

# Health inequities and racial and ethnicity-based discrimination: what COVID-19 is teaching us

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Organized by the Gender, Equity and Human Rights Team in the Office of the Director General, WHO/HQ, this webinar seeks to share perspectives of the impact of racial and ethnicity-based discrimination on health and health inequities, as well as to present what can be done to address these inequities now and in building back better. This Webinar is part of “WHO Global Webinars on the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on Equity and the Social Determinants of Health”. It also constitutes part of the knowledge exchange events being convened for “World Health Day 2021” on Health Equity.

Preliminary programme
Greeting by the Chair <b>Princess Nothemba Simelela, Assistant Director-General Strategic Priorities, WHO</b>
Understanding the pathways through which racial and ethnicity-based discrimination influences health equity, and potential action areas to address it – <b>Mary T. Bassett, Director, François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University</b>
A commitment towards eliminating systemic racism in health and research: presenting the purpose and mission of the Lancet’s Group for Racial Equality (GRacE) – <b>Pamela Das and Mandip Aujla, The Lancet</b>
Evidence on COVID-19-related health inequities by ethnicity and intersecting factors and key issues for equity in vaccination – <b>Manish Pareek, University of Leicester</b>
Training health professionals to understand implicit bias linked to racial and ethnicity-based discrimination, and the implications for health equity – <b>Kim Yu, MD, FAAFP Chair, World Organization of Family Doctors Special Interest Group in Health Equity</b>
Engaging civil society and communities and other entry points for addressing the impact of COVID-19 on indigenous populations and Afrodescendants in the Americas – <b>Anna Coates, Chief, Office of Equity, Gender, and Cultural Diversity, PAHO/WHO; and Myrna Cunningham, Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC)</b>
Closing remarks by the Chair

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