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**Subject: Re: (no subject)****Date:** Mon, 29 Jul 2002 16:06:15 +0530**From:** Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>**To:** Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>**CC:** gk <gk@citechco.net>, Maria Hamlin Zuniga <iphc@cisas.org.ni>, pamzinkin <pamzinkin@gn.apc.org>

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Greetings from Community Health Cell / Peoples Health Movement!

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There was not only no mention of the need for change in PHM meeting Geneva, there was also no letter to us formally from the secretariat or to PHA-JSA Convenor to put it on the agenda. So how can we decide on the matter? It was therefore presented as a shelved proposition to be taken up at a later date when such a request is received or minuted it a PHA meeting. Otherwise it looks as if we are keen to take it over which is not the case. I think PHA core group should discuss this and make a decision. Our support continues as always formally or informally.

We would certainly be willing to take up such a responsibility and could dialogue with you and others on the modalities and time frame for this if this is still a need.

Best Wishes,

Ravi / Thelma  
CHC / PHM

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>Greeting from Community Health Cell / Peoples Health Movement!  
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>Just a quick note to report on three important events and developments  
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>1. On 15th July, we had the meeting of the National Working Group of  
>Jana Swasthya Abhiyan (PHM - India) at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. It was  
>well attended and participants included the national networks and the  
>state representatives. We discussed and reported all the initiatives at  
>international, national, state and local levels that had taken place  
>since our last meeting in Chennai in December 2001 which Qasem had also  
>attended.  
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>a) The group appreciated and endorsed the events and gains from PHM  
>presence at WIIA and the PHM Geneva event.  
>b) A small group consisting of Ekbal, Mira, Amit, Mohan, Vandana was  
>formed as a sort of International link group that would support CHC  
>(Ravi Narayan / Thelma Narayan) in its effort to facilitate responses at  
>the international level including linking national initiatives to  
>international support initiatives and communications.  
>c) If the CHC were to take up the PHM secretariat responsibility at some  
>later date, this group will be a sort of advisory/support group for that  
>as well.  
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>However since this issue did not come up for discussion as yet, CHC has  
>initiated an informal Peoples Health Watch unit in CHC (with Ravi and  
>another team member giving full time with a set of volunteers) which  
>will support communication publication, networking, advocacy initiatives  
>at national and international level working closely with Dr. Qasem  
>(international) and Balaji (national) secretariats. They will also  
>especially support the websites at both levels. A more detailed note of  
>the evolving work of this unit will be circulated soon to all concerned.  
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>d) Amit and Jaya will be the focal points for a major PHM oriented  
>Health input in the Asian Social Forum being organised in Hyderabad from  
>2nd Jan 2003 as a runner up event to the World Social Forum in Porto  
>Allegro, Brazil in February 2003. They will be supported by Sunder,  
>Ravi, Abhay, Binayak, Mira and others.

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> 2. Mike Rowson and I attended the World Civil Society Forum meeting in  
> Geneva on behalf of the PHM. I attended the sessions on 16th and 17th  
> and Mike attended the session on the 18th. The sessions on 16th included  
> the session entitled 'Health and Development'. A question of Poverty at  
> which I was a panelist and presented the concerns and framework from the  
> South Asian Dialogue on Poverty and Health (which had 24 out of 48  
> participants active in PHM in the following year). I also spoke on the  
> Poverty and Health framework which is in the charter. The other  
> panelists were Eugenio Villar who presented WHO perspectives and Louis  
> Currat who presented perspectives from the Global Forum for Health  
> Research. There was a lively discussion and many participants commented  
> on the paradigm differences between the PHM activists who see poverty  
> and Globalisation as the key issue and the mainstream policy makers and  
> researchers who selectively focus on the diseases of poverty - malaria,  
> TB and AIDS and miss the larger issue. There was need for a continuous  
> dialogue to overcome this gap is thinking. The other sessions organized  
> by the working groups most of which I attended were:

> There were some very provocative and thoughtful presentations by Latin  
> American nurses and traditional healers on the issue of access to the  
> Health and they made a very forceful plea for the need for greater  
> sensitivity and respect for local health traditions and cultural and  
> policy space for the development of these systems and cultures of health  
> including access to land and natural resources required for these health  
> cultures to be regenerated and re-endorsed. There was a similar plea by  
> African participants and I believe PHM must develop these themes with  
> greater clarity. A detailed proceedings of the working group on health  
> will be posted on the exchange as soon as it is received.

> 3. There has been a lot of interest on the idea of a series of meetings  
> organized by PHM constituents in different regions of the world and at  
> different levels next year, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the  
> Alma Ata Declaration. I think we should aim for at least 12 such  
> meetings - one a month and somehow ensure that these are linked to each  
> other as a sort of relay with at least one participant from a previous  
> meeting attending the next one and presenting the key findings or  
> conclusions of each meetings. So we will build further step by step.  
> Since these will not all be PHM meetings as such but PHM sessions in  
> different and ongoing meetings and conferences this should not be such a  
> difficult proposition. Already 3 months have potentially designated  
> meetings - the other nine months need to be filled in from the regions  
> and countries. If there is a lot of enthusiasm there may be more than  
> one meetings in a month.

> January 2003 - Asian Social Forum, Hyderabad, India (2-7th)  
> February 2003 - World Social Forum, Porto Allegre, Brazil  
> May 2003 - NGO Forum/PHM collaborative meetings in Geneva prior  
> to WHA-)

2003 (being planned).

> All of you may have other suggestions. Sometimes other organisations and  
> networks may have their annual meetings at which 25 years after Alma Ata  
> can become a theme.  
> Perhaps Qasem could send a draft letter and we can see what is the  
> response.

> Best Wishes

> Yours Sincerely

> Ravi Narayan

**Subject: Claudio to Ravi**

**Date: Tue, 13 Aug 2002 08:06:39 +0700**

**From: "Aviva" <aviva@netnam.vn>**

**To: "Community health cell" <sochara@vsnl.com>**

Dear Ravi and Tholma,

Thanks for your note with the good news.

I do hope that with the Bhopal endorsement, the secretariat can now shift to Bangalore. I assume you have notified Qasem about that endorsement with copies to secretariat members. The letter from Qasem and Maria is encouraging. Do you foresee hinges? If you think yes, give me some ideas how I can start something privately and discretely by contacting people.

I see that PHM India wants you to help internally. India being the largest PHM, that is not altogether bad...but more work I gather.

I'll double check the five member international link group is on pha-exch. , but I think they are, except Vandana.

It is a good idea to write to Oile. I will do so today too.

A consortium of donors is good regardless of DHF support, I think; write the proposal and I'll be glad to give comments.

I agree that without strategic thinking we may not make headway. There is quite a few of us who will help the Cell. My support is unconditional.

Re the undercurrents, they have existed from the start.; both regional, political, old-timers.... But there is enough commonalities of purposes still to steer things in unity. We will just have to tread water slowly and with lots of requested feedback via pha exch. But the fact remains that as PHM we have to take stands on all relevant issues...and that is a weekly task; we won't get the visibility we need otherwise.

Great to read about Global Forum for Health Research (Forum 6). When is it? I think I have to go to Mozambique Sept 16-27. Does the date fit? I have not seen David's note.

Re the WSF 2003 and Asian Social Forum at Hyderabad 2-4th January 2003, great to promote the Peoples Health Charter there. I have to see if I can come.

Ravi, I will be in Mumbai Oct 30 to Nov 3 doing a health and HRs workshop for Oxfam working with CEHAT. I'll arrange somehow to come to Bangalore, We can then perhaps discuss the first Alma Ata anniversary meeting of 2003 and other stuff.

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Great that you can start a regular piece for PHM exchange.  
An Indian website sounds good. Is Andrew more responsive to update the intl one now (with the help you are giving)? If not, we HAVE to move on and bypass him...nothing personal.  
Perhaps I do not need the WHO corporate strategy now.

That would be it amigos.

A warm hug  
Claudio

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**Subject: Claudio**

**Date: Tue, 13 Aug 2002 08:20:36 +0700**

**From: "Aviva" <aviva@netnam.vn>**

**To: "olle" <olle.nordberg@dhf.uu.se>**

**CC: "niclas" <niclas.hallstrom@dhf.uu.se>**

Dear Olle and Niclas,

Greetings from Hanoi!

It has been ages since we communicate. I miss you guys.

The Indian PHM met in June and endorsed CHC to take over the intl secretariat. The technicalities are now under discussion and we hope things can happen soon.

I wanted to informally explore with you the possibility of some material support for Ravi and Theima's work. I do not need to tell you that a small functioning budget is necessary to take on the job with the dedication that we are now going to have (Ravi has permission fro CHC to do this full time).

Plans are for having a much more all inclusive, particiaptorty follow up of what PHM is doing and will be doing. PHM will be taking more stands on issues after discussions thru pha-oxch and will need to have a physical presence in some key meetings. CHC will be writing a short proposal about this snortly.

It would be great if you could contact Ravi directly to tell him how DHF could help. Ideas you can give him re the upcoming short proposal will also be welcome. A copy to me would be appreciated.

In all fraternal honesty, you have been known not to respond to our messages very promptly. Please do not let this one fall through the cracks.

A hug,  
Claudio

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**Subject: Note****Date: Mon, 12 Aug 2002 12:52:36 +0530****From: Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>****To: Claudio Schuffan <aviva@netnam.vn>, Mohan Rao-JNU-Delhi <mohanrao@bol.net.in>**

Dear Claudio

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

This is just a note for you further to our communication of 11th June - (not for circulation). In the last few weeks a lot has happened.

- i) We had our JSA (PHM India) meeting on 15th July at Bhopal which I had reported on in a short communiqué sent to you all which got on the PHA exchange as well (though it was not originally intended for wider circulation)
- ii) At PHM Geneva, there was no discussion on shift of secretariat. No one brought it up at any time and Thelma and I therefore decided that it would be a good idea just to plan to support Qasem and GK secretariat more actively from April 2002. Therefore at the Bhopal meeting we did not put up any specific proposition and got just an overall endorsement for CHC to take up the International secretariat responsibility if this was specifically requested at a later date.
- iii) The India group was a bit concerned that my increasing involvement and preoccupation with PHM International level may remove my 'leavenrole' at National level so much against my wishes I was made a <sup>joint</sup> convener with three others from India with a mandate to stimulate the process of communication among constituents of PHM in India.
- iv) A five member International link group was formed within PHM India consisting of Ekbal (ekbal@vsnl.com); Mira (mirashiva@yahoo.com); Mohan (mohanrao@bol.net.in); Vandana (chaukhal@yahoo.com) and Amit (ctddst@yahoo.com) to support CHC in the International initiatives and with the secretariat, when that matter comes up. Incidentally could you ensure that these five email Ids are included in the PHA Exchange as a beginning. Ekbal and Mira may already be there but Mohan, Vandana and Amit may have to be included.
- v) Last week we got a letter from Qasem and Maria mentioning that the shift was always on the agenda and the silence (!) at Geneva was because they were waiting for the Indian PHM endorsement first before taking the next steps. We have all now tried to sort this communication problem and finally we have Okayed and confirmed that we are ready. Now IPHMC must decide when, how and what will be the shift. We await further clarity.
- vi) As preparation for this we in CHC had initiated a small unit called Peoples Health Watch with me as convener and a secretary and four volunteers to get familiar with PHM background, publication, files, past communications etc. I am planning to write to Olle as suggested by you, but am also wondering whether it would be better to have small inputs by a consortium of donors rather than have one group supporting it all. I shall write a proposal of PHW / PHM and would like your comments on it. I shall link it to your proactive reflections.
- vii) There's lots to do but without strategic thinking we may not make headway. There are also undercurrents, which were obvious to me in Geneva. Old core versus new enthusiasts and promoters; IPHC versus other networks; the cautious and tired versus the bold and sometimes over enthusiastic; also a wide variety of commitments to the implicit political analysis of the charter. Perhaps the challenge is to steer a unity of purpose in this diversity.
- viii) Our lobbying with Global Forum for Health Research (Forum 6) has yielded a good harvest. Now David Sanders, Zafarullah, Christiane (BUKO - Germany), Thelma and myself have been invited as resource persons/faculty for the Forum 6 at Arusha, Tanzania. Can you also make

it so that there may be an opportunities for strategic thinking? You may have seen David's note for other PHM participants, since he is coordinating our collective presence there.

ix) The WSF 2003 will be a key rallying point. There is going to be an Asian Social Forum at Hyderabad 2-4th January 2003 as a runner up event. PHM India is deeply involved recognizing the intersectoral opportunity to promote the Peoples Health Charter perspectives with so many professionals and activists from other sectors. It will be Kolkata repeated 4-5 times enhanced. If some of you could make it, we could have a good brainstorming - also the first Alma Ata anniversary meeting of 2003 perhaps.

More details follow. Keep in touch.

Best Wishes from both of us,

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

P.S: While going through all your mail, I discovered few queries not responded to

I shall start a regular piece for PHM exchange soon covering together ideas and issues from all the communications we receive.

- We are talking over the India website soon. Let the international one remain with Andrew. We formed a communication circle with Unni, Sathya, myself and others in Geneva to support its strengthening.

- I do not have the WHO corporate strategy on email but as hard copy.

Where do I send it to you?

- Olle Niclas do not communicate promptly - perhaps you can nudge Olle to get in touch. We had a good interaction at DHF

**Subject: Re: Draft Minutes of JSA meeting**

**Date: Sat, 10 Aug 2002 12:38:24 +0600**

**From: Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>**

**To: Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>**

Dear Ravi,

You probably have forgotten to attach the draft minutes. Anyway I received the formal larger minutes from Sundararaman. I will come back to you after talk with Dr.Zafrullah about World Bank session.

Best wishes.

Qasem

At 05:32 PM 8/8/02 +0530, you wrote:

>Dear Qasembhai,

>1. This is the draft minutes of the JSA meeting on 15th which has been  
>circulated to all those who participated to get their okay before wider  
>circulation. It also does not include the State and network reports but  
>are relevant to the issue of secretariat shift etc. This is just for  
>information to you and Zafarullah and not for wider circulation as yet.  
>The formal larger minutes after its approval by JSA will also come to  
>you shortly.

>2. I need both your response on another matter urgently. I am putting  
>together some supplementary background to the World Bank meets the  
>People booklet that Pam and Margot have been working upon. I have the  
>draft manuscript from all the major talks sent by Pam. What is the  
>background to this session? How did we think of it? How was it planned?  
>Objective? Did we invite others WHO, UNICEF for the same session? I am  
>sure you and Zafarullah will know the full background. I am also putting  
>in a small note on the democratic dissent by some participants their  
>concerns and slogans so that the booklet gives a good overview of the  
>democratic dialogue and democratic dissent that was a significant event  
>in PHM. Shall send you all the draft as soon as it is ready?

>3. Saw Bala's and Dr. Barzgar's response to your letter about Alma Ata  
anniversary. Hope you received my note sent to them.

>4. We may need to follow up about a possible visit I would need to make  
>to GK soon to complete many points on our agenda.

>a) Get orientation about the secretariat before it shifts.

>b) Keep my commitment to GKB about a workshop on community oriented  
>Medical Education.

>c) Discuss other issues about PHM/Alma Ata anniversary etc with you  
>both.

>When should we plan for it? You have suggested a meeting at Bangalore if  
>we take over the secretariat. When could that be planned? My visit to GK  
>should be before that. Lets dialogue on possible date.

>Best Wishes to you both and -----

>Yours Sincerely,

>Ravi Narayan

>CHC / PHM

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Date: Thu, 01 Aug 2002 17:50:29 +0530

From: Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

To: Maria Hamlin Zuniga <iphc@cable.net>, "Qasem Chowdhury, Dr" <gksavar@citechco.net>, Ekbal <ekbal@vsnl.com>, zafarullah Chowdhury <gk@citechco.net>, pamzinkin@gn.apc.org

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Please read it carefully. What I have tried to convey is

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Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

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Best Wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

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*TN - Please read correspondence  
and see my response  
Is it ok.*

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Recent correspondence  
on PHM secretariat shift

- 24/7 RN
- 27/7 QC
- 29/7 RN
- 30/7 QC
- 30/7 MZ
- 1/8 RN

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Attach to letter to Sunder  
cc Ekbal

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**Subject:** RE: (no subject)

**Date:** Tue, 30 Jul 2002 16:21:10 +0200

**From:** "Maria Hamlin Zuniga" <iphc@cablenet.com.ni>

**To:** "Qasem Chowdhury" <gksavar@citechco.net>, "Community health cell" <sochara@vsnl.com>,  
"Dr. B. Ekbal" <ekbal@vsnl.com>

**CC:** "gk" <gk@citechco.net>, "Maria Hamlin Zuniga" <iphc@cisas.org.ni>,  
"pamzinkin" <pamzinkin@gn.apc.org>

Dear Qasem, and the rest of you,

Thank you for the notification of the meeting dates. I appreciate that it will be in November.

