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PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OF SWEDEN

# **The experience of the Swedish Public Health Agency of dialogue with the society** *L'expérience de l'Institut suédois de santé publique en matière de dialogue avec la société*

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# The Public Health Agency

In 2014, the Swedish National Institute of Public Health, the Swedish Institute for Communicable Disease Control and parts of the National Board of Health and Welfare merged into one single agency.

**The Agency is a national expert authority with the overall responsibility for public health issues - the first with an all encompassing mandate in the area.**

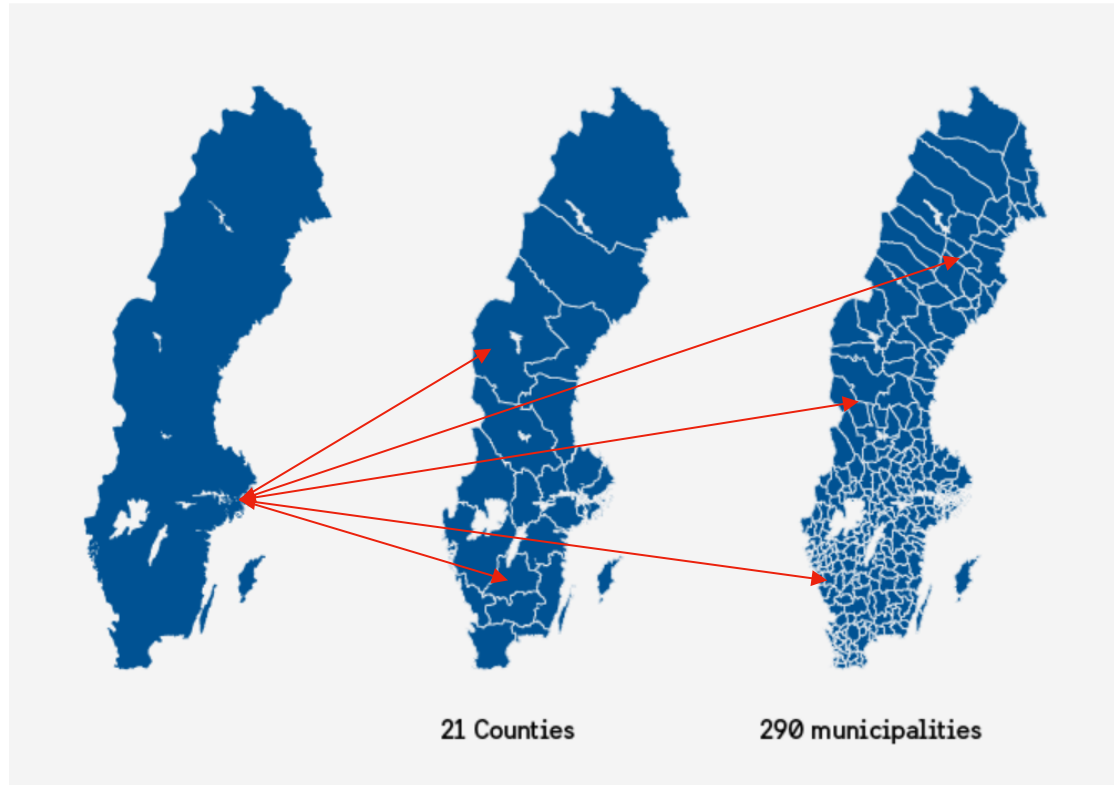
The agency has 500 employees

# Our vision statement:

*'a public health that strengthens the positive development of society'*



# Sweden – a very decentralised country...



**... with a strong civil society  
...and rather independent governmental  
agencies**

# Communication and dialogue with professionals and the public - via web, reports, guidelines, media and meetings



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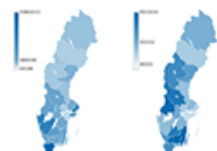
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Folkhälsorapportering & statistik

Livsvillkor & levnadsvanor

Mikrobiologi & laboratorieanalyser

Smittskydd & beredskap



## Antibiotikaresistens

Antibiotikaresistensen ökar i världen men vi kan alla bidra till att vi ska kunna använda antibiotika även i framtiden.

> Antibiotikaresistens



## Vaccinationer

Alla barn erbjuds vaccinationer mot allvarliga sjukdomar i det nationella vaccinationsprogrammet.

> Vaccinationer



## Psykisk hälsa

Vi sammanställer och sprider kunskap om hur psykisk hälsa kan främjas.



## Tobak

Målet för vårt arbete är att minska allt tobaksbruk och förhindra att minderåriga börjar röka i alla former.



## Beredskapsdiagnostik

Vårt säkerhetsberedskapsundersökning ämnen som...

> Mikrobiologi  
> Laboratorier



## Vårt uppdrag

Folkhälsomyndighetens uppdrag är att utveckla och stödja samhällets arbete med att främja hälsa, förebygga ohälsa och skydda mot olika former av hälsotest. Genom vårt arbete bidrar vi till ett hållbart samhälle.

