

THE ITALIAN APPROACH TO HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS. PERSPECTIVES ON POLICIES AND SERVICES DURING THE PANDEMIC.

THE RESEARCH PROJECT

The aim of this research is to analyse **the reaction of Italian services for people experiencing homelessness to the spread of the pandemic and how this phenomenon affects healthcare and social policies.**

MACRO FRAMEWORK

This analysis will focus on Lombardy and Emilia-Romagna, starting from **Local** (Piano di Zona) and **Regional plans with guidelines**, continuing towards the **National** (PON, PNRR) and **European** frameworks (ESF, FEAD).

OBJECTIVES:

Evaluate in which **operational framework** policies for vulnerable groups act in relation to their objectives.

METHODOLOGY:

Policy analysis with the help of the **WPR approach** by Carol Bacchi (6).

EARLY FINDINGS (GENERAL OVERVIEW)

Local and Regional Plans:

Vulnerability is now viewed as a characteristic that permeated different sectors of the social and political sphere; the focuses on the health and community discourses are broader.

Interviews:

After the first adjustments to face the emergency period, the discourse shifted towards the rethinking of structural frames both at the social and at the healthcare levels.

BACKGROUND

The concept of “**home**” within **cultural and social frames** can be elaborated as a place where identities and relationships are developed (1). Its social form changes with the sociocultural processes that involve the individual, shaping the lived experience (2).

As one of the Nations affected by the pandemic in its early stages in Europe (3), Italy serves as an interesting case study to analyse how public policies and measures have been implemented and perceived, especially considering **the drastic and rapid changes brought by the pandemic event** and their possible repercussions in the future (4). Furthermore, **Regional differences** in Italy regarding the provision of social and health services, serve as a starting point to analyse territories with a more precise setting (5).

MICRO FRAMEWORK

This part of the research has been carried out between two cities: **Milan** (Lomardy) and **Bologna** (Emilia-Romagna).

OBJECTIVES:

Analyse **different types of services** (health and social assistance, housing) to see how they faced the emergency and how they perceive and implement different perspectives.

METHODS:

Semi-structured interviews
Thematic Analysis (7,8)

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