I will be seeing Hugo very soon. I doubt he will be able to go to Bangladesh as he begins a Masters Program in September. I will discuss this with him on the 6th of August and let you know.

I am also puzzled by the correspondence and discussion with Ravi and not bringing up the transfer of the Secretariat at the recent Indian meeting. I have reread all the relevant correspondence which you so clearly reviewed in your letter to Ravi on 30 July.

I think there was no question of bringing this up to the group in Geneva as it is an Indian decision.

I hope that the Indian Movement will see the cruciality of this issue and resolve it before our meeting in November. I see no other way of being able to make the transfer of the Secretariat without that authorization from the Indians.

Dr. Ekbal, perhaps you have suggestions as how to resolve this situation.

My fond regards to all of you.

Maria

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**Subject: Re: (no subject)**

**Date:** Tue, 30 Jul 2002 12:18:48 +0600

**From:** Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>

**To:** Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>, "Dr. B. Ekbal" <ekbal@vsnl.com>

**CC:** gk <gk@citechco.net>, Maria Hamlin Zuniga <iphc@cisas.org.ni>, pamzinkin <pamzinkin@gn.apc.org>

Dear Ravi,

I could not understand why you are surprised to my last letter. Shifting of PHM Secretariat issue first came up during October 2001 meeting. During the discussion India particularly CHC name came up. Amitava said he needs time to discuss within the PHM-India group before any acceptance.

On November 2001 you mentioned you could build in support to or facilitating the secretariat if i) this is an overall consensus in the PHA 2001 group ii) The Indian circle also endorses it. You invited me to the next National Coordination Committee / National Working Group meeting of the Indian PHM which took place in Chennai on 21/22nd linked to the All India People's Science Conference with a request to discuss the proposal with Indian JSA and the secretariat issue which I did. In that meeting Amit and Anand said they now heard the proposal but they have to discuss among themselves before taking any decision. I thought my presentation of the proposal as Coordinator of the Secretariat was official one. In that meeting none of the members mentioned about the need for a formal letter from the PHM Core group for Indian-PHM or for CHC. I do not understand why the question of formal letter is coming now.

In your 21st January email you further wrote "Regarding the shift of secretariat idea pending further clarity on the Indian side, I have written a communication and am sending it to you so that you can forward it to whomever you think need to get it in the context of the discussion at the Oct. meeting." I appreciate your good gesture.

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Based on the above correspondence, I had the understanding that final endorsement of the proposal is lying with the Indian-PHM. After that PHM Core Group (IPHMC) will send formal request letter to the concerned organisation.

I think no body thought of any rationality to bring the PHM Secretariat shift issue on 16th May in WCC in Geneva before one gets a response from the Indian-PHM.

If I misunderstood any of the previous correspondence, discussion etc., I am sorry for that. I will be happy to get advise from all of you about the future direction on this issue

With greetings.

Qasem

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Ri  
30/7

Subject: Re: PHM

Date: Tue, 13 Aug 2002 17:51:07 +0530

From: Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

To: GK <gk@citechco.net>

CC: "Qasem Chowdhury, Dr" <gksavar@citechco.net>, Maria Hamlin Zuniga <iphc@cisas.org.ni>, pamzinkin@gn.apc.org, David Sanders <lmartin@uwc.ac.za>, aviva@netnam.vn, ekbal@vsnl.com, ehong28@yahoo.com, haiap@eureka.lk, Lynette Martin <lmartin@uwc.ac.za>, mikerowson@medact.org, mira shiva <mirashiva@yahoo.com>, masaigana@africaonline.co.tz, olle.nordberg@dhf.uu.se, Prem <hariprem@eth.net>, office@wgnrr.nl

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Rm*

**Subject:** claudio

**Date:** Wed, 14 Aug 2002 09:22:49 +0700

**From:** "Aviva" <aviva@netnam.vn>

**To:** "Ravi" <sochara@vsnl.com>

Dear Ravi, The email from Z is typical of him. No need to overreact. In your attempt to be polite about the move of the secretariat he reads indecision. I would not fall into this game. Just restate unambiguously that the meeting in Bhopal endorsed the move to CHC. Sweet and simple.

Cordially,  
Claudio

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Subject: Sending again (PHM)

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PHM/CHC Secretariat

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Subject: Re: PHM

Date: Wed, 14 Aug 2002 12:16:56 -0700

From: "Mwajuma S. Masaigana" <masaigana@africaonline.co.tz>

Organization: MWASAMA

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Mwajuma

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Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2002 8:43 AM

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> Ekbal <ekbal@vsnl.com>, zafarullah Chowdhury <gk@citechco.net>,  
> pamzinkin@gn.apu.org  
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>Dear Qasem, Maria and others,  
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>Greeting from Community Health Cell / Peoples Health Movement!  
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>There seems to be a communication error, which I would like to sort out.  
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However Just for the record I want to remind everybody that, initially, (2000) it was the idea to shift the Secretariate to that country where next PHA will be held to enhance the capacity building.

And Africa was the continental of choice, later on, in March 2001, meeting in Dhaka, it was suggested by some participants to move the Secretariate to CHC in India. Neither Ekbal nor Ravi Narayan was present in the meeting. Prem and Mira Shiva also did not participate in that meeting. Amitabh was the sole Indian representative who suggested that Indians should meet and choose the organisation and location where Intl Secretariate be located. All participants of March 2001 meeting agreed.

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From: "Sundaraman" <cerd@satyam.net.in>

Reply-To: "Sundaraman" <sundar2@123india.com>

To: "Community health cell" <sochara@vsnl.com>

Dear Ravi,

Noted your letter. Really clarifies. But one small error it is Mira Shiva who is on the international JSA committee- not Vandana. Hope Mira does not take off on that.

But do please send me a copy of Zafrullah's and Quaseems letter. I do not know how I have not got it,  
Sundar

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Sent: Friday, August 16, 2002 6:10 PM  
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Till then, we shall continue to support the India region as we have always been doing (now as Joint Convener I have additional responsibilities) and the international PHM as the Convener of the WHO-WHA circle and in other ways through the PHW related initiatives outlined in my earlier letter.

Best Wishes,

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cc. Dr B. Ekbal, Dr Sundaraman  
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Subject: Re: PHM

Date: Wed, 14 Aug 2002 21:43:01 +0600

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Dear Ravi,

I am very upset with your letter. It seems that you are trying to be too smart. Why are you trying to put responsibility of Indian members on me? Initially, you try to blame Qasem, now you are blaming me? How wonderful!

Who is "we" (So we presumed that it was not an imminent proposition.) You and Thelma or all Indians? Do not try to camouflage. It is a clear understanding, as I have told and also mentioned in correspondences between you and Qasem that Indian Member will decide the issue, of Intl Secretariate to India themselves in Bhopal meeting. Why the Indian issue should be discussed in Geneva unless Indian(s) raise it.

It was your and other Indians responsibility and duty to raise the issue in Geneva meeting. Definitely not mine. You should read all correspondences but not selectively.

My understanding is that "How and when" can not be decided by Qasem alone, it is a matter for core group meeting. Ekbal should write to the core group directly.

Best wishes  
Zafrullah Chowdhury

At 05:51 PM 6/13/02 +0530, Community health cell wrote:

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Even if we do not take up the responsibility of the PHM International Secretariat, this unit already has over 10 initiatives on the anvil :

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- b) Working on a 'Process Report' of PHM in India (JSA)
- c) Liaising with Prof. Hans Rosling of Centre for International Health, Karolinska Institute, Sweden, on an educational tool entitled the Global Health Chart, which would support the somatization to PHM perspectives.
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So as you can see <sup>Propose to</sup> We would be quite busy supporting the PHM even if we did not <sup>have to</sup> take over the secretariat. <sup>through this work.</sup> If we do it, it will only be if nearly everyone thinks it's a good idea and should be done.

~~I hope this has clarified all the issues clearly.~~

I look forward to your response. Also we are sending it to you both primarily because we still do not know or fully understand who is in the core group of decision-making in PHM till the 15 member IPHM forms up. Please feel free to circulate it to whomever you both wish to circulate it to.

With best wishes and in PHM solidarity,

Yours sincerely,

Ravi and Thelma Narayan,  
Community Health Cell.

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Dear All,

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Dr.Ekbal

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Dear Friends,

Pls find enclosed the Annual Report for your information.

Regards,

Ravi Narayan,  
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4. In India, Dr. Sundaraman, our proactive joint convenor took up this matter informally, with as many people in the NWG he could meet and discussed all aspects of this possibility, during his travels over many months. When we all met in Bhopal finally on 15th July 2002, not only was a lot of time given to me to report on all the international developments and initiatives in PHM, but this was appreciated and endorsed. It was then decided that CHC could be the International Secretariat whenever this move became necessary or feasible or desired by IPHMC. A five member international link group was established for India consisting of Ekbal, Mira, Mohan, Amit and ~~Vandana~~, with me as

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convenor. (Refer item no. 2 in Organisational Decisions in the Minutes of the Ethical meeting sent separately).

5. When the matter of the shift came up, all I could report - since I was totally handicapped by absolutely no discussion or decision in Geneva that this was not yet imminent-at least it seemed so to me and Thelma because no one discussed it informally or formally. We are talking about the need or necessity for the shift not the decision about India or CHC in particular. In the last session in Geneva, after the Technical Briefing, I also mentioned that we in CHC were setting up, in our new plan of action for the next three years an initiative called Peoples Health Watch which would support Qasem in the PHM Secretariat in whatever way possible or if we were specifically requested to do anything else other than WHO/WHA circle. Mwajuma remembered this commitment of ours and has been exploring whether I could visit Africa to support them on behalf of PHM. As far as we are concerned the undercurrents in India have now been democratically tackled and we have been endorsed collectively; and have an additional support group to facilitate this process, whenever IPHMC decides that it is necessary and feasible.

6. Now, regarding the undercurrent in the international core group, it doesn't seem to have completely gone. Since even Zafarullah mentions in his last communications that "some European specifically wanted 'CHC' as the International Secretariat".

We are not ready to take over the secretariat if this feeling continues. We are keen to take up the responsibility only if IPHMC feels it's a good idea and everyone or at least the large majority endorse it. We don't wish to become a 'pawn' between North-South conflicts since we see PHM as an expression of North-South solidarity and collectivity. Because of our own long established credibility and contacts CHC has had links and has worked with a large variety of North and South groups and networks, but it would be unfair to PHM and to us - if this move continued to be interpreted in a 'conflictual' manner between regions, groups or individuals.

7. We now suggest that the way to go forward on this is to bring 'the shift of the secretariat' on to the formal agenda of the proposed 'November meeting'. You have an endorsement from India for CHC to shoulder this responsibility, if IPHMC endorses the idea of the shift formally from the current base to another one. But for both transparency and accountability let it be a formal decision after discussing and clearing all aspects of the shift including the undercurrents at an IPHMC or core group or other such meeting. Even if this means a little more delay by a few months 'procedure' is better than 'haste'.

8. Where is the November meeting being planned? In GK-Savar? Any dates? Zafarullah, David Sanders, Thelma and myself have to attend GHR Forum 6 in Arusha, Tanzania, from 12th to 15th November - so if you want me to attend it will have to be clear of these dates. I have also offered to visit Africa from 4th to 9th November - a week ahead of Forum 6 to help Mwajuma, Malachi and others with some PHM activities in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania but this could also move to after Forum 6 if it clashes with the November dates.

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Please mark this to all the International contact names that are included in Quaresmi and Zafrullah's recent correspondence.

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1. This clarifies the National working group decision + support to the international PHM Secretariat. Perhaps this entire report could go to Zafrullah, Quaresmi + others.
2. In this meeting Vandana Prasad's name is not in the international link group, we may need to make the necessary correction in our note to Claudio/Quaresmi + others.

## Jan Swasthya Abhiyan meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes:

The fourth national meeting of the NWG of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan met in Bhopal on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The local hosts were BGVS, MP and the meeting was held in the premises of Abhiyakthi- the SRC for adult and continuing education.

18 representatives of national networks who constitute the NWG as well as some state JSA representatives who are part of the NCC attended the meeting.

The participants were: Amit Sen Gupta(AIPSN&WSF), Awadhesh Yadav(FORCES), Asha Mishra(MPBGVS), Abhay Shukla (CEHAT), Amulya Nidhi(CEHAT), Ajay Khare(MPVS), Binayak Sen(NAPM), Mira Shiva(AIDAN,VHAT), Jaya Velankar(MahJSA), R.Dangwal (Delhi JSA), Rahul Sharma(MP-JSA), Sanjay Agarwal(MPJSA), Sarojini N.B(MFC), Suhas Kolhekar(NAPM), Vandana Prasad(DelhiJSA) .Vinod Raina(BGVS/WSF), Ravi Narayan(CHC) and Sundararaman(AIPSN/BGVS).

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The agenda of the meeting was approved as follows:

1. Report on PHA international level.
2. Report from the states and the organisations.
3. World Social Forum (WSF).
4. Gujarat crisis.
5. Action taken report on last meeting decisions.
6. Organisational Issues.

### Report on PHA international level.

Dr. Ravi Narayan placed the report and Mira Shiva supplemented information.

Following the PHA at Dhaka, the eight international organisers met in October 2001 at Dhaka. Amitava Guha attended this meeting from India. The main decisions of this meeting was to carry forward organisational work by constituting 14 regions in the World and having one representative from each region contributing at the international decision making level. It was also decided to form circles on specific themes. Over the months some circles have emerged. The WIIO-WIIA lobby circle with Ravi Narayan as Convener; more recently a Poverty and Aids Circle with Dorothy Logie as Convener; other are evolving. An international e-group called PHA exchange was also initiated. In October November 2001, the peoples health charter was presented at a global forum for health research meet at Geneva.

In October 2001, the peoples health charter was presented at the Global forum for health research meet at Geneva (forum 5) by Ravi who replaced Dr.Ekbal at the last minute. In May 2002, at the World Health Assembly held a Geneva, the PHA group could make a significant intervention. Through active lobbying WIIO was encouraged to formally support 2 PIM resource persons and the NGO forum also supported 2 persons. 31 other

activists from all over the world who had played a lead role in the PHA also registered through accredited NGOs to attend the WHO meet.

On 13<sup>th</sup> May these 35 participants attended a special briefing session organised by WHO civil society initiatives for NGO participants. The PHM group, which was the largest in the briefing session could use this session to make 3 points :

- a) Not to confuse the private sector with not for profit NGOs under a common term-civic society.
- b) The need to look at the relevance of WHO's health concerns and themes, given the health problems of the majority.
- c) The continued importance of the PHC approach to through which technical strategies like aging etc could be channelled.

The PHA was also represented in the panel discussion organised by the NGO forum for health. The PHA had taken along a 2 member media team (Unni and Sathya) supported by Nupur who highlighted PHM concerns and responses throughout the 5 day assembly. A backgrounder and a number of press releases prepared for the occasion were also distributed to the press.

As a result of a constant advocacy efforts throughout the 5 days the DG , WHO and her senior colleagues found the time and interest to fully attend a technical briefing session on the peoples health charter. The PHA groups' lobbying also helped to ensure a large attendance for this session. The secretary of health of Philippines, Dr. Manuel Dayrit, chaired the session. Dr. Zaffruallah started the briefing with a humorous but powerful warning on where the privatisation drive is taking WHO. Dr. Ravi then presented the background of the PHA mobilisation and the key elements of the charter Using OHPs he should the evidence of dismal performance even in priority areas. He listed out 5 key messages to WHO that emerged from the charter. These 5 messages had been short listed by the PHM participants during preparation for this session.( See annexure). Concerns from Latin American, African and European regions were then presented by delegates. The PHM at the international level has also initiated a dialogue with UNAIDS and furthered the dialogue with the global forum for health research. Many other groups have also evinced interest of linking up with PHM.

It is also worth noting that the set of 5 books published for the PHA by JSS in India have been used as course material in the Centre for International Health at Bergen, (Norway) at Karolinska institute, (Sweden), at the London school of Hygiene (UK). Ravi and Thelma completed a series of workshops at the former two institutes before WHA.

Eight background papers were distributed in the July 15th meeting on these international developments. These were ---A draft report on PHM in Geneva; a report on 2 weeks of PHM Advocacy in Europe; the WHO-CSI initiative pamphlet and technical briefing notice; the five press releases of PHM in Geneva; the response of PHM to WHO-CSI consultation document; the note from Claudio on PHM charter; the note from Claudio on PHM - time to take stock; and the PHM News brief no. 8.

