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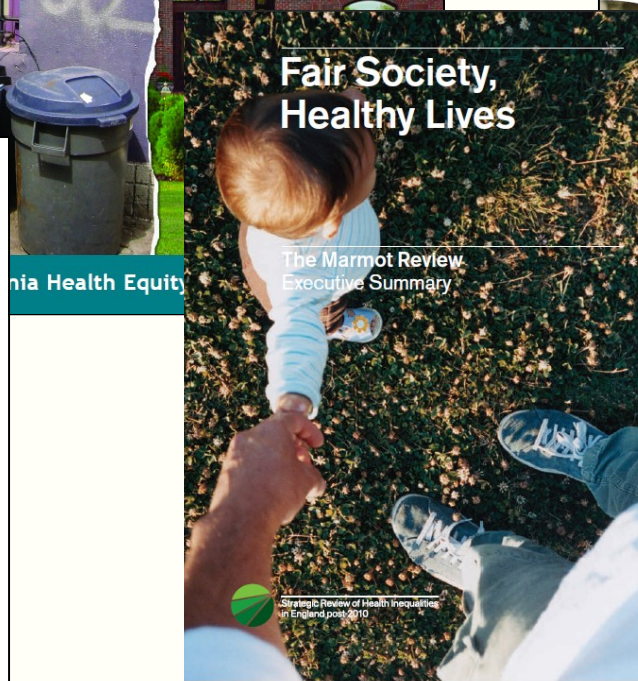
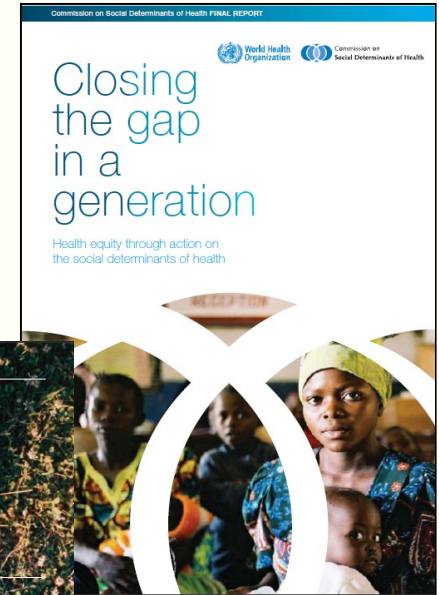
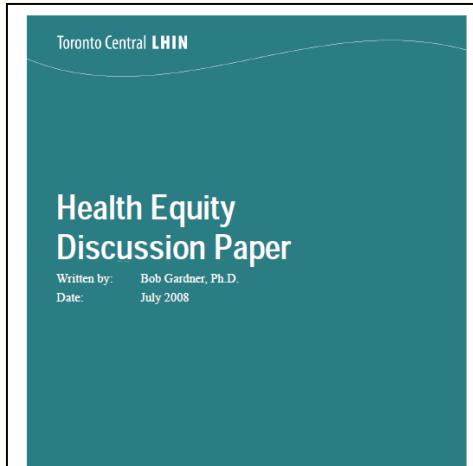
Layering the Lenses?

