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Right to Health Campaign: Phase II

OVER THE PAST several months, the Right to Health Commission has worked to evaluate the Right to Health and Healthcare Campaign (RTHC) as it is thus far and to consider ways to move into "Phase II" of the Campaign. Phase II will be a shift from assessment to mobilization and further integration of the RTHC into the core programs and movement-building of PHM.

The Commission consists of Abhay Shukla (India), Claudio Schuftan (Vietnam), Sarah Shannon (USA), Hani Serag (Egypt), Helen Potts (Australia) and Leslie London (South Africa). The Commission has been assisted by Bridget Lloyd, Anneleen de Keukelaere and Leigh Haynes at the Global Secretariat.

The Commission

distributed a Self-Assessment questionnaire to which 26 country circles responded. Country circle representatives provided in-depth information regarding the development of the RTHC



PHM members demonstrate as part of the RTHC.

in their country. There was representation from PHM circles in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Anneleen and Leigh conducted follow-up interviews with respondents in order to obtain more detailed informa-

tion regarding specific action and activities undertaken, in addition to accomplishments, barriers, strengths and weaknesses encountered as the RTHC developed. Valuable information was garnered from this process, and a report was compiled to inform the Commission as they plan Phase II.

The Commission is currently in the process of defining common themes among the Campaign so that the movement may have a unified voice as we move forward into Phase II advocacy, lobbying and community mobilization. A final evaluation will be released in the coming months.

The Commission expresses its gratitude to those circles which participated in this process. Your collaboration is essential to strengthening PHM.

People's Health Assembly 3 Scheduled

THE GLOBAL Steering Council has developed further details regarding the third People's Health Assembly.

PHA3 will be held in Cape Town in July of 2012. This year, 2011, is designated for preparation and mobilization of communities toward the Assembly. PHM friends are encouraged to use activity and events during 2011 to promote and

spread the word of the upcoming PHA3.

PHA3 will mark the end of a decade for PHM. The event will give the opportunity to reflect on the growth and accomplishments of PHM through the years. Issues to be covered include analysis of the current global health situation as well as PHM's and other civil society positions on global

health issues. It will look at forms of action to address these health challenges and build capacity among health activists.

The Global Secretariat welcomes participation from all who are interested in planning and organizing the event. For information, questions or comments, please contact:

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From the Global Secretariat

Greetings from the Global Secretariat!

The Global Secretariat is happy to share with you some highlights of the past months and show our commitment to increasing our efforts to strengthen the movement.

In August the Steering Council reaffirmed the importance of focusing on regional and grassroots mobilization using programs such as the Right to Health Campaign and the International People's Health University to strengthen country circles and activism. Another focus for the coming year will be mobilization toward the Third People's Health Assembly which will be held in July 2012 in Cape Town.

In the coming months, we will begin implementing the recommendations of the Right to Health Campaign Commission, preparing the first workshop for the Global Governance program (to be held in January in Geneva) and organizing the IPHU in Senegal which will be linked with the World Social Forum.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Warm wishes,
The Global Secretariat

GHW 3 Set for 2011 Release

GLOBAL HEALTH WATCH, the alternative World Health Report, is preparing to launch its third edition in 2011.

Global Health Watch provides an important perspective of health as a human right—for which the global movement is growing. Since the last publication of the report in 2008, natural disasters, war, economic distress and political strife, among many other devastating events, have all compounded the already distressed situation of the health of the world and its people. This issue will provide a hard look at where we are and what needs to be done from the people's view.

This issue will use case studies and testimonies to highlight the consequences that poorly conceived political and eco-

nomics policy has on health. In addition, these stories will testify to actions that have been taken by NGOs, civil society and others to combat threats to health, document abuse and show, in personal detail, the status of the world's health.

Global Health Watch has put out a call for the submission of country- or region-specific case studies and testimonies. The case studies and testimonies will form part of the electronic platform of Global Health Watch 3—scheduled for publication in 2011.

Of special interest are case studies of actions, alternatives and struggles that challenge the present global paradigm of health and development.

IPHU News: From the field...

The PHM International People's Health University course in Kisumu, Kenya (April 2010) was a wake-up call for me. I was very impressed with the remarkable, high profile facilitators. The participants were also as diverse as the African continent, which we all represent ...and its problems! Our backgrounds ranged from community health workers, HIV activists, GLBT activists, and General Physicians to members of civil societies and representatives of various donor agencies; yet, we all shared a fervent desire to change the health inequalities in our home countries and in our areas of interest.

After the programme and, of course, the well prepared sessions and interactions with knowledgeable participants, there was a desire (or anger) within me and the other participants from Nigeria, Dami and Nnamdi, that, despite the gamut of problems and complex na-

ture of our Country, we must try and change things on our return. This desire was further fired up by the Country profile presentation where my darling Country, "the giant of Africa," had worrisome indices compared with other smaller countries.

