



Bergen Centre for Ethics and Priority Setting (BCEPS)

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Vision

Improved priority setting for health, aiming for the greatest number of healthy life years for all, fairly distributed, with financial risk protection

Research Environment

BCEPS is an interdisciplinary research centre that aims to understand and promote ethically fair and efficient priority setting in health. We develop and provide methods, evidence and normative guidance for ethically acceptable, fair and efficient priority setting for improved population health and well-being in national health systems. In addition, we provide decision support to countries for fair and efficient priority setting - on the path to Universal Health Coverage, for public health, and for intersectoral action - in partial fulfilment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The BCEPS team at the University of Bergen comprises five professors, five senior postdoctoral researchers, one research coordinator and 14 PhD students. In addition, the centre has seven affiliated professors from international universities in part-time engagements.

Collaboration

BCEPS has an extensive network of collaborative partners, including national and international research institutions, health authorities, IGOs and NGOs.

Norwegian partners: Christian Michelsen Institute, Centre for International Health at UiB, Centre for Cancer Biomarkers (CCBIO) at UiB, Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality and Rationality (FAIR) at the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), the Western Norway Regional Health Authority (Helse Vest), the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, and Akershus University Hospital.

International partners: Addis Centre for Ethics and Priority Setting (ACEPS) at the University of Addis Ababa, University of Washington, University of California San Francisco, University of York, London School of Economics, the World Health Organisation, the World Bank, and the Ministries of Health in Malawi, Zanzibar and Ethiopia. BCEPS currently carries out work in Norway, Ethiopia, Malawi, Zanzibar and India.

Scientific Output

BCEPS aims to publish high quality scientific papers, books, and reports. Recent publications by BCEPS researchers include papers in Science, Lancet Global Health, Nature Medicine, BMJ Global Health, American Journal of Bioethics and Journal of Medical Ethics. BCEPS was also instrumental in facilitating the 2019 Essential Health Service Package Ethiopia and contributed to The Lancet NCDI Poverty Commission published in September 2020.

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For more information, see the BCEPS website: www.uib.no/en/bceps