Advancing Women's Health through the Health
Inequity Mechanism

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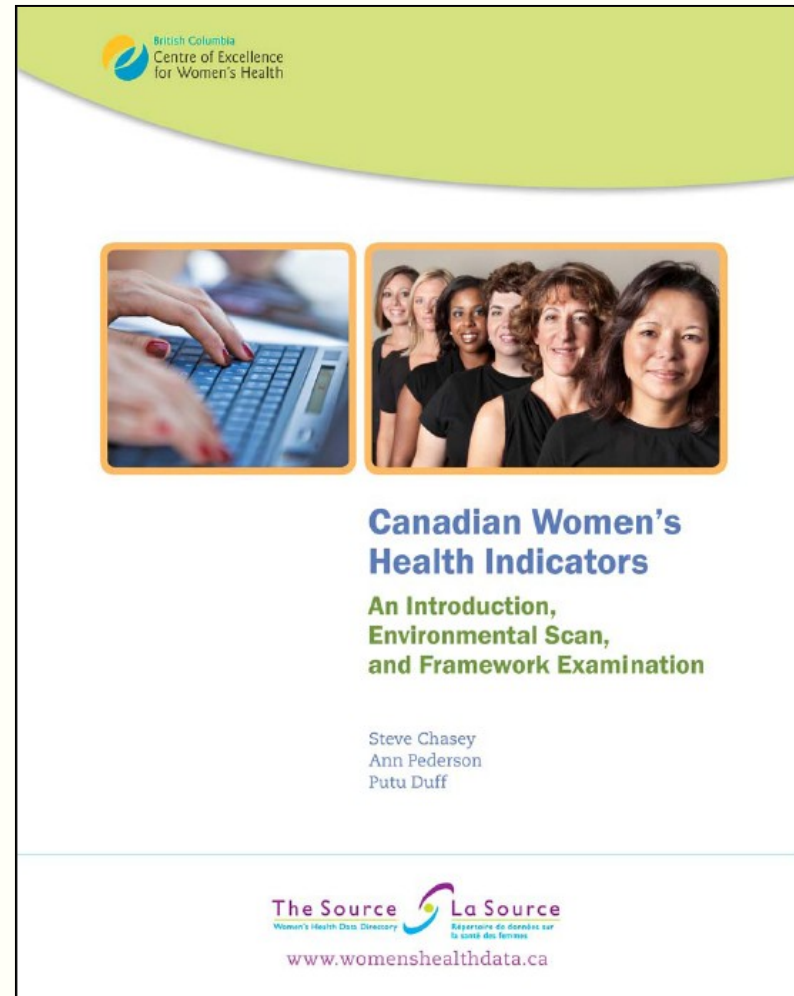
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The Invisible Woman

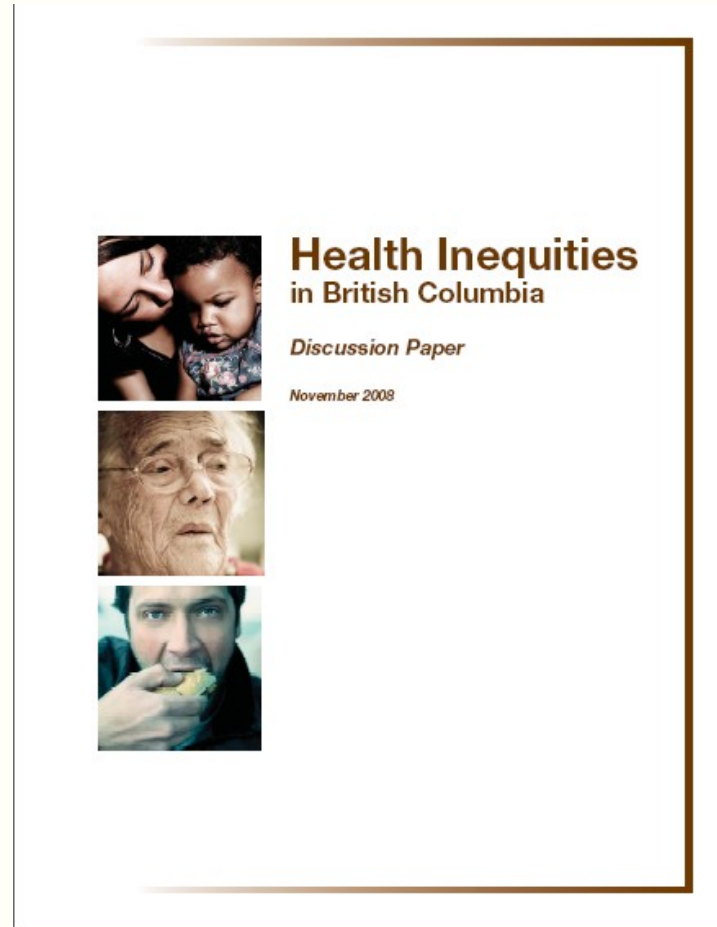


Emergence of Equity

Canadian Women's Health Indicators: An Introduction, Environmental Scan and Framework Examination



