

Authors' response

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Our critique largely applies to the Report as a whole and not to any specific Knowledge Network. We agree that EMCONET Knowledge Network is distinct in its recommendations. However, the inability to influence the whole (CSDH report) by the part (EMCONET network) is a critical commentary on the credibility of the collective efforts such as the Commission on Social Determinants. One distinct suggestion of the EMCONET report is to include occupational health and safety programmes within the primary health care to provide universal coverage. However, it is relevant at this juncture to point out that the philosophy of primary health care is now forgotten and efforts should be made to resurrect it. In our view, if the PHC works well, then workers' interests and universal coverage will be ensured without having to include any special vertical arms to the already truncated public health programmes.

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