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## Assessment 3 Requirements: Critical Thinking Paper

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| <b>Worth:</b>  | 40%                   |
| <b>Due:</b>    | Week 13               |
| <b>Length:</b> | 2,000 words (+/- 10%) |

### Requirements:

This assignment requires you to critique one major health report, selected from the list in the assessment folder in *Assessments* on Blackboard. Global organisations have promised to make big changes in different global health issues. They receive big amount of funding, but are they delivering?

You will need to clearly define and give a background to the report and its main findings/content. You will then need to provide a considered and well referenced critique of its contribution to the global public health agenda. This may include such things as how robust the foundations on which it is based are, how comprehensive the coverage is, impact on global health, what contribution the report has made to the peer reviewed literature, policy implications the report has had, limitations to the report, biases, and gaps that you feel could have been addressed.

Note that, once you have introduced the report and cited it once according to APA requirements, you do not need to continue to cite it throughout your paper. However, if you then take a quote from the report, then you must use quote marks and cite the source according to APA style. It is also recommended that the first time you name the report, you follow this with an abbreviation in brackets and then continue to use this abbreviation through the rest of your paper.

This essay-style paper should be structured as follows:

- **Introduction:** Orientate your reader to the purpose, organisation and scope of the document, name your chosen report and briefly outline the context of the report (e.g. why was it written) and name the health issue it addresses.
- **Background and main findings of the report:** Provide a brief (one or two paragraphs) summary of the issues which the health report is addressing, followed by a description of the aims of the report. Discuss the **main findings** of the report.
- **Critique:** Discuss the following listed issues.
  - a) **Robustness of the evidence** on which the report is based. Is the evidence reliable? : For example, if they cite an article/report/evaluation of a program or study, is the article/evaluation reliable or scientifically sound? Are there other papers that have reported a different result? Can you find evidence that refutes the report's claims?
  - b) **Comprehensive coverage of the issues:** Examine whether the report has addressed all the relevant aspects of the particular issue or program. For example, have all the countries of the world been surveyed regarding the changes? Have other possible outcomes from interventions or determinants been considered?
  - c) **Impact/contribution of the report to global health:** Cite references which comment on how the report may contribute to global health and/or also give your own opinion about how the report's findings can help inform programs and policies that address progressing or improving the issues concerned.
  - d) **Policy implications:** Comment on how specific findings of the report may influence policy makers to change or improve their policies with regards to the issues in the

findings. If you look carefully in the report, you may find the report identifies areas requiring attention by policy makers.

- e) **Gaps, biases and limitations:** Consider whether the authors used a consistent and reliable methodology to obtain their data on which they based their report, whether there were any limitations mentioned by the authors themselves or whether they used reliable sources of information.
- **Conclusion:** Provide a brief summary of your main points. Then present an overall evaluation and judgement of the report that logically flows from the discussion and evidence presented in your paper.

You will also need to cite **at least 12 appropriate references** including at least 8 peer-reviewed journal articles. It is expected you will also use reports from credible health organisations (e.g. WHO, AIHW). Website usage is not appropriate. Note that, if you have downloaded or viewed a report as a PDF document from a reputable website, for example WHO or AIHW, it counts as a report rather than a website.

It is Curtin policy that assignment work previously submitted in part or total for any other unit at any university cannot be re-submitted. It is essential that you do not chose the same topic as any other assignment that you have completed (or will complete this semester) for other units. Early submission to check your Turnitin report is advised.

### Marking criteria and feedback guide:

Carefully read the **feedback guide (i.e. rubric)** under this assessment; folder in *Assessments* in Blackboard to ensure you have met the required criteria before submission.

Please present information in prose. DO NOT include any graphs, tables, flowcharts or appendices. Note that the word count is NOT to include the title page, contents page, or reference list but the word count DOES include in-text referencing (i.e. author-date citations). Note your word count at the end of your paper. **Present your paper in accordance with the updated CMHL1000 Assignment Formatting & Referencing Guide** (see link in Assessments). Submit your paper with a title page, contents page, numbered headings and subheadings and a reference page. Present your citations (i.e. in-text references) and reference list in APA 7<sup>th</sup> Edition style.

**If you have any questions after reading this document and the feedback guide (rubric), please ask your tutor.**