**Report for the States and the participating national networks:**

Maharashtra, Karnataka, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Tamilnadu presented detailed reports. For the states of Kerala, Orissa, UP, Bihar, Himachal and Haryana, Sundararaman who had visited most of these states recently or been in close touch with them presented a report. Reports from West Bengal, Tripura, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Punjab are being collected. These reports are annexed( annexure 2)

MFC report: On behalf of MFC Sarojini shared with us what activities and issues MFC has been active with. The last years annual meet theme has been on Nutrition and Food security and they have put together a number of key papers on this issue. They would also be organising the session on the same theme in 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October in the LAWS( Indian association of womens studies ) meet at Bhubaneswar and those interested could attend it.

She then gave a brief report on MFC action on the Gujarat genocide which was taken up for discussion later. ( this is discussed in the separate section). She also called attention to the anonymous note on population policy circulated in the ministry and its retrogressive nature and the need to act on ensuring that this did not become state policy.

AIDAN and VHAI: Mira Shiva presented a number of initiatives that VHAI had taken. One was the drug policy consultation held in March, other was a consultation on PNDT act and yet another was o the blood bank policy.

She also highlighted a number of emerging issues like in assisted reproductive technology, the push for institutional deliveries etc. She drew attention to the struggle of Bhopal gas victims where 85% had not received compensation and those who had received less than Rs15,000 per head and the changes in Union carbide administration and the nature of proposed prosecution that was making justice even more difficult to obtain.

Mira Shiva also described the work on various state VHAs coordinating with JSA and the action of MPVHA on the issue of gender violence.

Suhas of NAPM, Ravi Narayan of CHC and Abhay of CEHAT, FORCES were other groups who presented their organisation's work in this period – as related to JSA.

CHAI had held a major consultation on the issues facing small health care providers especially as regards regulation and maintenance of quality etc. This was held in coordination with the JSA NWG and the workshop was useful and well appreciated.

### World Social Forum:

Amit Sengupta introduced the topic, giving the background to how the World Social forum had emerged as an important international platform of resistance to globalisation. He stated that there was a proposal to hold the regional meet "Asia Social Forum" in 2003 January 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> at Hyderabad. And sought the participation of the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan as a network in this programme. Vinod Raina also emphasised the need for the widest possible participation and elaborated on the nature of the platform. All the participants contributed to the ensuing discussion. There was unanimity on the decision that we should participate actively and involve all the JSA constituent members at both the state and national conferences. The active role of trade unions was seen as a welcome development. There were suggestions that we focus on environment and occupational health and on issue of privatisation of water. There were many other suggested issues for workshops as well- such as Right to Health care, Right to social services( as intersectoral

issue): Right to Food, Drugs and patents, Women and Health, Bhopal gas tragedy, highlighting JSA campaigns and work.

Then on behalf of the WSF organisers a suggestion was placed that we plan for one seminar (out of 25 planned at ASF) and 5 workshops (out of 100 workshops planned). There are six conferences planned and health would find a place within the conference on social sector which is being decided on by the main programme committee. It was further clarified that the fixing of the numbers was done by the National organising committee of WSF and even the approval of the workshops, seminars etc would be decided by them. Also there are financial implications which would limit how many workshops we could hold etc. Since with this information we could not decide, it was decided to seek more details from the national committee and a subcommittee of 8 persons was set up to decide on further action on this regard. Jaya Velankar was proposed as convenor for this subcommittee and for organising this activity and this was agreed to by the participants.

### Gujarat Genocide:

Sarojini of MFC reported on the Gujarat communal riots and killings and on the pathetic situation in the refugee camps even as of today. She stressed that it was a continuing tragedy. Moreover it was a public health issue – not only as a result of the enormous loss of life and health due to the violence, but also as the public health system had clearly collapsed in the moment of crisis and as there was clearly discriminatory access to medical care at the time of communal strife and even afterwards. She detailed the action that MFC had taken and the book documenting the public health crisis published based on the enquiry conducted by the MFC team. The MFC had also informed both the NHRC and the professional bodies for action with regard to the Gujarat situation especially calling for action against medical professionals who had been part of the violence.

In the ensuing discussion there was one round of discussion on whether the JSA as a body had acted adequately. Most felt that even while recognising that all the individual members and state groups had been active on this issue through other networks, this JSA network must at least have gone on record and registered a formal protest.

There was also considerable discussion on the difficulties of helping in Gujarat from outside the state. An appropriate sustained response could be only supportive of the two networks inside Gujarat that were already engaged in this work instead of working parallel to them. There was also a general consensus that the public health dimensions of this issue so well brought out in the MFC book needs to be highlighted and professional bodies encouraged to develop an ethical position on these issues. The MFC book was bought by all participants. The report of the Oxfam facilitated Bangalore response for peace initiative-resource team visit which included Babu Mathew (NLSUI); Thelma Narayan (CHC); and Srinivasa murthy of (NIMHANS) was also distributed.

One specific follow up action proposed was writing to MCI to deregister prominent medical professionals involved in leading or organising violence and seeking guidelines to prevent similar public health crises in the future.

### Organisational Issues and Action to be taken:

1. Currently the JSA has only one convener Dr Ekbal and one jt convener, Dr Sundararaman. It was proposed and unanimously accepted to expand the joint convenors to include Abhay Shukla, Ravi Narayan, and Amit Sengupta as well. In addition, Vandana Prasad would provide liason support at Delhi level, and Sarojini would work for better coordination of JSA with Networks of Womens' organisations being also designated joint convenors for that limited purpose. This expansion of the joint convenors should enable more visits to states and more proactive interventions at the policy level by this group. They would divide the work amongst themselves for this purpose.
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3. Ravi Narayan would also with the help of CHC and Balaji Sampath take up the task of running the website for JSA as well as conveying relevant information from the PHA exchange network to this pha- nec e-group and vice versa. They would also finalise the books on the PHA process and on the "WB meets the people".
4. For organising the workshops and seminars /conferences at the Asia Social forum meet the coordinating group is made up of Jaya Velankar( convener), Mira Shiva, Binayak Sen, Amit Sengupta, Ravi Narayan, Abhay Shukla, Vandana Prasad and Sundararaman. This group now awaits to hear from the ASF organising group what the terms are for organising workshops seminars, conferences etc and accordingly can decide on how many workshops it will organise. We would also request all the state level organisations, which are part of JSA to join into the WSF effort.
5. As a response to Gujarat genocide and the ethical issues raised by the related public health crisis, state Jan Swasthya Abhiyan committees are requested to take note. Suggestions for specific steps include reviewing the MFC publication on the Gujarat carnage in professional journals, making ethics of health care an issue of discussion amongst professionals, issuing posters highlighting that action needs be taken against doctors who were involved in the killings and holding sensitisations workshops/meetings on this issue amongst people working in the health field.

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Subject: [Fwd: PHM]

Date: Mon, 19 Aug 2002 17:38:19 +0530

From: Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

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Subject: Re: Clau  
Date: Tue, 20 Aug 2002 10:24:57 +0530  
From: Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>  
To: Aviva <aviva@netnam.vn>

Dear Claudio,

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

Thanks for the morale boosting support as always. I have been rather surprised at Zafarullah's outburst. We have had such a close, personal relationship all these years - that it shocks me why he went so public even if he felt provoked by something I said inadvertently. Ekbal and Prem John have been on the phone - we will let things calm down and sort it out soon but not later than the November meeting (preferably earlier). The article of yours that is going into Contact is an edited version and extract from the two notes you sent for comments - (parts relevant for more general circulation). A draft manuscript of all that will go in will reach you soon.

Best Wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

Aviva wrote:

- > What a mess, dear friends...
- > I smelled it when I told you this is typical "Z"...
- > I have had confrontations with him before, and the best is to ignore his bravados; he eventually calms down.
- > Anyway, I think the alternative chosen is the best under the circumstances.
- > It just delays things a bit.
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- > ICC's with you,
- > Claudio
- >
- > PS: What article of mine is going in Contact Sept 2002?

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Date: Sun, 18 Aug 2002 06:43:56 +0700

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To: "Ravi" <sochara@vsnl.com>

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Subject: Message to Quasem Copy

Date: Wed, 21 Aug 2002 11:14:22 +0530 (IST)

From: ekbai@vsnl.com

To: sochara@vsnl.com

1. There were a lot of confusion and communication gaps regarding the proposal to shift the PHM Secretariat to India. This was discussed at the Bhopal Meeting of the Indian National Working Group. Since I could not attend the meeting I contacted those who attended the meeting and the decision at Bhopal is given below. I hope this clarifies the situation and there need not be any further controversy in this regard. Let us all forget the earlier messages and work with a spirit of solidarity, mutual respect and friendship.

2. The proposal to shift the PHM Secretariat to CHC Bangalore was discussed at the fourth meeting of the National Working Group of Jan Swasthaya Abahayan (India) held at Bhopal on July 15th. It was unanimously decided to accept the suggestion to shift the secretariat to CHC Banagalore. Dr. Ravi Narayan will be the coordinator of the Secretariat to be established at CHC. It was also decided that the international link group of the Jan Swasthaya Abahayan would be made up of the following- E. Ekhal, Ravi Narayan, Amit Sengupta, Mira Shiva and Mohan Rao. This group would coordinate JSA responses and interventions at the international level. The group coordinator would be Ravi Narayan.

3. Quasem I feel that the next Core Group meeting can be held at Dhaka itself. From India apart from me (Indian Representative) and Prem (ACEAN), Dr. Ravi Narayan may also be invited.

Hope you will send this message to all the other Core Group Members if necessary.

With very warm regards,

Dr.B.Ekbai

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- (1) Umikrishna
- (2) Mira Shiva
- (3) Sudararaman
- (4) Amit Sengupta
- (5) Mohan Rao

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Subject: [pha-ncc] PHA-Exchange> MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF WHO

Date: Thu, 29 Aug 2002 16:55:56 +0530

From: "UNNIKRISHNAN P V (Dr)" <unnikru@yahoo.com>

To: <pha-ncc@yahoogroups.com>

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From: Aviva <aviva@netnam.vn>

To: pha-exch <pha-exchange@kabissa.org>

Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2002 10:12 PM

Subject: PHA Exchange> MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WHO

> > > From: Gro.Harlem.Brundtland  
> > > Sent: Friday, 23 August 2002 14:57

> > > Dear Colleagues,

> > > Please find below a statement that I will shortly be releasing to  
the  
> Press.

> > > In January 2003, the 111th session of the Executive Board of the World  
> Health Organization will nominate a candidate for the Director-General of  
> WHO, for the period from July 2003 to July 2008, to be elected at the  
World  
> Health Assembly in May 2003.

> > > I have today informed the Chairman of the Executive Board that I will  
> not be a candidate for this nomination.

> > > When I took office in July 1998, I spelt out my vision for WHO and  
what

> I saw as our priorities ahead. I emphasized my ambition to help anchor  
> health firmly on the international development agenda. I stressed the  
> priority of improving the health of the poor. I underlined the need for  
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> to reach out and mobilize a range of partners, based on solid evidence. I  
> indicated how I envisaged a process of needed change and  
> > > reform of the Organization.

> > > Supported by our Member States, I feel we have made significant and  
> substantial progress towards these objectives. Throughout my term as  
> Director-General I have had a perspective for our policies and work that  
> goes beyond the limits of any term. I have been encouraged and supported  
> > > by the outstanding dedication and efforts of WHO staff in Geneva and  
all

> our offices around the world. I want to express my appreciation to them  
all.

> > > WHO is solidly on track to fulfil the many demands being placed on it.  
> The critical role of health in development has gained wide acceptance. The  
> world has turned its attention to our priorities.

> > > My decision to complete my work as Director-General at the end of my  
> current term reflects the fact that I have had leading positions in  
> political and public office for nearly 30 years, and would be 69 at the  
end

> of a second term. I will push ahead with our work every day that remains  
> until July 2003, and I will continue to do everything I can to support the  
> Organization and its noble cause in the future.

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> > > With best wishes,  
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> > > Gro Harlem Brundtland  
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struggled to improve its infamously ineffective country representation and aid national health systems.

Brundtland ushered in new initiatives such as Roll Back Malaria and pioneered partnerships, such the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, with private organisations such as the Gates Foundation.

This opened up new sources of funding, but weakened WHO's grip. "There are other powerful partners in health these days, from the Gates Foundation which has injected welcome resources into the health sector, to the pharmaceutical companies who are making donations of drugs--all of whom are influencing international policy", commented Gill Walt, professor of international health policy at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Brundtland's embrace of the drug industry has proved most controversial. Health activists charge that WHO has sold its soul to big business and has hidden in the shadow of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) such as Médecins Sans Frontières on access to essential medicines. Brundtland allies counter that WHO's quiet negotiations with pharmaceutical companies have done as much to slash the price of antiretrovirals as the more confrontational tactics of NGOs.

Above all, Brundtland looks set to be remembered for her crusade against smoking. The Framework Convention on Tobacco Control --scheduled for completion next August just after she leaves office--will likely be weaker than she wanted, but will be the first international treaty against a product which currently kills 4 million people a year.

"She has done a tremendous job on tobacco. She single-handedly put tobacco control back on the agenda", said Amanda Sandford, research manager at ASH. "That will be a lasting legacy to Brundtland."

Behind-the-scenes jockeying to take up the reins has already begun. Governments have until November to submit nominees. The 32-member Executive Board decides next January and this is, in theory, endorsed by the full World Health Assembly in May.

With the exception of Nakajima's 10-year tenure, Europeans have traditionally held the post. Brundtland's closest challenger in 1998 was Sir George Alleyne of Barbados. Next year, developing countries may feel that it is their turn.

*Clare Kapp*

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Subject: 6 Dec. Planning Minutes  
Date: 3 Sep 2002 07:10:58 -0000  
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Dear Friends,

Below are the minutes of the Aman Ekta Manch meeting held on the 30th of August to evolve an action plan for the 6th December campaign. As has been said earlier and we reiterate that the event has been planned such that it remains detached from a mere ritualistic and sorrowful recalling of the original demolition drama and becomes an occasion for resolve, for re-imagining our heritage. This is in the background of the fact that the well orchestrated demolition of the Babri Masjid has been a blot on the spirit of India secular nationalism and this is celebrated by the Hindu right wing communal forces as the day of victory when the rule of the Mughal kings which according to them symbolized slavery of the "Indian" people was abolished!!

Regards,

Aman Ekta Manch

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MINUTES OF AEM MEETING HELD ON 30 AUG 2002 FROM 3.30 PM AT VP LAWNS.

The following were the points discussed in the meeting presented in serial order:

- 1) The meeting was chaired by Khurshed. The main objective of it was to discuss the 6 Dec. plan approach and action points. The 6 Dec Joint Campaign got discussed at micro and macro level.
- 2) The writers association meeting held on 29 Aug was discussed. Gopi Chand Narang and Ashok Vajpayee had initiated the meeting, which resolved to safeguard the writer's identity and heritage symbols demolished in the recent Gujarat pogrom. Ali Jafri outlined the details about the planned contribution of political parties to sensitise citizens about the contributions of Wali Dakhani/Wali Gujrati. On 5 Dec., they are planning a Mushaira and AEM will join it. Talkatora Stadium could be a venue. Sheila Dixit will be contacted for logistics.
- 3) The main focus however was that can there be an overall blanket program in Dec., networking all secular platforms and all concerned? Kiran Shaheen remarked on the coincidence of 'Id' falling on 6 Dec. 2002. A proposal to light an oil lamp in every secular household in Gujarat came up, to amplify the secular grass root forces in Gujarat.
- 4) Should 6 Dec. program be held under AEM? Since all those present had no objection, it was decided that currently the program would be held under AEM, and later it can be thought of giving a new name, if anyone has objections. Also all mass organizations and NGOs could come with their banners for the 6 Dec. program. It was also proposed to invite activists from Gujarat for the joint program in Delhi.

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5) After much discussion, the venue for 6 Dec. program was decided to be in front of Red Fort. If it does not work, alternatives are PaliKa Bazar (Lawns at Top) or Ferozshah Kotla. It will be a daylong program.

6) Details of 6 Dec. program:

- i) Street theatre will be held. Few documentaries will be shown. Also music (songs, qawallies).
- ii) On the spot painting by children.
- iii) Kite flying.
- iv) Daylong music.
- v) Book publishers stalls.
- vi) To end up with a mashal (torch) march.
- vii) Handicrafts made at Gujarat relief camps will also be displayed for sale. The money will be sent back to Gujarat.
- viii) Possibilities of devoting one hour to a cultural group in Gujarat will be looked into.
- ix) Poetry recitation.