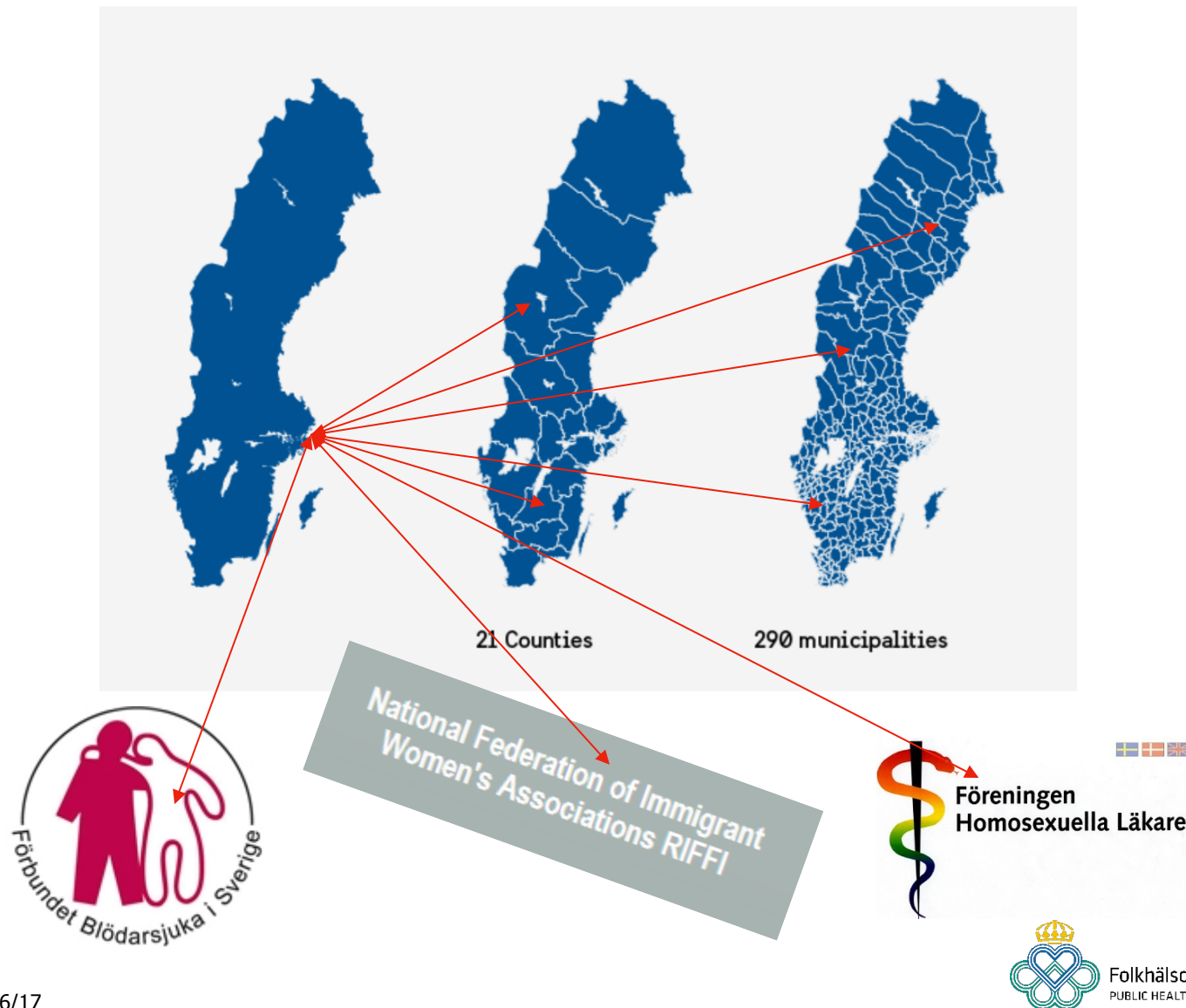
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## SVENSKA DAGBLADET



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# National co-ordination



# What does co-ordination of the civil society (NGO:s) mean in reality?

- Understand the civil society
- Find appropriate ways to communicate with the civil society
- Take advantage of the unique position of the civil society
- Strengthen the capacity of the civil society
- Integrate the civil society with the public sector

# Some areas of national co-ordination

- **Co-ordinating based on national strategies or legislation:**
  - Communicable disease control
  - HIV/STI
  - Antimicrobial resistance
  - Vaccination programmes
  - Preparedness for health threats
  - Sexual and reproductive health and rights
  - Mental health
  - Suicide prevention
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- HIV-legislation (i.e. communicable disease legislation)
- Hiv and blood donors
- Vaccination policy
- Harm reduction in treatment of drug addicts
- Alcohol policy
- Lyme's disease (borreliosis)
- Electromagnetic fields

# Example

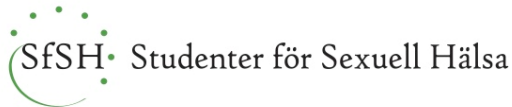


**Hiv/STI**

# Numerous NGO:s



*Somaliska Hälso teamet*



# Support of the civil society

- Developement of methodology
- Capacity building
- Empowerment
- Financial support



# Implementation

- Unique knowledge of target groups
- NGO:s can act as implementors



Smittsamhet vid behandlad  
och obehandlad hivinfektion  
– en sammanfattning och praktiska råd



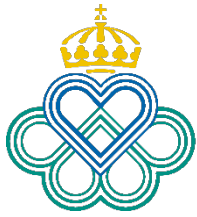
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# Challenges

- Does a NGO represent the sector?
- Is the civil society the best partner for an agency?
- Conflicting views/roles
- Sometimes too much focus on financing
- Time consuming

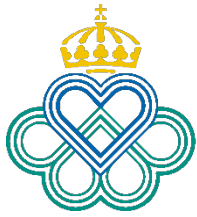




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# Conclusions





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Thank you!

Questions?

