Kyaw Myint,  
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In carrying out the tasks of improving health and prolonging lives of the citizens the Ministry of Health has recognized that many important determinants of health lie outside the direct realm of influence of health sector. With increasingly complex and rapidly changing backdrop of health determinants the boundary of public health has become less clear. The importance of economic, social and environmental determinants of health has grown.



Demographic and epidemiologic transitions combining with nutritional and behaviour transitions brought in by globalization and urbanization are creating unfavourable new trends in health and lives of people. Urbanization now has been highlighted in the international health agenda as an urgent public health concern. Urbanization presents both challenges and opportunities, in terms of health.

With adoption of the market economy system and drive for industrial development urban migration in quest of better opportunities in cities is also taking place in the country. It is important to take note of the fact that improving urban health required the collaborative efforts of government departments related to urban health, international organizations, industries and economic enterprises, social organizations in formulating policies relating to urban development.

Under the guidance of the Government and National Health Committee, the Ministry of Health has uphold the tradition of sectoral collaboration and community participation in health development. In keeping with this custom, the Ministry will take measures possible in collaboration with partners to mitigate health problems that could follow urbanization.

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