7) Responsibilities/Volunteers

- i) Jagori took the responsibility of choosing documentaries (Total Duration - 2 hrs)
- ii) Poetry and Poets (Duration - 1 hr) : Ashok Lal, Ali Javed
- iii) Puppet Show (Duration - half an hr) : Umesh, Ankur
- iv) Music (Duration - 1 hr) : Jaya, Khursheed
- v) Street Theatre (Duration - 2 hrs) : Shariq, Umesh, Ashok, Runu
- vi) Panel Discussion (Duration - 1 hr) : Uma, Nivedita
- vii) School Children (Paintings, Kite Flying): Nandita Narain, Kirti, Vijaya
- viii) Art Installation : Sheeba Chhachhi
- ix) Hand Bill/Pamphlet : Aditya
- x) Contacting Publishers : Aditya, Apporvanand
- xi) Police Permission and Location : Indu Singh

8) Action Points for Next meet:

- i) Jagori will discuss and present accounts next week. If possible, PEACE will handle accounts from next week and Jagori will hand-over the accounts to PEACE.
- ii) Further Details and progress on the aforesaid program.

Aman Ekta Manch

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Aman Ekta Manch

Subject: RE: Editorial  
Date: Thu, 5 Sep 2002 16:04:30 +0100  
From: Andrew Chetley <chetley.a@healthlink.org.uk>  
To: 'Community Health Cell' <sochara@vsnl.com>

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Geneva notes

I have a couple of versions of the Geneva notes -

- one that is simply the raw notes (I think) that have all sorts of errors and need a lot of correction
- one that is a part-edited version (I started editing it as part of the evaluation process, but it still needs some work (however, it is a little more correct although it leaves out some detail)).

I've attached both. I also added the notes I took at the technical briefing - however, my laptop battery ran out shortly after Brunutiand spoke, so this is very incomplete.

Website

On the website, you should have already got a note I sent to Pam and copied to you earlier today explaining the work that is currently going on around it. (The person who is doing this is based in Costa Rica, but will be moving to India shortly.) What we're doing at the moment is to try to get a fully functioning, easy to maintain, easy to use website in place. Once that happens, then we see the next step being identifying who can maintain it (Secretariat needs to manage this) and how to link things like the quarterly newsbrief to the website (using the newsbrief as the trigger for new information on the news page on the site, and also e-mailing out to a wide number of people and encouraging them to visit the site (if they have access)). Once we have a working prototype for the new site, I'll start the Website/media/communications working circle and see what kind of ideas we can generate.

Contact pieces

I saw your other note about this. It's looking good.

Visit to UK

Sorry you won't be coming. Still, we'll meet up somewhere soon. I'm sure

best wishes to you & Thelma

Andrew

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Sent: 05 September 2002 13:01  
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Cc: pamzinkin@gn.apc.org  
Subject: Editorial

Dear Marie + Qasem  
Finally the Geneva meeting notes are being sent. Various versions from Andrew but enough to finalise the organisational report forums on 16<sup>th</sup> and the post technical briefing discussions. Andrew has part edited one version. Now one of you need to finalise it. The compilation of the visions and strategies was sent to you all earlier. The contact special issue manuscript is nearly done. It will reach you next week.

Dear Andrew  
Thanks for the Geneva Notes. I have forwarded them to Marie and Qasem for needful. Glad to hear about all the preparatory work that is going on behind the web. The contact special issue manuscript is nearly done. Along with the revised editor it will reach you next week. Best wishes  
Ravi

Dear Andrew,

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

Apologies for the long silence. Four important points of follow up

1. Nikki Wright of IEHA has written about change in plans for the conference. So Thelma and I are not visiting London in September. I shall participate in a teleconference from AIIMS - New Delhi which will

When it is sent to all the contributors for a final check. Looking forward to the next meeting. Best wishes  
Ravi

be beamed to the Barbican conference on 19th.

2. Uday Kumar, the young volunteer intern from WHO - Geneva who took the floppy from you (of the minutes of the meeting on 16th May at WCC Geneva, that you keyed into your laptop) has not sent the transcript of the minutes. Even after repeated reminders we have had no response. He moved from Geneva back to London. Perhaps the shift caused the delay! By any chance do you have it still on your laptop? If so, can you mail it to me, Qasem and Maria urgently? Alternatively contact him and nudge him to respond. Hope he is in touch with you.

3. Regarding the PHM website perhaps you could send me a note about how you are planning to keep it going and if there anything we could do (Unni and I from Bangalore) to support it more actively from September 2002.

4. Thanks for the contact editorial - first shot. I shall add to it as soon as the whole issue is finalized.

I am busy editing all the rest to fit into the 500 word limit per article. Shall send you the manuscript and editorial soon.

Best Wishes

Ravi Narayan,  
CHC / PHM

P.S: You must have seen Roger's reply to my letter of 16th August. Any comments? Join the IPHN-PHM linkage dialogue

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## People's Health Movement (PHM) meetings

### Introduction

A review and planning meeting brought together 47 people from 20 countries, more than half of which were in the South. It was the first opportunity since the People's Health Assembly (PHA) in Savar, Bangladesh in December 2000 for such a large international gathering of PHM participants to meet. Most of the people at the meeting (other than those based in Geneva) spent the entire week in Geneva and took part in a range of meetings and discussions. Their presence had a visible impact on staff of the World Health Organisation (WHO). The cost of the meetings was met by individual participating organisations: no PHM budget was available for the meetings. This is a way in which resources available within the network can be mobilised and used to undertake joint activities. Special thanks were due to the World Council of Churches (WCC) for providing facilities for meetings and to WCC and World Vision International for adding people to their list of delegates at the World Health Assembly (WHA), thus facilitating access to the meetings associated with the WHA.

People were asked to outline on paper how and when they got involved in the PHM process and to describe their vision of where they would like to see the PHM in the future. These were displayed on the wall of the meeting room. Many of the vision statements will be used in an upcoming issue of *Contact* that will focus on the PHM.

### Recent activities

This was followed by a series of regional (and sometimes, national) reports on activities since the PHA. Among the highlights are:

- People's Charter for Health now available in at least 35 language editions, including on audio tape
- Secretariat produces a quarterly newsletter to share information through the network
- short report of the stories and testimonies of the PHA has just been published
- in October 2001, a small core group met to consider new structures involving interlinking circles: geographical and working. Thirteen regions have been identified, with six so far having selected linking coordinators. National circles are also being encouraged. The link person from each region will form an international coordination and support circle
- WHA/WHO working circle has been the first to get started and provided the organisational impetus for the series of meetings in Geneva
- small US circle has been established with Doctors for Global Health as the convener
- a follow up meeting was held in Nicaragua in Dec 2001 to reflect on progress and to plan for future activities
- the Charter was widely distributed at the Social Forum in Porto Alegre where PHM was represented and will be distributed in June at a PAHO workshop in Cuba

- grassroots communities in Brazil have been studying the Charter and identifying priority areas to work on
- evaluation and planning meeting for PHM contacts in East and Central Africa was held in April 2002 – interim coordinators for Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Zimbabwe and for the region were identified
- PHM Africa will make a strong input into the WABA Global Forum meeting in Tanzania in September 2002
- PHM has been approached by health forum within the Social Forum about the possibility of organising a joint global meeting
- a Southern Africa PHM meeting is being planned for Zimbabwe later this year
- international Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA) has been actively making students aware of opportunities for advocacy through the PHM
- Charter was being used in medical schools (in Europe) as a training tool and for awareness raising among medical students.
- a range of meetings in Italy has led to the formation of a strong national circle in Italy, that is planning four events in different parts of the country in September 2002
- in the UK, trade unions have been lobbied and awareness increased about the Charter
- workshops and follow up meetings have been held in China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and India
- in India, for example, as part of a programme on economic and political literacy, 1000 young people were trained using the charter and they have gone back to their villages to talk about health rights
- in Bangladesh, a national convention in May 2002 led to the establishment of a 100-member national PHM circle
- in India, the 10-member network of networks that helped mobilise thousands of people throughout the country has now expanded to 23 networks.

*continued as PHM-India organising peoples health campaigns and advocacy eff.*

### Strategies and lessons

In the USA, a key strategy for the circle has been to **build on existing resources and opportunities**. In Bangladesh, a key strategy has been recognition that the community is the main resource. In India, civil society having the political space to be able to operate was a key factor in the successful mobilisation efforts. A key lesson has been that **when you bring networks together, you give the process a completely different mobilisation possibility**. And a key strategy has been to encourage each network to assess what it can contribute to the national effort.

### Conflict and violence

A short video presentation on the recent ethnic violence in India served to introduce a discussion about the need to work in solidarity with people and organisations embroiled in violent conflict. A press statement was drafted that drew attention to the situation in India and in Palestine, called for the rights of

people to health and the rights of health workers to work in an unrestricted manner, and urged support for peaceful processes to resolve the conflicts.

### Vision and forward planning

Mwaijama Mwaigenah introduced the next session which was an opportunity to reflect on the earlier vision statements that had been identified and begin to identify possible national, regional and global strategies for how to proceed.

Issues that were identified included:

- the need to recruit people from other social movements and bring them together at a global level and to ensure that PHM is seen as a developing force
- the need for more evidence and therefore more operational research to look at what needs to be done to strengthen health systems and to provide evidence about the impact of international policies on people's health

Professor Nouman introduced some future plans for Bangladesh as an example of the type of work that could be done locally. He said Bangladesh wanted to have a national circle, with circles at various levels within the country. It also planned working circles to look at: PRSPs, mental health, human rights, women, water and sanitation, fisherfolk, education, political, student, agriculture, garment workers, globalisation. He said that it was important to create space where people can play a role by stimulating local actions.

Qaseem Chowdhury reminded people of the discussion in the small group meeting in October 2001 that looked at where PHM might be in five years. This highlighted:

[insert a summary]

Suggestions emerged for:

- a major meeting to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AlmaAta (to which WHO would be invited)
- a major event for the next WHA, including an effort to get the PHM represented in the meeting
- a well-argued critique of public-private partnerships
- a joint health meeting with the Social Forum
- a well-argued critique of the evidence that WHO uses to set its policies – perhaps extending to a kind of People's WHO-Watch type operation
- approaches which build up the strengths of the PHM and focus on the way the PHM groups can work with primary health care and demonstrate that it has taken root among the people which is where it should be. Then WHO will want to work with us. NGOs have made a difference, not by talking about it, but by showing what they can do
- leadership around a focused and funded campaign to help unite the movement at the international level
- establishment of a human economics commission instead of a macroeconomics commission (or Health and Poverty Commission)
- efforts to extend the grassroots movement.

Ravi Narayan and Qaseem Chowdhury then summarised some of the main points and decisions. They described communication as 'the most important thing we need to do'. Reaching a number of key audiences – including academics, researchers, policy makers and the media – was an essential strategy. Some of these could be reached through links with other organisations:

- the Global Forum for Health Research has asked PHM to engage with its next meeting in Tanzania in November 2002 to present evidence on issues that are of concern
- the Social Forum in Porto Alegre wants to work with the PHM in planning a health forum.

Another key strategy is the need to keep up pressure on WHO. This might require a push for accreditation with WHO, or to ensure that PHM representatives are able to sit on national delegations to WHO meetings.

The media needs more attention. A media circle might be a way to proceed. There will also need to be ways to be able to generate quick responses and position statements on a range of issues.

With all of this, it was important to see how much could be done with existing human and financial resources. To accomplish everything that is being suggested, either the secretariat will have to be strengthened and expand, or working circles on particular issues will have to be developed to take the PHM forward.

There was broad agreement that the PHM should work towards:

- a 25<sup>th</sup> year meeting of health for all
- a strong presence in the next WHA
- involvement in the next Porto Alegre meeting.

Publicity about the work of the PHM was also highlighted as a critical need. The next issue of both *Contact* and of *Development Dialogue* will feature information about the PHM and what has been achieved since December 2000.

The discussion continued in the late afternoon of the following day, after the technical briefing, and after some meetings with other organisations. Some final conclusions that were identified included:

- David Sanders would initiate the development of an analytical circle and follow up discussions with the Global Forum for Health Research
- Andrew Chetley would initiate the development of a media, publications and website (communications) circle together with Unni

**Action:**

- Set up a media and website working circle AC

- Work with Ravi Narayan on an article for DHF Development Dialogue on achievements since the PHA
- Work with Sarah Shannon on article/special issue of Contact, including looking at costs involved in distributing Contact more widely for this issue AC
- Follow up with David Sanders when his working circle on research and analysis is set up, particularly looking at whether Exchange could take part in the Global Forum for Health Research in Tanzania in November 2002, to which the PHM has been invited. RV/AC

#### Technical briefing

Civil society perspectives on health: the People's Health Charter  
17 May 2002 13:00-14:00

This briefing was chaired by Dr Manuel Dayrit, Secretary of Health of the Philippines, and was attended by Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland (for 45 minutes), Director General of WHO, as well as Dr David Nabarro (her number 2) and Dr Anarti Asamoah-Baah, as well as other WHO officials, representative from governments, Geneva-based institutions and non-governmental organisations. At least 100 people attended.

Dr Brundtland described it as a 'unique opportunity to listen to the voices of civil society and to hear their concerns'. She said she had personally supported having the PHM at the Assembly and saw this briefing as one of a series of civil society participation in health. She said that civil society organisations all over the world have helped to move critical issues on to the agenda.

She said that WHO and its member states would only reach their core goals by creating new alliances with a range of partners including civil society organisations. She said that this sometimes also includes the private sector. She said partnerships involving the private sector take place when WHO sees that harnessing the resources of the private sector will be beneficial and as long as they are for the benefit of the poor, in terms of providing better access to health care.

Then Zafullah Chowdhury and Ravi Narayan introduced the People's Health Charter and Mari Zuniga, Ellen Verhuel and Mwajuma Mwasiganah explained some of the developments in different parts of the world since the PHA in Bangladesh.

Zafullah set the scene by pointing out that a key reason for the poor to remain poor was their lack of basic affordable health care. Addressing this was the main reason for the assembly in 2000. He then went on to recall a dream that he had had that morning. He said that he dreamed that as a continuation of the concept of public private partnerships, WHO had been privatised. As a part of the globalisation, ILO and UNESCO were merged with UNDP. As a result several offices closed down, and 1000 people at WHO lost their jobs. He said he was subsequently assured by WHO staff that his dream

will not become a reality. It brought home the kind of impact that globalisation and health sector reform policies can have on local health care systems.

Ravi Nayyar explained that the PHM felt that the existing health partnerships of WHO, the World Bank and the ministries of health were not reaching the poor, marginalized or indigent anywhere in the world. He said the PHM felt that existing analysis was missing the real picture. For example, he referred to the Macroeconomic Commission on Health which, after a full year of work, had nothing to say about nutrition insecurity, rural inaccessibility, increasing privatisation, increasing environmental degradation, and increasing unemployment. These, he said were the main determinants of health.

He then described the objectives of the PHA and summarised the core principles, demands and areas of action contained in the Charter.

He said there were five important messages that the PHM brings to member states and WHO

• Join us in being a strong advocate for poverty eradication – at WB/IMF/MTD meetings. Let us jointly set up a poverty and health

commission  
• Let's hands to promote comprehensive solutions – greater intersectoral

programmes such as the T-HAI basic needs programmes that

• Together strengthen public sector for health – no evidence that privatisation leads to equity – the Tobacco Free Initiative is getting it right. Roll Back Malaria is moving away – pulling all of Africa under a badnet is

not a good idea

• Involve peoples' organisations at every level and encourage more participatory policy processes

The interventions of Maria, Ellen and Mwijuma are available on sharedoc [put in spreadsheet]

[Put in some comments about the discussions]

Overall, the presentations and short discussion that followed managed to attract interest in what the PHM was doing. For about an hour after the session, various people stayed on to discuss with the PHM ways of working together more closely.

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have the pleasure of having the Director General present and she will give the welcoming remarks

Dr Manuel Dayrit, secretary of health, Philippines

This is an assembly of health ministers, but in a spirit of openness and as a way of getting CS inputs into the discussion

Brundtland:

My pleasure to welcome you to the briefing. Unique opportunity to listen to voices of civ soc and to hear their concerns. Have personally supported PHM at the assembly. This briefing is on on a series of cs participation in health. CSI will pursue these efforts. Csorgs all over the world have helped to move critical issues on to the agenda

WHO's energies and resources must be focused on the poorest half of the world's pop. All we do it guided by these principles.