Health Inequities in British Columbia



SGBA of Health Inequity in BC

Taking a Second Look: *Analyzing Health Inequities in British Columbia with a Sex, Gender, and Diversity Lens*



Worth a Second Look: *Considerations for Action on Health Inequities in British Columbia with a Sex, Gender, and Diversity Lens*

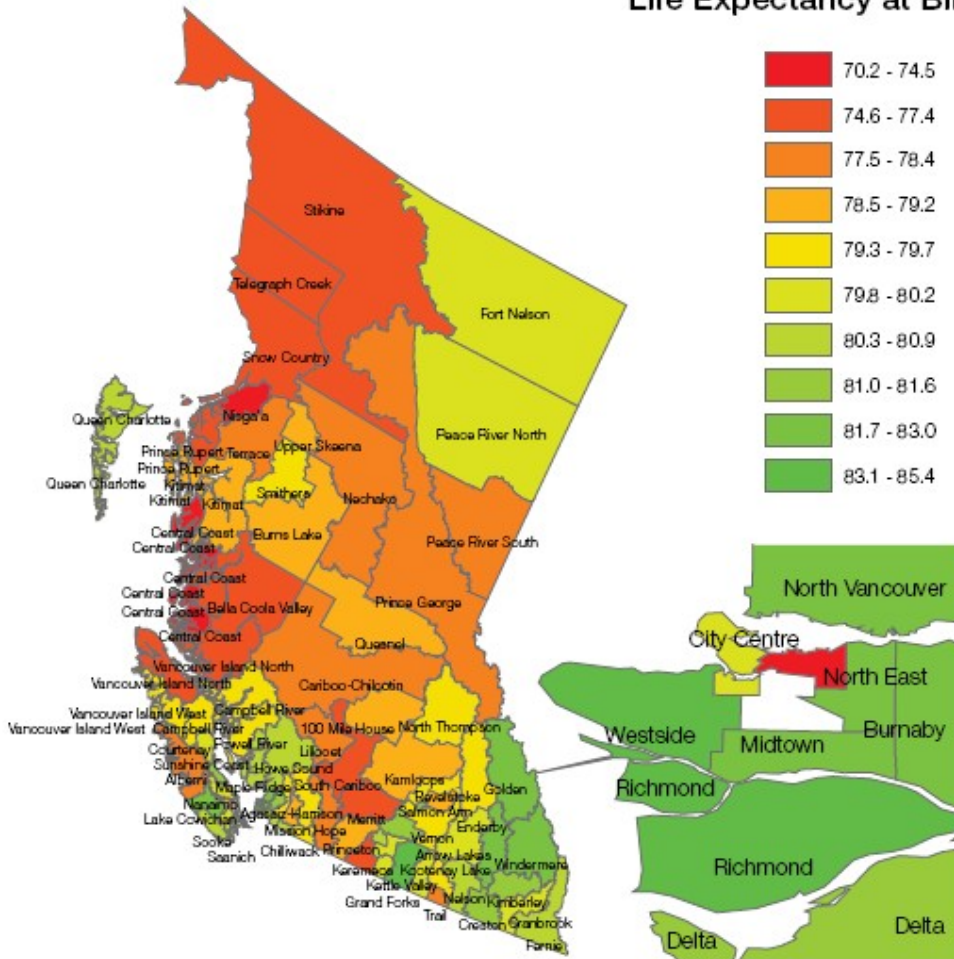


Life Expectancy - Health Inequity in BC



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Life Expectancy at Birth



Life Expectancy Range:
70.2-85.4 years

Gradient exists from
higher LI in urban areas
to lower in more rural
areas

Life Expectancy – Applying SGBA

- Women live longer than men (85.2 vs 79.2 years)
- The gap is shrinking
- Though women live longer, men spend a greater portion of their lives in good health



Poverty – Health Inequities in BC



Worth a Second Look

Worth a Second Look:
*Considerations for Action on Health Inequities
in British Columbia with a Sex, Gender,
and Diversity Lens*



