**Health Systems POPH90209**

**Assignment 1**

**Due: Monday 18 September (11.59 pm)**

**Task:** For Australia <u>or</u> a country of your choice:

1) Identify, for <u>each</u> of **2-3** WHO health system building blocks, one area (hence 2-3 areas in total) that you believe need strengthening or addressing. Explain why you believe there is a need to address these particular areas.
2) For **one** of these only, recommend how the issue might be addressed/strengthened (500-800 words).

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Word count:** 2000 words (allow +/- 10%). Marks will be lost if your assignment is less than or exceeds the total word limit. The word limit <u>does not </u>include the list of references. You can use up to 1 figure and 1 table of data. These will <u>not</u> be included in the word count.

**Guidance in structure and concentration of effort:**
**\*\***Please provide an introductory paragraph. In the introduction briefly state the purpose of your written piece (e.g. questions to be answered) (no more than 150 words).
**\*\***Provide a conclusion at the end of your written piece that neatly sums up your main points (no more than 150 words).

A quality aspect of your main piece will be the use of the current research/policy literature to support your main points. Justify with evidence where relevant.

**Quality assessment criteria**

As well as meeting the above task specific requirements, your report should demonstrate (and will also be assessed against):

- Clarity, conciseness and logic in the expression of ideas and concepts presented
- Demonstrated comprehension of the subject material
- Application of key concepts presented in class, in the readings or elsewhere – where relevant.
- Research skills in sourcing relevant information/sources
- Evaluation and synthesis of evidence/information derived from other sources
- Quality in presentation
- Analytical in nature – not just descriptive (e.g., explaining why rather than just describing)
- Originality/appropriate use of citations and referencing http://academichonesty.unimelb.edu.au/

**Citation style**: Note that the citation style you use for your written work must be consistent and follow a standard style. A description of the common styles available can be found at:
**http://www.library.unimelb.edu.au/cite/**

Recommended (but not compulsory) APA style.

***Please note that it is quality not quantity of resources (references) used, though it is expected that you would use at least 10 sources for other than descriptive purposes.***

**Assessment rules and policies**: MSPH assessment rules and policies exist in relation to extension policy, special consideration, and assessment penalties that may apply, submission procedures, and academic honesty and plagiarism. See the first few slides of Day 1,

Session 1 for information on this. Please ask if you are unsure. Marks will be lost for lateness.

**Submission Procedures:**

Please follow these instructions when submitting your assignment

- Submit via Turnitin on the LMS. (The submission point will be posted in 'Assessment' folder)
- Ensure spacing of the text is 1.5
- Submit as word rather than Pdf document. This will allow comments to be inserted directly into your assignment and checking of word count. You are welcome to also forward a Pdf copy to Helen Jordan directly by email if you have any concern for the stability of your formatting etc.
- When you submit, check that you receive an emailed receipt. This will be needed if there is a problem with the submission.

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