These principles are embedded in our corp strategy of 200) EB

4 areas:

Reducing mortality and morbidity

Enabling environment or health

It is self evident that WHO and mchstles will only reach goals by creating new alliances with a range of partners including CSOs. Sometimes includes the private sector. They take place when we see that harnessing the resources of the private sector will be beneficial. And as long as they are for the benefit of the poor, in terms of providing better access to health care

Quotes her speech from Monday...

Only new and innovative partnerships can make a difference.

After that we heard Sachs on Wed - on the MCH there is a 30-fold increase needed. Major undertaking. Not something to be solved overnight.

In every joint venture, we seek to define what each partner can bring to the venture. We aim to play to each others comparative strengths...transparency and ethics required.

Forums such as this briefing are an important first step...

Zafrullah:

Come from bdsh, who you might know from calamities, either manmade or natural. Key reason for poor to remain poor is lack of basic affordable health care. Other reason is law and order situation. That is why we assembled in 2000 to discuss.

I had a dream that as a continuation of the PPP - WHO had been privatised. As a part of the globalisation, ILO and UNESCO were merged with UNDP.

They do it in the name of transparency and – as a result several offices closed down, and 1000 people at WHO lost their jobs. I'm assured this dream will not take place

Ravi:

Presentation on behalf of the people who evolved the PHC and over 30 delegates from the PHM to the WHA – important to take this opportunity. The main concern was that the health partnerships of WHO, WB and MOH were not reaching the poor, marginalised and indigents anywhere in the world. And we felt that analysts was missing the real picture.

The MOH after a full year of work had nothing to say about the nutrition insecurity, the rural indebtedness, the increasing privatisation, increasing of environment degradation, and increasing unemployment... main determinants

Unpleasant, hear the voices of the unheard  
Five objectives.

8 core networks came together to form the PHM  
Go of the People's Health Movement

Series of workshops, ideas of the workshops influenced the charter...  
From this emerged the POH

Expression of common concerns

Translated in over 40 languages – used in various ways.  
What does it say:

Health is a social, economic and pol issue and a fundamental human right

Convinced that there is evidence that inequality, exploitation

HFA was distorted and deranged because of various interests, and need to

change ec and soc prio

Charter expresses the unwillingness of people to wait for solutions, but to

develop the solutions and offer them to the policy makers

Hold accountable the intl inst, and corpo

Six fundamental principles:

Health is a right

POH yes--- Charter takes a further

Govts have reaps – corp sector, no evidence of efficacy

Go beyond the NOOs to people's organisations and people's movements

Pol ec out and soc determinants much more important today and much give

more important to that.

Six areas of action:

• Health is a human right, demand intl gov and intl orgs reformulate pol to

respect health

• Economic challenges: EVW debt, trips

• Soc and Pol – comprehensive social policies – tried to remove PHC from

with goals

• Environmental challenges – demand health and env assessment, oppose

shifting of haz actv to

War, violence conflict - condemn the use of child soldiers and the abuse, torture of women

- People control health care: dialogue on comprehensive PHC and oppose privatisation - no evidence
- Demand that peoples org are represented at national and international forum

is this just pop rhetoric? Let me share some evidence from immunization: After alpha Afa, dramatic increase in the 50s neo-liberal economics. Immunisation is falling - then comes GAVI: 10% to strengthen services, and 90% to introduce new vaccines how will this skewed focus make it better?

GAVI reflects a shift from equity to technology

Five imp messages to member states and WHO

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- Join hands to promote comprehensive solutions - greater intersectoral eg the THAI basic needs programmes
- Together strengthen public sector for health - no evidence that privatisation leads to equity - the TFI is getting it right, RDM is moving away - putting all of africa under a bednet not a good idea
- Involve peoples org at every level - more participatory policy processes
- From DOTS to COTS:
- From micronutrients to more food!

Good public health ... medicine and politics cannot and should not be kept apart

Ehro is enough evidence that the economic policies have killed more people in the last three years than the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war.

Maria

This year center of PAHO - health mins and Paho planning diverse events... We request that america health mins work with reps from civil soc, let us org events where we can promote the charter and promote equity. The concept of PHC grow out of many of health progrs in latin america there are exs of such progrs. Community health workers have been particularly important... want to celebrate the involvement of CHWs and community workers in the success of improvements in health.

GAP, debt payments have been practically destroyed... growing lack of access to care. This situation must change, health component of RGF's must respond to the needs of the poor... This is now an opportunity to together revisit the holistic concept of

**PHM meeting  
Geneva  
World Council of Churches  
16 May 2002**

**Morning**

Pam - UK  
Maria - Nicar  
David Sanders  
Christiana – Buko  
Andreas Wolf – Medico  
Trevor Davies – Mercy Ships International  
Eric Ram – WVI  
Florien – IFMSA  
Herschel  
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Meliska  
Gilbert  
Sister ... Malawi  
Ne.... Croation  
Shireena Bangladesh  
Lili Bangladesh  
... Bangla  
Ravi India  
Zafrullah  
Sarah Shannon, USA  
Odah, India  
Pat Nickson,  
Virginia,  
Inez, Braxil  
Dorothy Logie, UK  
Patrick, Uganda HEPS  
??, ICN  
Ruth  
Beryl Leach, HIA  
Bala, HAI Sri Lanka  
Kamila Bala, Sri Lanka  
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Kevin Fernando,  
Prem ACHAN, india  
Qaseem  
Ani  
Andrew  
Mwajuma  
Manoj WCC  
Thelma  
Susan Judd Global forum for Health Research  
Unni, India  
Alifya, One World Action

Nance, int network  
Haifan Mahler  
Sunil Deepa  
Alison Cats,

**Introduction:**

Theima: first global opp since Savar  
Opp to strategise, partic for planning for the 25 anniv of Alma Ata  
Thanks to WCC for the support in hosting the meeting

Mahler: She who lets the small things bind her, leaves the great undone behind her

Manoj: welcome

Mwajuma: PHM exercise: writing the initials with your elbow, head, stomach, knee

We want to reflect the pre and post PHA process

Timeline.... How you got involved into the PHA process (PHM), how you have been getting across the information about the Charter, from the PHA, how active you have been, how do you think you want us to continue... your vision for the future.

**Theima: Sharing by region**

Secretariat: Qaseem

Encouraging to see so many activists and friends after the Savar meeting. During the last year, Sect role was to coord dif activities taking place all over the world and to act as a clearing house. After the PHA meeting in Savar, first thing is to print out the PCH in English, disseminated in different countries and participants in those countries have further disseminated into their own languages, through various meetings, conferences and so on.

Charter translated into 35 languages. Please contact either Pam in UK or Secretariat for copies. Printed in various formats; in some places incorporated into the curriculum of some medical schools. Available in electronic and print formats.

Published a quarterly newsletter to share information on the activities in different countries, and to share learning among the network. Tremendous activities in many countries.

Regional meetings have been organised. Recently one in Africa, one in Nicaragua.

In October 2001, small group of PHM core met to try to develop new structures. After PHA, felt we needed some structures to give it more footing. Basic structure is two type of circles: geographical – with a link person to a regional, then link to an international circle – 13 regions; 14 member international body

Working circles: those that support the PHM forward, helping the secretariat; and those that are based on issues: women's health, globalisation, etc... every country will develop their own national working circles, again linked to the regional circle

List of participants who have taken part in the Savar meeting. Helps to develop and strengthen the networking and to share the experience and resources.

Request from WHO and other organisations to send representatives to the PHM to various meetings. In the last year, we were at the WHA, and through the NGO Forum, promoted the PCH, this year will have a technical briefing. Also represented at the Global Forum for Health Research, IICD+5, LDC meeting in Brussels, UNESCO. Social Forum.

Published the stories and testimonies of the PHA  
World Bank session also coming soon.

**Process to develop the circles is slow. It takes time. If anyone has contacts in different countries, please inform sect about possible organisations to involve in the PHM.**

**One of the weaknesses is getting sufficient information into the secretariat.**

**For secretariat jobs, representation, fundraising, sect needs a supporting circle, which has been suggested, but not yet in place. The only active working circle is the WHA/WHO working circle.**

Thelma: sect done a great job to keep us informed and socially embed the process

Americas:

Sarah: Accomplishments to date is that we have a small US circle, with plans to move forward. What we hope to do in the next couple of years is to grow, focus outreach with NGOs on international health/community-based developed, trying to get a website up, planning three gatherings a year, around existing conferences. Focus is to support the PHM and global campaigns. Long-term vision is to build links with groups in the US working on local health issues in the US.

Convenor this year is Docs for Global Health; Hesperian the vice convenor

**Key strategy: Building on resources and opportunities that already exist.**

Maria:

Follow up meeting in Latin America, in Nicaragua in Dec 2001. In Latin America, we work through a regional committee for community health. We want to work on health care reform issues in Latin America and the Free trade agreements for Latin America. Working on this at regional and local level

(doing awareness raising at community level and at policy level). US wants all the countries in Central America in a free trade agreement by next year.

Solidarity piece for Palestine done by IPHC office in Ecuador.

Ani:

'Here comes the grass roots!' We are moving through the communities and the villages and working with people who are isolated. Since the PHA, coming back to Brazil, I went back to the communities to give them a report of what we did at the PHA. Enthusiastic reaction and very quickly, the charter was produced in Portuguese. In each community we studied the charter and asked each community to select a priority issue and to identify ways of dealing with barriers. Poverty, political issues and Military issues are a key threat to health in many of these villages. For example, there is the development of a space base which has been displacing people. Where they have been moved to, there is no production from the land, so now there is hunger, no employment, overcrowding, tuberculosis and other diseases. The military and fed gov moved these people illegally, as they were indigenous populations that are meant to be protected under the Brazilian constitution. Working with people to protest. The final agreement on the accord with the US on this has not yet been finalised by the Brazilian congress because of the protest. Created a committee for the defense of the area and the people into which the PHM is involved along with other Brazilian groups and institutions.

Also dealing with the free trade agreements for South America. US is insisting that these be agreed by 2003. In Sept, in Brazil will push for petition to vote no in Brazil.

In these communities, there is no high tech: those who have, work on three levels, the local, the high tech and the interchange

Maria: PCH widely distrib at the social forum in Puerto Alegre; in June the PCH will be dist at a PAHO workshop in Cuba.

Africa:

Mwajuma: It has taken us about 7 months to go through a process to have an East African meeting in Tanzania in Apr/May 2002. Going to report on grassroots level, national and regional.

Our major aim in having the meeting was to reflect on the PHA and see how the Charter could be used to strengthen systems and activities in Africa, and start a campaign on comp phc

Identify issues

Strengthen the movement

Diff to bring people together, did not have money to pay people per diems, we invited many, but were only able to provide accom, meals, transport. Had very few people: Ken, Tanz, Uganda, Zimbabwe - Confirm support for the PCH, identified issues, welcomed a draft version of the Swahili charter, encouraged other local versions of the charter; developed interim coordinators for Ken, Tanz, Ug and Zim as for region.

Participants reviewed and discussed the health issues in Africa, looking at the range of disease conditions and the social, political and economic determinants that affect people's health. Among the diseases highlighted were:

- HIV/AIDS
- TB – increasing partly due to HIV
- Ebola fever
- Malaria – increased drug resistance
- Typhoid fever
- Cholera
- Measles.

Participants stressed that HIV/AIDS was a serious problem for health in Africa, but not the only problem, and that it was important to look at the context and ensure that sufficient resources are available to prevent and treat other leading diseases.

The social, political and economic determinants that were impacting on health and that needed to be considered were identified as:

- Structural adjustment programmes
- Trade-related intellectual property rights (TRIPs)
- Corruption – which impacts at every level: bribes sometimes have to be paid just to see a health worker
- Gender insensitivity - increases the disparity in access to health services. The health system tends to be gender blind
- Conflicts and wars
- Gender violence
- Cultural beliefs and practices – particularly affecting sexual and reproductive health
- Environmental issues – including water and sanitation, deforestation and natural disasters
- Lack of basic infrastructure – transport, deterioration of the health system, including lack of quality services.

Access to clean water is a clear local issue.

Participants also visited Bagamoyo District Hospital, where trained staff were forced to volunteer because there were no paid posts for qualified staff.

How are we going to work with local and national governments was also an issue that was raised in the workshop. Thought that the Charter could be a useful tool to help break the silence around better health. See the role of PHM as a unifying force to bring together groups.

Also identified issues to raise at the international level:

- Engender the charter
- Equity around the use of the female condom
- Ensure women who are delivering are safe from contracting HIV
- Recognition for the PHM

**David Sanders**

Reports back to health activists in Safr, and distribution of the Charter, meeting with health activists and IPHC in Cape Town to explore ways of taking the discussion forward. In terms of local activities, strong action around treatment for people with HIV. Litigation proceeding to put pressure on government to provide treatment for pregnant women

Child malnutrition advocacy: a TV programme around social welfare, implementation of a child support grant – not being provided to families that deserve it – has led to questions and pressure.

Increasing advocacy around genetically modified foods, and will be a focus of the environment summit to be held in Joburg in a couple of months

Facilitated a PHM presentation in Uganda at Global Health Equity Gauge meeting

Currently developing a 'report card' on the work of the G8 with a Canadian org, to see how well they have met their commitments on health and development. Also looking at NEPAD – new partnership for African Development and will be making a critical report on this, and will also report on this at the International Assoc for Health Policy in Majorca

Made contact with the organisers of the Health Forum within the Social Forum, and have asked if we could discuss a joint meeting in Puerto Alegre between PHM and them next Feb and are intending in 2004 to have a joint global health meeting. Let's discuss this later this afternoon.

Also planning a meeting jointly with Zimbabwe later this year.

Pat Nickson: Help!! in Central Africa, difficult to get beyond the war situation and get beyond the issue of where the next meal is coming from, and how to avoid the next bullet. People are living in such difficult situations that it is hard to see what to do next. Exchange visits to groups in Asia might be a help. The major problem is the ethnic clashes.

Using the Charter has been very useful. Being used a lot as a teaching tool for community-based work.

Mwajuma: issue of exchange visits was discussed at the Tanz meeting, but if we are not recognised by governments, it will be difficult to do this kind of work, without funding. We need to be able to raise funds for this type of work which could be vitally important.

Inez: Do we need to look at other countries who do not yet know about the PHM?

IFMSA: Thanks for being receptive to the involvement of medical students in the PHM and at this meeting. IFMSA is a federation of national medical

student organisations active in 84 countries worldwide. Each national organisation is autonomous and have a panopoly of activities. IFMSA attempts to maintain a non-political stance on health issues. IFMSA has not signed the Charter; internatinally, rare for IFMSA to do this. However, many of our national bodies have been active in PHM activies. We feel a primary role is to let students know what is out there if they should choose to become advoactes. Several IFMSA advocates have taken on PHM work.

Students were present at the PHA and subsequent meetings where possible. Active students are beginning to create a small circle interested in the PHM. IFMSA has had activities that relate to the Charter; for example, at our 51<sup>st</sup> general assembly in Aug this year, we will have a primary health care workshop to educate about the need for PHC. At the 50<sup>th</sup> general assembly in Denmark, there was a major event and Zafrullah Chowdhury took part in a round table discussion that outlined the work of the PHM.

This provides an opportunity for students to get involved at the grassroots level. We will continue to make students aware of opps for advocacy through the PHM.

Europe

Pam:

Coordinating Europe is impossible! Supporting communication. One thing that is done on trnslations, is to put the charter on tape, useful way of reaching people who are not literate.

Christianne: felt that we work in Europe differently because of the our cultural and social history. What we have done in Germany, have tried to coordinate the PHA in Bangladesh and translated Charter into German; do preseework to raise attentions of the charter. involve other groups in the movement. Have managed to link up people who previously never worked together before. International conference about patents, profits and AIDS later this year. We will try to involve HAI Europe more in the PHM in the future.

BUKOs work is mainly at the policy level and advocacy.

Sunil: My first information about PHA came last year when I was working in WHO and attended a meeting here. When I returned to Italy, I began to promote the PHM within IFOR and it began to snowball. Presented charter to IFOR general assembly in June and it touched everyone. What I am going to tell you about is what I know is happening, but I am sure there is more happening. Charter has been put into Italisian and is being reproduced in various publications and media. We have been busy with networking at national and international level. Dif medical counticis in dif part of itay have requewstind info about charter and several have sighned; medical cstudents have been involved; environment and anti-globalisation groups have invited information about the Charter.

At international level, by visiting projects and speaking at various meetings, I have been able to spread information about the PHM and the Charter. At international level, the response has not been as good as it has been in Italy. Visit of Dr Mahier and Mira Shiva at workshop on poverty and development at the IFOR national conference generated lots of interest. Mira Shiva was interviewed for television and was broadcast after the Pope's sermon on a

Sunday morning! Created lots of request for information. Are trying to raise funds from EU re PHM activities, and have also raised some funds from Ethical Bank for PHM work.