- SGBA-informed policy options in the following areas:
 - Income
 - Housing

An Example: Income Assistance



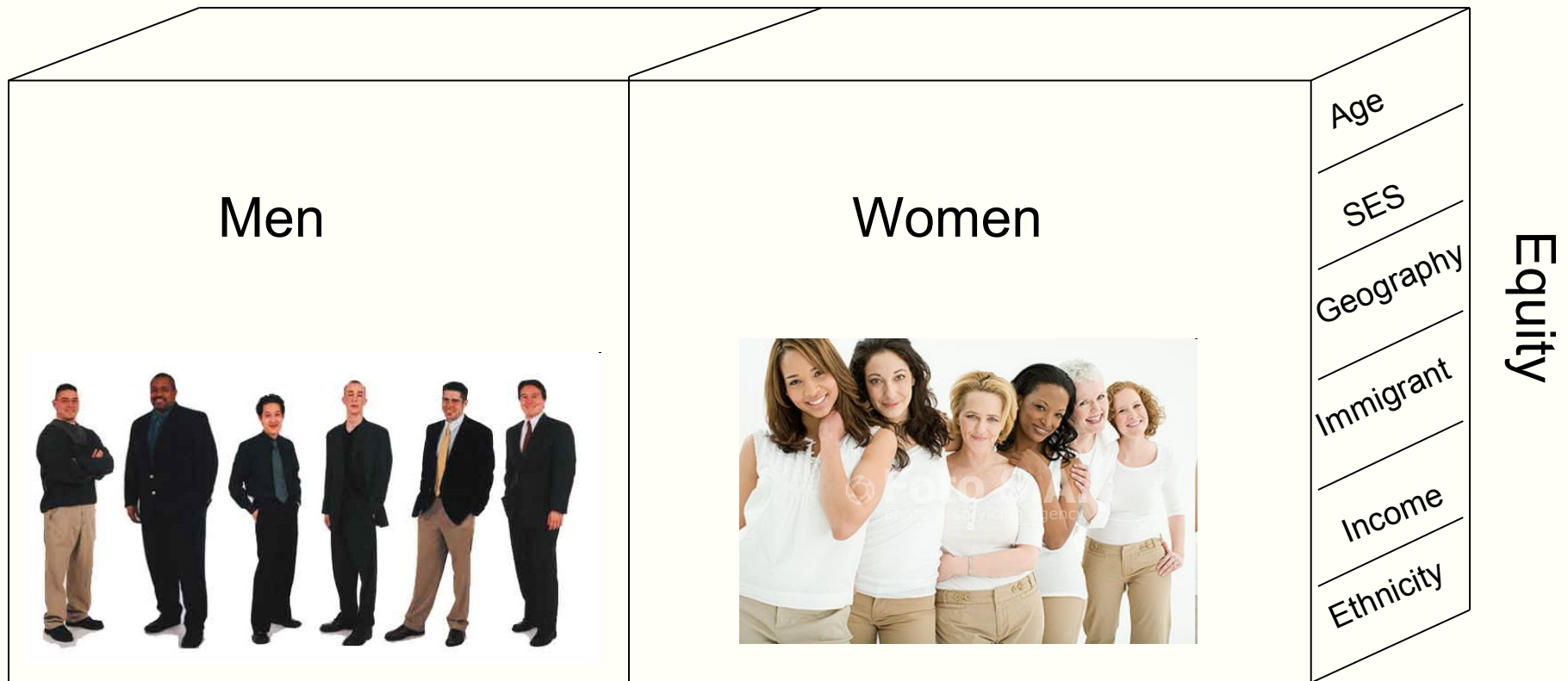
- 11.9% of Canadian women below low-income cut-off, compared to 9.9% of Canadian men
 - single-parent mothers under 65
 - unattached women under 65
 - unattached women 65 and older
- Women's relationship to the job market
- **Policy recommendation:** Social assistance programs that address the specific needs of women living in poverty can more effectively reach those in need

Our Broad Population of Interest



Canadian Population

Sex- and Gender-based Analysis



Canadian Population

Complementary Techniques



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