So far, from what we learnt at the IPHU, we have been able to establish PHM Nigeria with twenty-two members and are currently in the process of being registered

with the Corporate Affairs Commission. We have identified 4 thematic areas on which we will focus: networking, community development, revitalisation of primary health care and right to health sensitization and campaigning. I am very optimistic we will be able to bring about desired changes in the healthcare system of Nigeria as I see in us hope, struggle and commitment to "health for all".

—Fatimah Oluwakemi Bello
Nigeria



Participants of the IPHU course in Kisumu Kenya.

PHM Around the World

Burkina Faso

Claudio Schuftan met with Celestin Campaore and members of the PHM circle in Burkina Faso at the headquarters of SOS/Jeunesse et Défis. At this meeting, the Burkina Faso circle had the opportunity to share achievements and difficulties encountered in implementing their Right to Health Campaign. The circle has completed the Right to Health Self-Assessment and must still hold a national workshop.

The group discussed its different perspectives,

and Claudio advised as to how interventions in Burkina Faso may be improved. According to Celestin, "Meeting with a global steering council member allowed other PHM members to better understand the working mechanisms of PHM global and its programs." Claudio presented examples of other PHM circles for inspiration to members demonstrating that, even with similar challenges, the PHM community is united in taking the Campaign to the next level of advancement.



Claudio Schuftan (left) and Celestin Campaore (right)



PHM members in Burkina Faso

United States



PHM members attended the American Public Health Association national conference. The event was held in Denver, Colorado in November 2010.

Pictured along with others are: Sarah Shannon (USA), David Sanders (South Africa), Fran Baum (Australia), Jihad Mishal (Palestine).

South Africa

PHM South Africa held health hearings in Cape Town. The hearings were held in Khayelitsha in June and Manenberg in November. Both of these communities are townships which especially struggle to overcome disparities around the social determinants of health.

The hearings raised several pressing issues, including many related to housing, and also received extensive media attention in newspapers and on radio.

Europe Region

University, NGO and civil society workers from various European countries met for the second time in Berlin on 4-5 December. The group discussed issues related to global health education and the role of the People's Health Movement in Europe.

Pictured are Andreas Wulf (Germany), Edlira Xhafa (Albania), Kirsten Schubert (Germany), Anna Ciannameo (Italy), Brigida Marta (Italy), Wim de Ceukelaire (Belgium), Ysabel Vornhecke (Germany), and Fernando Galvan (Germany).



India

Ravi Nayaran was invited to speak to the Liberation Medicine Course in the Bronx, USA. Students and health activists were present to hear him speak about his career from working in refugee camps to teaching community medicine to his involvement with PHM. Read more about Ravi's talk at www.socialmedicine.org.

Get Involved!

There are always many opportunities to get involved with PHM. Consider some of the following:

- Read, endorse and sign the Peoples Charter for Health at <http://tinyurl.com/peoplescharterforhealth>.
- Contribute photos, short news stories, announcements or other information to the newsletter.
- Keep up with what's happening in PHM Africa at www.phmafrica.blogspot.com.
- Connect with us on facebook!

And with PHA3 on the horizon, there's even more! Regional events can be used for mobilization towards the Assembly. Consider some of these ideas..

- Preparing discussion papers
- Developing action plans to campaign toward a shared agenda for people's health
- Plan actions around a Right to Health Campaign
- Use events to develop testimonies, case studies and discussion papers

Future Activity

Upcoming events

- **Global Governance Workshop: Democratizing Global Health Governance.** Geneva, Switzerland. January 2011.
- **International People's Health University (IPHU), Dakar, Senegal. February 2011.** Contact IPHU@phmovement.org for details and registration information.
- **People's Health Assembly 3, Cape Town South Africa. July 2012.**

Newsletter Submissions

You are welcome to make submissions to be included in the next edition of PHM Global News.

News can include (but is not limited to) the following:

- Brief news of your activity as a PHM representative or news of special interest to PHM (200-250 words)
- Announcements of research, book releases, conferences, or other important activities or dates
- Reports on country circle or regional activities (150-200 words)

Submissions should be made by 8 March 2011 to leigh.kamore@gmail.com

A few Words from the Editor

THANK YOU for reading this first installment of PHM Global News! As PHM grows and country circles expand, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to share all of the exciting happenings with the broader PHM community.

This newsletter will issue quarterly, and I would love to hear from you as the months carry on about news or events happening in your corner of the globe. Also, please let me know what types of stories you would like to see included in to make it better.

Over the next several months, please take liberty to share any news of developments in your PHM circle.

These could be

- pictures,
- short descriptions of events,
- announcements,
- any other information that will prove valuable to your fellow PHM members.

I hope you have enjoyed this issue of PHM Global News and will help it continue and grow. Thank you to all who contributed. I look forward to hearing news from all of you soon!

All the best,
Leigh Haynes
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