What we plan to do: on 20 Apr had first national meeting in Italy. Have 700 addresses of people who we are following up with. We have decided to create thematic groups and will come up with newsletter in June. Will participate in NGO forum in Rome in June, to talk about PHM. Will have four events in different parts of Italy in Sept.

Need to have concrete things for people to do: have to start a campaign on giving a day of war for health. We are asking for one day's defense budget to be giving to an Italian health project of some kind.

Think we can also do more to promote the charter in Portuguese speaking countries.

Mariska: Wemos – Wemos promotes the right to health through promoting international policies and campaigning in the NL to involve people and orgs. Work on trade, PRSPs, and other issues. Feel strongly that our lobbying should be based on experiences of partner organisations in the South and why it is important to work with the PHM.

Ruth: Int Bac: Up to young people to take this up. Good to get the information into schools. Int Bac students are self-taught, and people based.

Pam: Charter in the Lsof Hygiene and Trop medicine: looked at privatisation in Europe and in the rest of the world. Research unit of PSI looking at privatisation.

Alifya working with the unions in UK, and will be shortly addressing

Prem: ACHAN has done a series of workshops in Indonesia and Cambodia, China translated charter; 3 workshops in Nepal.

Local initiative: economic and political literacy, training 1000 young people using the charter who have gone back to the villages to talk about health rights.

Bangladesh:

Dr Lili

Before PHA: in 1999 passed the message of PHA through media, and civil society and government to reach a wide range of organisations

Formed a core group members of all representative sectors of the country.

Originated 6 divisional workshops involving hundreds of CSO members, financed with their own resources – each divisional meeting was coordinated by an individual organisation.

This led to a national workshop in Dhaka. The results of the national workshop and the voices of the poor in Bangladesh was then communicated to the PHA meeting

In Jan 2001, committee set up to translate Charter into Bengali, distribution, PRSP activity taken up by BRAC; DORP looked at helathly village issues and held workshops

During 2002 14 convening committee meetings were held in different divisions to look at health charter and other PHM activities.

Simple version of charter also developed to improve understanding. Poster developed and press conferences held in Dhaka and divisional towns.

7 may. national convention with 500 people from different parts of country held. Formed a Bangladesh national PHM circle with 101 members for next 2 years.

Key strategy: community being the main resource

Sri Lanka: about 20 orgs participated in the main assembly (40 people) We have in place a mechanism for regular meetings every three months or so. Charter into two local languages, and is publicised through the smaller newsletter and communication media that reach out through ngo networks. One of the activities flowing from the Charter is that groups are highlighting the defects in the health sector. There are other organisations that are people-based and are advocating against the privatisation process that is taking place. There is a civil war in the north; now a negotiated peace process is going on.

Charter implementation, when groups meet together, they share experiences. People-based community groups see the totality of the charter; more issue based organisations don't see the integration.

Ravi: India

We are all overwhelmed by the response we have had in India, no one group is responsible for what has been happening. It has not been an easy job. There is so much more to be done and so many more miles to be walked. The reason we have been able to do so much is that the space that civil soc has is very large and the govt was not only a signatory to Alma Ata, but they actually set up a research committee that said we need to:  
Reduce poverty inequality and spread education  
Organise poor and underpriv to fight for rights  
Replace consumer model with a public health model

1983: Community health: a process of enabling people to exercise collectively responsibility to their own health and to demand health as their right. It involves increasing... [Check with RAVI]

16 national networks came together – this had gone on since Alma Ata and was a coming together. 7 April 2000, we got together. Only 6 are health; 12 were not health. They led the movement.

Led to a wide range of different activities across the countries and the trains leading to the national meeting in Calcutta. National People's Health Assembly.

Then we had a problem: all the 2500 people wanted to go to Dhaka – 250 went by bus to PHA.

In Calcutta we were sure there would be a global movement, so we wanted to have a people's health movement launched in India. First thing we did was translate the five books in every language and the India charter and slowly the global charter.

From Jan-Jun, it seemed as if the PHM had collapsed from fatigue in India. But from June, we began to move. We met in Sept and decided:

- Promote PHC
- Publish more information and campaigns
- Two types of campaigns:
  - National, where every state would work – female fetacide: food/malnutrition (unethical and illegal for country to have food stores and malnutrition)
  - State

On 7 April stopped celebrating WH day, and instead celebrate people's health. Last year was health is a human right

Now become 23 networks (or linked groups). If a national network is willing to give some time to the national working group, this is a way of getting national activity to be resourced.

Looking at national health policy.

**Key lesson: When you bring networks together, you give the process a completely different mobilisation possibility.**

**Key strategy: each network assesses what it can contribute to the national effort.**

Thelma: working through a women's health programme – in March 2002 had a women's health assembly from impoverished communities and held policy debates and interactions.

Afternoon  
**Violence**

We need about \$6bn to provide education around the world  
We need about \$18bn to provide basic nutrition  
Annual military expenditure more than \$700bn.

Since 11 Sept there has been concern over Afghanistan, Pakistan, and we still have issues remaining in East Timor, Rwanda, and the Balkans  
Gujarat – 200,000 people living in relief camps: cannot go back without agreeing to drop all charges against the majority population. Global community spends about \$1.25 a day in Kosovo: less than 10cents in Africa.  
Armed forces and armed interventions are increasing  
Want to call attention to what is happening in Palestine and what is happening in Afghanistan.  
Impact of conflict on displaced people's health is important for PHM.

Pam: onslaught in the occupied territories is terrible. Our colleagues in the Middle East, who have been at every other meeting of the PHM, have not been able to come to this meeting. The situation is really serious; their ambulances have been stopped and have not been able to provide health services. The evidence from UNWRA is very strong that the situation is desperate.

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We need to send a message from here. Unni will draft.

Ruth: worried about introducing this now

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video

Unni: clear that this is state supported violence. Indian government says this is an internal matter, but how can it be?

Thelma: clearly there is an orchestrated attempt to introduce ethnic cleansing and destroy the lives and livelihoods of people. The violence against women has been unspeakable.

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If we don't have the local, the global doesn't mean anything.

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For example, David was saying the analytical function needed to be strengthened.

Need to have a common position paper on key issues, need to be able to develop quick responses to these issues.

I don't know if we can make a final decision:

Two things are strong:

- Let's have a 25<sup>th</sup> year meeting of health for all
- Let's make our presence in the next WHA with the same HFA campaign.
- Also to go to Puerto Alegre

These decisions have to be made quickly. We have to do our homework and raise some funds. Are these two the same?

David Sanders: on the commemoration of Alma Ata – we should take the lead on that. If WHO then says they want to do this, they should come to our show.

Eric: one of the dilemmas about NGOs participating in big forums – how to communicate the messages to the government delegations.

Halfdan Mahler: Thanks, because of being invited. If your thoughts are rubbish, do not express yourself too clearly. I would suggest that since the DHF was a witness to the PHA, digest it and let 5-10 of you to agree by reasonable consensus to present to a wider audience. You would have in those few days, to be able to come out with an analysis of what was being discussed. Could be an inexpensive approach to getting information out to a wider audience.

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Ravi: one of the next DevDialog will contain some information on the PHA and what has been happening

Contact will also be developing a publication (28 pages) that will come out in August.

Main principle is to focus for 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary

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Ad hoc communications team: for publications – to take work forward  
Please try to expand the network beyond the 92 countries.

Advocacy and media circle

**Subject: [Fwd: Hanoi International Water Conference]**

**Date: Sat, 07 Sep 2002 09:53:02 +0530**

**From: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>**

**To: aviva@netnam.vn**

Dear Claudio,

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

1. I have been invited to the International Water Conference in Hanoi 14-16th October especially to contribute to the working group on 'Creating - Synergy integrating on cross cutting issues' with a focus on

Health and Poverty Reduction. I have offered to present the PHM/Charter new point on Synergy. I have also suggested your name and have written to Prem John and Oasem for others names. Hope you will be there and we can meet up.

2. I am willing to cosign your letter. Perhaps Thelma will do so as well. Send us the draft as soon as possible and will return it as soon as possible - latest Monday morning.

Best Wishes,

Ravi Narayan.

CHC / PHM.

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**Date: Wed, 4 Sep 2002 10:49:03 +0200**

**From: bosr@who.int**

**To: sochara@vsnl.com**

To Dr Ravi Narayan  
Community Health Cell  
Bangalore

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Dear Ravi

It was good talking to you just now. The International Water Conference will be held in Hanoi 14-16 October 2001, and I am attaching the formal announcement and the programme for working group 1 (which I am putting together) for your information. For further info on the Dialogue I refer to the website <http://www.cgiar.org/iwmi/dialogue/index.htm>. Please check out in particular working pages 5 and 6 which came out of the design workshops in Bonn (Dec 2001) and Pune (March 2002). I hope you also received and kept the brochures I sent you in the mail, prior to the Pune workshop.

Last week Hans Wolter, the executive Secretary of the Dialogue Secretariat which is based at the International Water Management Institute in Colombo, Sri Lanka, sent me the following message:

quote

"The date of the Hanoi Water Conference is rapidly approaching. We urgently need to establish the list of invited participants. I would like to recall that we have funds to invite about 50 to 60 participants from around the globe but mainly from the Asia Region. These should be persons who have an active interest in the dialogue, could contribute to the discussion and initiate dialogues in their countries. Some of them should also act as reporters or discussants. It is important that we establish a good, balanced list before we decide on the self-nominations. Please consult with your

regional offices and send your nominations as soon as possible but not later than end of next week."

unquote

This describes the role anticipated for invited participants. I would appreciate your confirmation of availability to attend, as well as the names of suitable people from the People's Health Forum who could be invited, at your earliest convenience.

Best regards and hope to see you in Viet Nam.

Robert

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**CC:** "'Prem Chandran John'" <hariprem@eth.net>, "'Zafrullah Chowdhury'" <gk@citechco.net>, "'Mira Shiva'" <mirashiva@yahoo.com>, "'Fkbal Prof.'" <ekbal@vsnl.com>, "'Prem Chandran John (Travel)'" <premjoh9141@hotmail.com>, "'Ravi Narayan'" <sochara@vsnl.com>, "'Pam Zinkin'" <pamzinkin@gn.apc.org>, "'David Sanders'" <lmartin@uwc.ac.za>

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Ekbal

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Date: Thu, 7 Nov 2002 14:19:14 -0600

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Please see a one page Indian Post PHA work report that I have prepared earlier for a new paper. You may add whatever activities you know by different groups as well as our international interventions.  
Hope you will send back the revised report soon. Balaji says he is out of touch with PHA now.  
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Thank you for your email of 10/11/02 addressed to Dr Ravi.  
He is presently away in East Africa. Will resume duties on 18/11/02 prior to a <sup>four day</sup> visit to Dhaka the next day.

We will put your email up to him for a response.

With regards,

Sincerely yours

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11/11/02

## Peoples Health Assembly – Follow Up Programme in India:

Dr. B. Ekbal

(National(India) Co-ordination Committee Convenor PHA)

At the time of the National Convention itself, (Calcutta, Dec1st, 2000) it was decided that we would continue the broad platform established for the national health assembly as the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan (translated: Peoples Health Campaign). After the successful completion of the Peoples Health assembly at Dhaka the National Working group decided to hold its first post Dhaka meeting in Mumbai on January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15 as the NWG of the JSA. This meeting was held and it drew up a work plan for the subsequent year. Under these guidelines the following work was carried out.

1. **The Peoples Health Charter** – both the one adopted at Dhaka and the national charter adopted at Calcutta was translated into state languages and simultaneously released in various states on April 7<sup>th</sup>. This date (that is world health day) was observed by the JSA constituents as health rights day with seminar and press conference held in most states. The press conference also highlighted the state of health in the respective state as gathered from the widespread dialogues conducted at the village level with people.

2. **Policy Dialogues:** it was decided to go ahead with policy dialogues over the course of the year on four themes—sex selective abortions; population policy, control communicable diseases and regulation of the private sector. Of these the first on Sex Selective Abortion was held in Rohtak on April 13- 14<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended and led to clarity on what policy changes the JSA constituents must advocate as well as what independent action we can take. It was decided to continue the advocacy work at the state level and to have a coordinated campaign on this issue in August.

3. **Drug Policy:** the FMRAI hosted a convention on the coming pharmaceutical policy and changes that need to be incorporated in it. This workshop was held in June 14<sup>th</sup> at New Delhi. The convention decided to launch a signature campaign calling for a people oriented pharmaceutical policy. FMRAI would coordinate the campaign. A workshop was also held by JSA with the national working group on patent laws and Medicins Sans Frontiers on patent policies with reference to drugs for AID.

4. **National Health Policy:** On September 1<sup>st</sup> the Union government unveiled a draft national health policy. On Sept 13 & 14 the JSA executive committee met for two days at Mumbai and considered this policy in detail. A critique of this policy was written up for release to the press as well as a paragraph b paragraph redraft for suggesting to the ministry. This has since been submitted to the ministry of health. This has also been made available to all states and JSA organizations. We are now moving towards a coordinated press release from all state capital on November 3<sup>rd</sup> criticizing the policy.

5. All the 20 organizations that constitute the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan have been asked to re-discuss the post –Dhaka mandate and endorse their participation in the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan. Most have done so. In most states the PHA committees have been reconstituted as JSA committees with a more prominent role being given to those who have played an active role during the last year of work. Some state JSAs have adopted an active coordinated work programmes extending to the block level –notably Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi. In other states like West Bengal, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh the lead PSM organizations have continued active work in this area.

6. It has been decided to start a Newsletter and a Website for the JSA.

Meeting during visit to Bangladesh

**Subject: Fw: Meeting during visit to Bangladesh**

**Date: Sat, 9 Nov 2002 16:48:07 +0600**

**From: "dorpc" <dorpc@bangla.net>**

**To: <iphc@cisas.org.ni>**

**CC: <sochara@vsnl.com>, <bala@haiap.org>**

To

Ms. Maria Hamlin Zuniga, IPHC  
Mr. Ravi narayan, PHM India and  
other visiting PHM members in Bangladesh

Dear friends,

It's our privilege to welcome you all to visit Bangladesh. Two years will be ended soon since we assembled in the PHM Global Assembly held at GK Savar, Dhaka in December 2002. We understand, during this time span, certainly something have been achieved at national and global level. PHM Bangladesh Circle committee members expressed their desire to meet you during your ensuing visit in Bangladesh. We have requested Dr. Qasem Chowdhury to keep time slot for PHM Bangladesh Circle members and this have discussed also during our national committee meeting held on 26 October 2002. Please find the letter attached herewith addressed to Dr. Qasem Chowdhury, in this perspective.

We expect you will find time for a meeting with us to share your experiences for our future planning specifically in observance of 25 years of Alma Ata Declaration in the next year.

Looking forward to hear from you.

Sincerely,

A.H.M. Nouman  
Chairperson  
PHM Bangladesh Circle

— Original Message —

From: [dorpc](mailto:dorpc)

To: [aksavar@citechco.net](mailto:aksavar@citechco.net)

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2002 6:49 PM

Subject: Request letter for meeting arrangement

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13 October 2002

To  
Dr. Qasem Choudhury,  
Global Secretary,  
People's Health Movement (PHM)  
Gano Sasatha Kendra (GK)  
Savar, Dhaka.

**Sub: Meeting with Global PHM leaders during visit from 18-23 October 2002**

Dear Dr. Qasem bhai,

Greetings from PHM Bangladesh Circle.

During the last meeting of PHM Bangladesh Circle held on 05 October 2002, the members were informed of visit program of some important global leaders of PHM in Bangladesh.

In order to formulate future health movement strategies, the members envisaged exchange of ideas and information through discussion with global representatives. The meeting unanimously requested me to write a formal letter to you to kindly arrange a meeting with the delegations and PHM Bangladesh Circle/ Steering committee members at the time convenient to you.

We understand these meetings shall broaden our outlook in elaborating our national plans for next year in observance of 25 years of Alma Ata declarations. Eventually, this shall inspire national circle members for more devoted PHM activities.

We request you to do needful accordingly.

Looking forward to hear from you.

With thanks and kind regards.  
Sincerely,

**A.H.M. Nouman**  
Chairperson  
PHM Bangladesh Circle

13 October 2002

To

General Manager  
Social Development Foundation (SDF)  
House No: 52, Road 7/A,  
Dhanmondi R.A.  
Dhaka-1209

Sub: Request for sending the request for Proposal (RFP) through Email

Dear Sir,

Again we thank you for inviting us to participate in submitting proposal under Social Investment Program project. For convenience, it is requested that a copy full set of RFP may kindly be sent to us through email as discussed with you over telephone today.

