



Kaste Programme will reduce inequality and reform social welfare and health care services

The National Development Plan for Social Welfare and Health Care (Kaste Programme 2012–2015) is a strategic steering tool that is used to manage and reform social and health policy.

The targets of the Kaste Programme are that

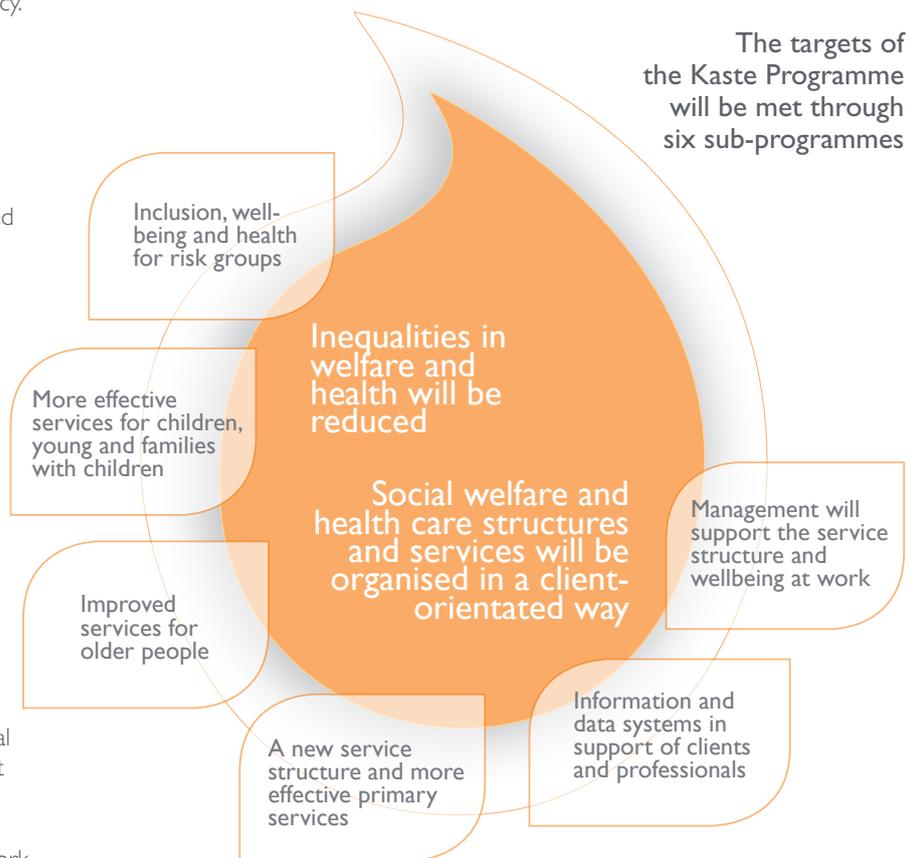
1. Inequalities in wellbeing and health will be reduced
 - Risk groups' opportunities for inclusion, wellbeing and health will be improved
 - Preventive work and early support will be effective
 - Interpersonal and domestic violence will be reduced
2. Social welfare and health care structures and services will be organised in a client-oriented way
 - Clients will rely on the quality and effectiveness of services
 - Well-functioning services and skilled and wellbeing personnel will be secured through management
 - Service structures will be economically sustainable and well-functioning.

Results through collaboration

The Kaste Programme implements the Government Programme and the Strategy of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. The programme defines the key social and health policy targets, priority action areas for development activities and monitoring as well as essential legislation projects, guidelines and recommendations that enhance the realisation of the programme.

The purpose is that national, regional and local actors work together to implement the reforms. Municipalities and joint municipal boards for social welfare and health care can apply for discretionary government transfers for creating and implementing good practices. An annual EUR 17.5 million has been allocated for the financing of development projects. Experts in regions and the central administration has drawn up the Kaste Programme in cooperation.

The targets of the Kaste Programme will be met through six sub-programmes



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