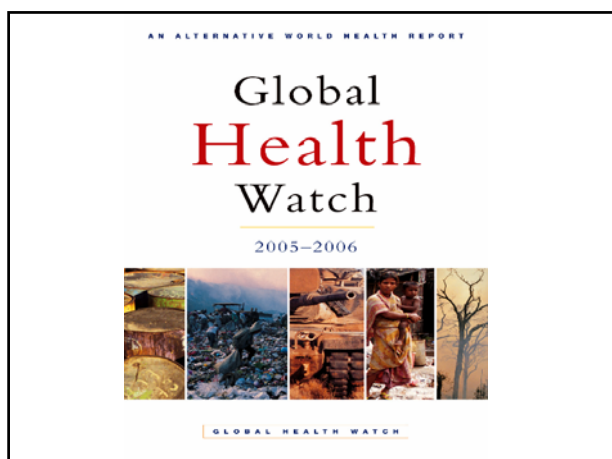





People's Health Movement

The People's Health Movement (PHM) is a global civil society network of health activists organised to combat the economic and political causes of deepening inequalities in health worldwide and to revitalise the implementation of WHO's strategy of Primary Health Care.

www.phmovement.org

Global Equity Gauge Alliance (GEGA)



14 initiatives:
11 country initiatives
3 city initiatives

Medact

- A UK-based global health charity which undertakes education, research and advocacy on the health effects of violent conflict, poverty and environmental change

www.medact.org

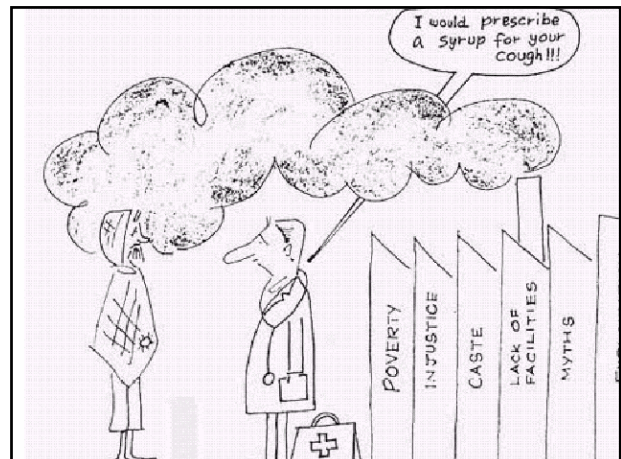



Why an 'alternative'?

- Challenge to the dominant policy agenda in global health - the disease focus and market-led reforms
- A gap in accountability of global governance institutions
- Bringing together a fragmented part of civil society to debate and find consensus around common principles

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Globalization

- Many losers from increasing global integration
- Globalization does not necessarily benefit health
- Global economic governance needs a stronger steer from health actors
- Redistribution of resources from richer to poorer countries should be part of an "ethical" response to globalization

A place to start?

- Health worker migration encapsulates many of the challenges of globalization
- Responses must work "with the grain" of the market
- Benefits of migration huge for developed countries – need to put something back
- GHW calls for compensation and partnership



Commercialization of health care

- Commercialization – key international health policy issue
- New, cross-national evidence presented in the GHW suggests that it leads to worse health outcomes
- GHW recommends a 10-point plan of action to revitalise public health systems

Health systems proposals

- Funding boost
- Ensure that public financing and provision underpin health care systems; PHC approach
- New indicators to incentivise health systems development, especially at the district level
- Creative thinking about commercialization
- Improve donor assistance
- Promote community empowerment

WHO

- Funding levels extremely low - \$1.2 billion a year
- Core budget has barely grown and there is a high degree of competition for "extra" funding from outside donors
- Problems with management and staff morale
- Need for more democracy: WHO should be an organization of the people not just of governments

War and weapons

- War is a major threat to public health
- In 2003, world military spending increased by 11% to US\$ 956 billion – 50% of this expenditure is by the United States.
- 5 countries – France, Russia, the US, Germany and the UK – account for 83% of arms exports. 66% of these exports go to the developing world.
- Between 1990 and 2001 there were 57 armed conflicts in 45 locations.
- WHO should take a lead in promoting a global arms trade treaty

Audience

Global Health Watch

A variety of constituencies in the **broader health sector**
e.g. policy makers, health providers, NGO workers

Advocacy targets

e.g. senior technocrats, policymakers, WB, IMF, WTO, WHO, national health associations

What's happening?

- Launches
 - Ecuador, UK, Netherlands, France, Italy, India, Australia, Canada, Egypt, Serbia, Germany, Malaysia, Ireland, United States, Pakistan, South Africa, Greece, Iran, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Turkey
- Advocacy documents in several languages
- Regional Latin American Watch, a UK Health Watch, and a parallel Indian Health Watch
- Promotions at conferences, reviews in journals

Global Health Watch

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