Thanking you in anticipation.

With thanks

Sincerely,

A.H.M.Nouman  
Secretary General  
Development Organization of the Rural poor (DORP)

**Subject: Re: JSA - ASF**

**Date:** Sat, 9 Nov 2002 12:26:49 +0530

**From:** "UNNIKRISHNAN P V (Dr)" <unnikru@yahoo.com>

**To:** "Community Health Cell" <sochara@vsnl.com>

Dear Ravi and team

This is to confirm my commitment to the session on war, disasters and.....

There is a change in my travel. I will be leaving Bangalore on Monday afternoon and staying in Calcutta on Monday night. I will be taking the Tuesday morning Biman from Kolkata on Tuesday. Dr. Vijayan is travelling with me and hence the change. I have some work with him in Dhaka on Tuesday morning. I will reach Savar by Tuesday night.

Regards

Unni

Dr. Unnikrishnan PV

E-mail: unnikru@yahoo.com ; Mobile: 91 (0) 98450 91319

Click: [www.indiadisasters.org](http://www.indiadisasters.org) : the one-stop humanitarian site

----- Original Message -----

From: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

To: <unnikru@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2002 11:35 AM

Subject: JSA - ASF

- > CHC Society Members /
- > Associates,
- > November 4, 2002.
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- > Dear Unni,
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- > Greetings from Community Health Cell.
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- > Enclosed a preliminary intimation of the Asia Social Forum event in
- > Hyderabad from 2 - 7th January 2003 and the Jana Swasthya Abhiyan's
- > evolving contribution to it. CHC will be playing an active role in the
- > JSA - ASF event and organizing
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- > a) The seminar on Environment and Health and three workshops on
- > b) Taking the Peoples Health Movement Forward.
- > c) Alma Ata Anniversary reflection
- > d) Towards a tobacco free world.
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- > We will also be contributing or participating in many of the other
- > sessions / events particularly
- > e) The seminar on Right to Health Care moving from idea to reality;
- > f) A cross country audit of externally funded Health Sector reform;
- > g) War conflict and Disaster building People Action for Health.
- >
- > We invite you or your team members to join the CHC team in this
- > significant intersectoral event. All participants are requested to
- > cover as much of their own travel to Hyderabad and be ready to cover
- > basic costs of local stay at very subsidised rates. We are raising
- > funds to support some of these costs if feasible.
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- > If you are able to join us in the JSA - ASF event and are interested to
- > explore a more active participation in any of the evolving seminars and
- > workshops, please write to us immediately and not later than 18th
- > November 2002 so that we can involve you in the planning and organizing
- > of our participation and make the best use of your presence with us in

Attending

Ravi

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Subject: PHM Meeting

Date: Sat, 09 Nov 2002 10:47:51 +0600

From: Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>

To: Maria Hamlin Zuniga <iphc@cisas.org.ni>, Prem John <hariprem@eth.net>, Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>, Bala <bala@haiap.org>, Mwajuma <masaigana@africaonline.co.tz>, Lynette Martin <lmartin@uwc.ac.za>, pamzinkin <pamzinkin@gn.apc.org>, "Dr. B. Ekbal" <ekbal@vsnl.com>, Hugo <asecsal@inteln.net.gt>, "Carmelita C. Canila, M.D." <carmelita@ciroap.org>, "Melina" <wahc@wgnr.nl>, Mira Shiva <mirashiva@yahoo.com>, Evelyn Hong <ehong28@yahoo.com>, Olle Nordberg <Olle.Nordberg@dhf.uu.se>, gk <gk@citechco.net>

Dear Friends.

I hope all of you have finished your preparation to attend the PHM Core Group meeting which is going to be held from 20th to 22nd November 2002 at GK, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Those who have not send their flight schedule, please do so for some one to meet you at the airport.

Attached please find the list of participants and revised tentative agenda for the meeting.

Wish you all safe and happy journey to Bangladesh.

Qasem

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Dear Dr Qasem,  
Greetings for eve!  
Thank you for your email of 9 Nov 02.  
we shall let you the details of Dr Ravis  
flight schedule within a day or two.  
with regards,

Y/S

Reply sent on 12/11/02  
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KG 12/11/02

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PHM Secretariat ->

Here is the list of invitees for November PHM Core group meeting

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|-----|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1.  | Maria Zuniga            | Confirmed                         |
| 2.  | Dr. Hugo Iou Peren      | Confirmed through Maria           |
| 3.  | Bala Subramaniam        | Confirmed                         |
| 4.  | Evelyn Hong             | Confirmed                         |
| 5.  | Prem John               | Confirmed                         |
| 6.  | Olle Nordberg           | Confirmed                         |
| 7.  | Dr. Carmelita           | - Ci representative<br>Confirmed  |
| 8.  | Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhury | Confirmed                         |
| 9.  | Ms. Melina Auerbach     | WGNRR representative<br>Confirmed |
| 10. | Dr. Ekbal               | Confirmed                         |
| 11. | Pam Zinkin              | Confirmed                         |
| 12. | Andy Rutherford         | Not confirmed                     |
| 13. | Mwajuma                 | Confirmed                         |
| 14. | Mira Shiva              | Not confirmed                     |
| 15. | David Sanders           | Confirmed                         |
| 16. | Ravi Narayan            | Confirmed                         |
| 17. | Qasem Chowdhury         | Confirmed                         |
18. Andrew Chetley sent me an email saying he is coming. Unni will be there to meet with Maria for IPHC business.

Revised tentative agenda for PHM Nov. 02 meeting

1. Opening remarks and acceptance of agenda

2. Review of the PHM activities.

Each person is responsible for a short report on their area.

Secretariat

Regions

Countries

Localities

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3. Future Plan of activities:

a) 25th anniversary of Alma Ata

b) Asian Social Forum

c) World Social Forum

d) Role of PHM in next WHO-DG election

e) Networking - WABA, CIN, etc GFR

f) Advocacy -

WHO- PHM Critique on DG.s address to the 55<sup>th</sup> WHA

UNICEF Circle

g) *Communication / website*

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4. PHM Organisational Structure

a) Geographical Circle

b) Working Circle

5. PHM Secretariat

6. Financial situation & Future funding

7. Any other business

8. *Specific issues to be addressed*

- HIV

- MCH

- IPR

- GATTS

- *Irreg.*

Fwd: health care financing]

**Subject:** [Fwd: health care financing]

**Date:** Thu, 28 Nov 2002 11:08:15 +0530

**From:** Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

**To:** raviduggal@vsnl.com

Dear Ravi,

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

This letter and my reply are self-explanatory. Please do send what you can as soon as possible. CI is an important component of PHM - Global.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

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**Subject: Re: health care financing**

**Date:** Wed, 27 Nov 2002 18:30:57 +0530

**From:** Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

**To:** "Carmelita C. Canila, M.D." <carmelita@ciraop.org>

Dear Dr. Carmi,

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

Thanks for your letter. The Resource person on Health Care financing in India in our PHM circle in India is Ravi Duggal of CEHAT, Mumbai. I am forwarding this letter to him and hope he can send you something soon. Hope CI can work more closely with us in the next phase of the PHM secretarial work when it shifts to India next year. Shall write to Dr. Rachagan as well. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

PHM - Core group  
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"Carmelita C. Canila, M.D." wrote:

> Dear Dr. Ravi,

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> Cheers. I hope you have rested after the meeting.

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> for all the things you have shared. I appreciated the fact that your life  
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> Unfortunately, my deadline is next week. I am extremely sorry for this rush  
> request.

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> Thank you very much for your help.  
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> Cheers,  
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> Carmi  
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Subject: health care financing

Date: Wed, 27 Nov 2002 11:04:54 +0800

From: "Carmelita C. Canila, M.D." <carmelita@ciroap.org>

To: "Ravi Narayan" <sochara@vsnl.com>

CC: "Sharon" <sharon@ciroap.org>

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Cheers,

Carmi

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Carmelita C. Canila, M.D.  
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Carmi*

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Sincerely  
Ravi  
CHC/PHM

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Carmi*  
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Best wishes  
Ravi  
CHC/PHM

Thank you GK staff

**Subject:** Thank you GK staff

**Date:** Mon, 25 Nov 2002 09:30:22 -0600

**From:** "Maria Hamlin Zuniga" <iphc@cisas.org.ni>

**To:** "pamzinkin" <pamzinkin@gn.apc.org>, "Qasem Chowdhury" <gksavar@citechco.net>, "Andrew Chetley" <chetley.a@healthlink.org.uk>, "Carmelita C. Canila, M.D." <carmelita@ciroap.org>, "Community health cell" <sochara@vsnl.com>, "Dr. B. Ekbal" <ckbal@vsnl.com>, "Hugo" <asecsal@intelnet.net.gt>, "Lynette Martin" <lmartin@uwc.ac.za>, "Melina" <wahc@wgnrr.nl>, "Mira Shiva" <mirashiva@yahoo.com>, "Mwajuma" <masaigana@africaonline.co.tz>, "Prem john" <hariprem@eth.net>, "UNNIKRISHNAN P V" <unnikru@vsnl.com>

Thank you Prem, thank you all.

I will get the new list serve up and running within a couple of days.

I am at a meeting in Holland with WEMOS and leave here on Wednesday.

I will try to do it by Wed, if not by Friday.

Love to all and good wishes.

Maria

-----Original Message-----

From: pamzinkin <pamzinkin@gn.apc.org>

To: Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>, Andrew Chetley <chetley.a@healthlink.org.uk>, "Carmelita C. Canila, M.D." <carmelita@ciroap.org>, Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>, "Dr. B. Ekbal" <ekbal@vsnl.com>, Hugo <asecsal@intelnet.net.gt>, Lynette Martin <lmartin@uwc.ac.za>, Maria Hamlin Zuniga <iphc@cisas.org.ni>, "Melina" <wahc@wgnrr.nl>, Mira Shiva <mirashiva@yahoo.com>, Mwajuma <masaigana@africaonline.co.tz>, Prem john <hariprem@eth.net>, UNNIKRISHNAN P V <unnikru@vsnl.com>

Date: Mon, 25 Nov 2002 11:45:42 +0000

Subject: Re:

> Dear Prem

> Thanks.

> Pam

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> At 10:13 AM 11/25/02 +0600, Qasem Chowdhury wrote:

>>Dear Friends,

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>>On your behalf I have done, as seen in the attached note.

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>>Warm regards

>>

>>>Prem

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> Pam Zinkin

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> 45 Anson Road

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> UK

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Subject: Re: PHM Meeting

Date: Thu, 14 Nov 2002 09:47:27 +0600

From: Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>

To: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

Dear Mr. Gopinathan,

Thanks for the flight schedule. Some one will meet Ravi at the airport.

Best wishes.

Dr. Qasem

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*Qasem Chowdhury*  
*14/11/02*

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PHM Secretariat

**Subject:** RE: Work Report

**Date:** Tue, 12 Nov 2002 15:17:35 +0530

**From:** Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

**To:** Ekbal <ekbal@vsnl.com>

Dear Dr. Ekbal,

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

Thank you for your email of 10 November 2002 addressed to Dr. Ravi. He is presently away in East Africa. Will rejoin duties on 18 November 2002 prior to a four day visit to Dhaka the next day.

We will put your email up to him for a response.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

K. Gopinathan  
Administrative Officer,  
Community Health Cell

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Subject: Re: PHM Meeting

Date: Tue, 12 Nov 2002 15:17:59 +0530

From: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

To: Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>

Dear Dr. Qasem,

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

Thank you for your email of 9 November 2002. We shall let you know the details of Dr. Ravi's flight schedule within a day or two.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

K. Gopinathan  
Administrative Officer  
Community Health Cell

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Dear Qasem,

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Best wishes

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

**Subject: PHM Secretariat**

**Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 18:39:16 +0530**

**From: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>**

**To: Zafarullah Chowdhury <gk@citechco.net>**

Dear Qasem,

Greetings from Community Health Cell

Further to our recent communication, I have been in touch with Prem who will be attending the ASF. The meeting about the secretariat and budget can be held in Hyderabad or he suggests we have it on 8th morning in Bangalore. This means that You, Thelma and I leave for Bangalore from Hyderabad by 7th morning flight and meet on 7th afternoon as well as 8th morning when Prem can join us. Let us know if you have booking via Bangalore so that we can make necessary arrangements. If it is too complicate then we can meet in Hyderabad on 6th morning since Prem is attending only on 5th and 6th. If Zafarullah is a member of the finacnc group, then he too should be alerted about this meeting.

Awaiting your response.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

*Why not sent to Prem?*

30/12

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Hyd Bc  
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8<sup>th</sup> Prem - Cal

Best wishes

Ravi  
CHC / PHM

cc Prem John  
Zafarullah



**Subject: Disability Circle**

**Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 16:18:17 +0530**

**From: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>**

**To: crp@bangla.net**

**CC: Pamzinkin <pamzinkin@gn.apc.org>, venky\_tv@hotmail.com,  
Qasem Chowdhary <gksavar@citechco.net>**

Dear Mr. Muhammad,

Greetings from Community Health Cell

Thanks for your letter sharing your experience. We shall keep you informed as the circle forms up. Please be in touch with Dr. Qasem and Zafarullah and get acquainted with the PHM and the Peoples Charter since the circle members are those who endorse the charter in the first place and begin to see then work and the PHM as being complementary. Perhaps once you have read the charter you may have some further reflections in the context of your work to share with us. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

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Subject: Coordination: Disability Circle

Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 12:58:28 +0600

From: crp@bangla.net

To: sochara@vsnl.com, dearvenky@yahoo.com

CC: pamzinkin@gn.apc.org

Dear friends

Thank you so much to consider a disability circle as a high priority. I would be very much interested to be involved in sharing expertise in the area of program management and development in a participatory manner. I have a lot of experience in the area of participatory management development of disability programs; facilitation, coordination, evaluation and research. Just to brief my expertise areas include; facilitation of disabled research associates in taking up original research activity, participatory program monitoring and evaluation, facilitation of participatory sharing with disabled people in training program, workshop and conference. I have been presently working as Local coordinator of a DFID funded research project on "improving access and use of water and sanitation facilities for physically disabled people" in Bangladesh which also involves Uganda, Cambodia, and Thailand including Bangladesh. The outcome of the research will be finding solution in a participatory manner including different levels of stakeholders including Government, international NGOs, local NGOs, family members, community people and disabled people themselves. The Water Engineering and Development Centre (WEDC) of Loughborough University UK conduct the research, and I am one of the members of the Advisory team of this research. I worked as a coordinator of the meeting, which involved Government DPHE, 5 international NGOs, and 15 NGOs. Just recently I coordinated an electronic conference from Bangladesh conducted by the Loughborough University U.K. The conference was on Improving Access and Use of Water and Sanitation Facilities by Physically Disabled People. In order of participation the coordination was highly appraised. The participants were disabled, and were group leaders of disabled people's organizations from different parts of Bangladesh. Along side the issues of barriers, needs, good practice relating to water and sanitation, tools to improve access was discussed. The disabled people have identified that they will be involved in the research process and I have been given the responsibility of coordination. In 2001 I coordinated the International Conference on Spinal Cord Lesion Management held in CRP and the British Council in collaboration with International Medical Society of Paraplegia (IMSGOP) in which about 300 participants attended from 13 countries.

My professional role as a Research and Evaluation Officer is to facilitate the participatory active involvement of disabled people in the management of the disability programs; decision making, monitoring, evaluation and research in relevant projects. The focus of CRP is participatory development of disability as program and as movement for emancipation of the rights of disabled people. I work around disabled people, to create an environment where they have access to stakeholders to put up their voice for change the way they expect to happen for them.

I would love be involved in sharing and coordinating the discussion of the people involved in the area of disability, ensuring the active participation of disabled people to push forward dialogue with relevant stakeholders to bring in change. I would love to be associated with Venkatesh.

Look forward to do some good work with Pam, Dr. Zafrullah, Dr. Quasem, Dr. Nouman, Kavi Narayan and all others.

Cheers.

