• Attention to HiAP has never been more timely or relevant.
• The SDGs challenge us to move towards whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches that leave no one behind. HiAP is core to this agenda.
• Achieving Health in the SDGs, so that no one is left behind, requires new ways of working bringing together various sectors; government, civil society, academia and community.
• Health in All Policies aligns interests across sectors to serve people’s basic needs to live healthy, productive lives, regardless of who they are or where they live.
• Health in All Policies corresponds to ‘Health beyond the health sector’, one of the flagship initiatives of the WHO Director-General that envisages a transformation of the population’s health through actions on its determinants.
• Despite challenges, there are several examples of HiAP globally. More countries and regions are looking at embarking on this path, especially in view of the Sustainable Development Agenda.
• WHO provides a set of aligned international health frameworks for anchoring national HiAP work including: the Social Determinants of Health Action Framework (2016); the Shanghai Declaration on Promoting Health (2016) and Shanghai Mayors’ Consensus (2016); the Universal Health Coverage 2030 Vision (2017), the Health and Climate Action Agenda (2016). More information on HiAP can be found in Adelaide I and Adelaide II statements on Health in All Policies and in the Helsinki Declaration.
• While there is no single or simple model for HiAP, there is a growing evidence base of facilitating factors for HiAP.
• Cases in the book come from 13 regions and levels of government, from all parts of the world, covering all regions of WHO.
• The cases in this book highlight the diversity of applications of HiAP, its processes, governance arrangements and outcomes.
• The Case Study book aims to improve understanding of how to initiate, implement and progress HiAP which is needed for achieving the Sustainable Development Goal, Enhancing policy coherence for sustainable development (SDG target 17.14).