Muhammad Mushfiqul Wara  
 Research and Evaluation Officer  
 Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP)  
 Tel: 880-2-7710464-5, Fax: 880-2-7710069,  
 email: "Mushfique" crp@bangla.net,

21/12/02

Dear Mr Muhamad  
 Thanks for your letter sharing your experience. We shall keep you informed as the circle forms up. Please be in touch with Dr Quasem and Zafrullah and get acquainted with the PHM and Peoples charter since the circle members are those who endorse the charter in the first place and begin to see their work and the PHM as being complementary. Perhaps once you have read the charter you may have some further reflections in the context of your work to share with us. Keep in touch  
 Best wishes  
 Ravi Narayan  
 CHC/PHM  
 12/17/02 10:42 AM

*sent 21/12/02*

cc. Pam Zukun  
 Venkatesh  
 Quasem Chowdhry

*RN 17/12/02*

email, about CRP: [info@crp-bangladesh.com](mailto:info@crp-bangladesh.com),  
website: <http://www.crp-bangladesh.com>

**Subject: PHM Secretariat**

**Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2002 11:02:21 +0530**

**From: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>**

**To: Olle <olle.nordberg@dhf.uu.se>**

Dear Olle,

Greetings from community Health Cell!

We are very glad that you will be able to visit us at CHC on 14th and 15th for a discussion on the PHM Secretariat funding proposal etc. We shall have a meeting during the ASF and then a follow up discussion with you. I am booking 14th and 15th in our January diary and look forward to a final confirmation from you. Since it is your first visit to CHC, will you be willing to share informally about DHF to a group of our staff and associates on 14th afternoon, perhaps just as session informal getting to know each other.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

*PHM Secretariat*

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Re: (no subject)

Subject: Re: (no subject)  
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 18:57:10 +0100  
From: Ollie Nordberg <Ollie.Nordberg@dhf.uu.se>  
To: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

>Dear Ravi,

Many thanks for this mail and for several other messages from CHC! It is great to hear that the GK meeting went well and that everybody is anxious to continue work in PHM.

I have been travelling as you know and it has taken me a few days to respond to all the e-mails and other letters and messages and I regret that I have not been able to come back to you earlier. I hope it is not too late now.

I think the idea of a finance meeting is a good and necessary one. However, I have some problems with the timing. The Hammar skjöld Foundation is organising a high-level seminar together with the Burmese democratic movement in Thailand in the beginning of January and this meeting coincides with the meeting you suggest. I will be busy in Thailand between the 6 and the 13 of January and could be in Bangalore earliest in the evening of 13 January (but I have not checked the connections yet).

My suggestion is that the rest of the group meets at the time you suggest (that is 7 or 8 Jan) and that I come after my meeting and stay a day or two to be brought up to date and, hopefully, contribute some ideas. This means that I arrive in the evening of 13 Jan or the following morning and leave some time in the afternoon of 15 Jan. How does that look? Could you give me a hint asap. I need to get my bookings in order.

With all best wishes for the Christmas season and the New Year!

Ollie

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>Dear Andy & Ollie,

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>Greetings from Community Health Cell!

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>Further to Qasems communication to Andy (26/11) and ollie (3/12) this is  
>to inform you both at the GK Savar steering committee meeting we had a  
>very detailed discussion on the secretariat transition. Dr. Hugo of  
>Guatemala suggested a very good framework for discussion and on the  
>basis of this we were able to reflect on GK secretariat experience;  
>review CHC capacity and capability; and make a final decision  
>collectively about the shift. We feel honoured in CHC to have been  
>considered for this important role but to ensure that we learn the ropes  
>gradually we have suggested a transitional phase till 31st March 2003  
>(latest) by which time we shall be fully in the saddle. During this  
>phase the outgoing and incoming coordinators will work closely together  
>for a smooth transition and both GK Savar and CHC will be secretariats.

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>We missed both of you greatly and look forward to a close and active  
>working relationship with both of you as we steer PHM through the next  
>phase. Thank you Ollie for your positive comments about CHC in the  
>letter to Qasem, which was read out in the meeting.

*RN  
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Lm*

*Best wishes  
Ron Norvigen  
CHC/PHM  
informal getting  
to know each other*

Dear Ollie

We are very glad that you will be able to visit us at CHC on 14/15<sup>th</sup>

For a discussion on the PHM Secretariat's funding proposal etc. We shall have a meeting during the ASF and then a follow up discussion with you.

I am booking 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in our Jimmy diary and look forward to a final confirmation from you.

Since it is your first visit to CHC will you be willing to share informally about DHF to a group of our staff and ourselves on 14<sup>th</sup> afternoon perhaps 10 AM or 12/2002 11:10 AM

**Subject: ASF 2003**

**Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2002 11:02:43 +0530**

**From: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>**

**To: Andy Rutherford <arutherford@oneworldaction.org>**

**CC: Qasem Chowdhary <gksavar@citechco.net>**

Dear Andy,

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

Its disappointing that you will not be able to join us. We hoped that a finance group meeting could take place soon after ASF. Olle has just confirmed that he will visit Bangalore on 13th to 15th January on his way back home from a meeting in Myanmar. Qasem, Zafarullah, Prem and I hope to meet in Hyderabad at ASF or soon after on 7th at Bangalore to discuss the budget and forward it to you for further follow up with Dutch government etc. I had mentioned in my earlier letter that we had budgeted for ASF to support a few members from Sri Lanka and other countries but because of the delay in the budget, action on this is pending. Qasem has suggested that we may tap the funds you are still holding for PHM secretariat for this. But perhaps if you let us know how much balance you have after the GK-Savar meeting, travel support and other costs were met recently.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

*RN* PHM Secretary →

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3/12

Subject: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] Re: ASF  
Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2002 17:49:40 +0000  
From: Andy Rutherford <arutherford@oneworldaction.org>  
Reply-To: PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03@yahoogroups.com  
To: PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03@yahoogroups.com

Dear Ravi and friends

Many thanks for all the information concerning the ASF and the invitation to attend. Sadly I will not be able to come but am sure that it will be an inspiring and exciting event.

Wishing you warmest Seasons Greetings

Best wishes

Andy Rutherford  
Head of Programmes  
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cc Qasem.

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Dear Andy

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are still holding for PHM Secretariat for this. But perhaps, if you let us know how much <sup>balance</sup> you have after the GK-Saver meeting travel support and other costs were forward it to you for further follow up with Dutch government met recently.

Best wishes  
Ravi Rangan  
CHC-PHY

Subject: PHM Secretariat

Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 18:38:57 +0530

From: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

To: Claudio Schuffan <aviva@netnam.vn>

Dear Claudio,

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

Dr. Banerji will be pleased go ahead and put it on the exchange. The secretariat shift notice must have reached you. Note a small typographical errors in the second paragraph. CHC become secretariat from 1st January 2003 not 2002. Will keep in touch soon after ASF, which is evolving into as hectic and interesting meeting as the JSS at Kolkata. Should I write a short letter to PHA exchanges as the new Global coordinator? I was planning a monthly chatty, but proactive piece - brief and pithy. Do you think it will be a good idea?

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

PHM secretariat →  
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Subject: Clau

Date: Wed, 25 Dec 2002 17:51:54 +0700

From: "Aviva" <aviva@netnam.vn>

To: "Ravi" <sochara@vsnl.com>

Merry christmas amigos!

Just moved to HCMC and am surrounded by boxes galore. 12 hr days of domestic work,,,not complaining.

Ravi, should I post Dr Banerjee's piece on Alma Ata?

Big hug,

Clau

27/12

Dear Claudio

Dr Banerji will be pleased

Go ahead and put it on the exchange.

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error in the second paragraph. CHC

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pithy. Do you think it will be a

good idea?

Best wishes

Ravi

CHC/PHN

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26/12

Subject: ASF 2003  
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 18:55:30:53 -0800  
From: chc <sochara@vsnl.com>  
To: gksavar@citechco.net, hariprem@eth.net

Dear Qasem and Prem,

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

Further to all our criss-crossing mails over the last tow days, this is to confirm that the meeting on the PHM secretariat and budget will be held in CHC on 7th January from 12 noon till 6.00pm. Qasem, Thelma and I are booked on the Jet Airways flight (9W3524) on the 7th morning at 8.35am (reaching Bangalore at 10.05am) and Prem is also booking on the same flight. We are making arrangements for you both to stay overnight at a suitable venue. We have noted that Qasem is booked on 8th morning to Kolkatta. Prem could leave by mail if he wishes to or by lalbagh the next morning. The Aima Ata workshop will finish around 6.30pm or 7.00pm - too late to catch the trains on 6th which are around 5 and 6 pm. Overnight bus will be too tiring and bad for my spondylosis. Thelma leaves for Kerala also on 8th morning. We think its better to have the meeting in the venue of the new secretariat away from the hustle-bustle of ASF. Looking forward to the meeting. Please note that Olle will visit CHC on 15th/16th January to follow up on our discussions.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
CHC / PHM

P.S: We shall keep Andy and Maria informed. Who else is on finance/funding group?

CHC-PHM-Sec →

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8/1/03

**Subject:** Qasem's travel plans

**Date:** Mon, 30 Dec 2002 11:02:51 +0550

**From:** "hariprem" <hariprem@eth.net>

**To:** gksavar@citichco.net

**CC:** sochara@vsnl.com

Dear Qasem,

I spoke to Ravi just now. The plan now is for all of us (Ravi, Thelma, you and me) to fly Hyderabad - Bangalore on the 7th morning, meet that day and or needed on the 8th also. I understand that Bangalore-Calcutta flight is in the morning which means you will leave 9th morning to Calcutta. Have this confirmed when getting the ticket. If you don't have Hyderabad-Bangalore sector ticket, e-mail Ravi to do this for you.

Love

Prem

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Re: Qasem's travel

**Subject:** Re: Qasem's travel

**Date:** Mon, 30 Dec 2002 21:52:37 +0600

**From:** "Dr. Qasem Chowdhury" <gksavar@citechco.net>

**To:** hariprem@eth.net

**CC:** Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

Dear Prem,

We will have the meeting on 7th and finish if necessary by late evening.  
I will leave on 8th morning unless there is any pressing need.

Happy and peaceful New Year to you and your family members from Kona,  
Kanan and Qasem.

Love.

Qasem

At 11:20 AM 12/30/02 +0550, you wrote:

>My dear Qasem,

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>I again spoke to Ravi about the meeting. Since I am coming with all of you  
>to Bangalore 7th morning itself, we can finish the meeting on the 7th night  
>and you can plan to leave on the 8th morning itself. If you want, you can  
>stay on and go on the 9th.

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>Love

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>Prem

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>PS. Why is the Charter not on the net?

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3/1/03

Subject: Re: ASF

Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 10:31:31 +0600

From: Qasem Chowdhury <qksavar@citechco.net>

To: hariprem@eth.net

CC: Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

PHM- Secretariat

Dear Prem,

Last time we confirmed to meet after the ASF on 7th January in Bangalore to discuss about funding and other matters related to

PHM Secretariat at CHC. Ravi can arrange the meeting even in Hyderabad if everybody prefers. I do not know what is the final decision. It's ok with me in either place. At present I have booked my return flights from Bangalore. I hope if necessary I will be able to change it from Bangalore-Koikata to Hederabad - Kolkata.

In any case you have to be present in the meeting. Please change your ticket from 6th night to 7th night earliest. Hari is most welcome to help us in the meeting.

Best wishes.

Qasem

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Qasem

Dear Qasem + Prem

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away from the hustle-bustle

of ASF. Looking forward to the

meeting. Please note that <sup>all</sup> Prem will visit CHC on 13/16 Jan to follow up on our <sup>discussions</sup> Best wishes

See other letter

P.S We shall keep

Aray and Maria informed  
with the one is on finance/funding group?

Ravi  
CHC/PHM

**Subject: Re: QAssem**

**Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 20:41:55 +0550**

**From: "hariprem" <hariprem@eth.net>**

**To: sochara@vsnl.com**

My dear Ravi,

I wrote to Qasem saying that it will be good to go to Bangalore and have the meeting on the 8th as you and I spoke.

I will come by the Shatabdi on the 8th morning which reaches Bangalore at 10:40 a.m. Is it alright?

May you, your family and the team, both PHM team and CHC team have a wonderful year!

Prem

>Dear Prem,

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>Bangalore to discuss about funding and other matters related to  
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>Best wishes.

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>Qasem

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Subject: Re: ASF

Date: Sun, 29 Dec 2002 09:48:41 +0600

From: Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>

To: hariprem@eth.net

CC: Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

Dear Prem,

Why not you come with us on 6th night from Hyderabad to Bangalore instead of going to Madras. We can have the meeting on 7th and you may leave on 7th night to Madras. I have my reservation on 8th morning from Bangalore to Kolkata with connecting flight to Dhaka. I hope it will not be difficult for you. Hari can also come with us. Let me know.

KG

Love

Qasem

At 06:36 PM 12/28/02 +0550, you wrote:

>My dear Qasem,

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>Ravi spoke to me and I too think it is important that we actually go to Bangalore and have the meeting. Ravi suggests that we meet in Bangalore on the 8th, even if it means that I have to travel Madras- Bangalore 8th morning and be there by 11 a.m. for the meeting.

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>Please confirm this with Ravi.

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>Love

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>Prem

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>>Dear Prem,

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>>Best wishes.

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>>Qasem

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**Subject: Re: Bangladesh Participants for ASF**

**Date:** Sat, 28 Dec 2002 10:20:43 +0600

**From:** Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>

**To:** Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

Dear Mr. Gopinathan,

I will be arriving Hyderabad on 2nd January by flight 9W511 at 16:00 hours from Kolkata.

Thanks.

Qasem

KC

At 07:04 PM 12/27/02 +0530, you wrote:

>Dear Dr. Qasem,

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>Greetings from Community Health Cell!

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>Thanks for sending us list of PHM Bangladesh participants for ASF. Could

>you please inform us

>the details of air travel?

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>With regards,

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>Yours sincerely,

>

>K.Gopinathan

>Administrative Officer

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>"Dr. Qasem Chowdhury" wrote:

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>> Dear Ravi,

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>> Attached please find a file with the list of PHM Bangladesh Participants

>> for Asian Social Forum. Kindly make arrangement for their accommodation

>> boarding and lodging during the period of ASF. All of them will be

>> arriving on

>> 1st of January. Kindly confirm by return email. Sorry for the late

>> information

>> and the number of participants.

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>> I will be arriving Hyderabad from Kolkata by air on 2nd of January. I hope

>> some one will be able to meet me at the airport.

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>> Looking forward to see you in Hyderabad,

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>> Best wishes.

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>> Qasem

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Ravi  
30/12/02

**Subject:** PHM Secretariat

**Date:** Fri, 03 Jan 2003 15:31:42 +0530

**From:** Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

**To:** Olle <olle.nordberg@dhi.uu.se>

**CC:** narayantravel@rediffmail.com

Dear Olle,

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

We have arranged at a Franciscan Training Centre, which is five minutes from CHC. It is clean and comfortable and we have this facility for all our short-term guests because we teach Community Health to all the brothers as part of their formation. Is that okay or would you prefer a hotel? A CHC team member will meet you at the airport on 15th and there will be transport to go to the airport on 16th as well. We await flight details and look forward to the meeting.

Best wishes,

P.S: Qasem and Prem will be here for a day on the 7th just after ASF Hyderabad

PHM-Sec-CHC →

RA  
13/1/03

Subject: Re: PHM Secretariat  
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 16:21:58 +0100  
From: Olle Nordberg <Olle.Nordberg@dhf.uu.se>  
To: Community Health Ccll <sochara@vsnl.com>

>Dear Ravi,

Fine! I will come back to you when I have the exact flight numbers etc. Would you be kind enough to book a place where I can spend the night? Thank you.

Best wishes for the new year!

Olle

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Any suggestions →  
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>Dear Olle

>Greetings from Community Health Cell!

>This plan seems feasible. So we await your arrival on 15th January at 10.15am and you depart on 16th at 10.30am - Have I got right? We shall meet from around lunch time on 15th till evening for a good discussion and a short session with CHC team and associates. Looking forward to it.

>Best wishes,

>Ravi Narayan  
>CHC / PHM

>Olle Nordberg wrote:

> >Dear Ravi,  
> >Many thanks for your note! I am happy to come to see you at CHC in Bangalore, but my travel agency tells me that connections are somewhat difficult. I will be in Bangkok from Monday afternoon, 13 January but it seems problematic to travel that evening or the following day. The best connection seems to be Wednesday morning, leaving Bangkok 6.45 am and arrive in Bangalore 10.15. Then go back to Bangkok the following day, departing from Bangalore at 10.30 am and go through Chennai. In this way (by returning to Bangkok) I can get a reasonable price on the Stockholm-Bangkok-Stockholm leg. That means only 24 hours in Bangalore, but something is better than nothing. However, if you have better flight suggestions it will be very much appreciated.

> >I am also very happy to share information with CHC staff on the DH Foundation if time permits.

> >Would you be able to respond to this tomorrow morning (Friday 27). I will have to confirm my ticket by tomorrow afternoon.

> >With all best wishes,

> >Olle

> >Dear Olle,

> >>Greetings from community Health Cell!

> >>We are very glad that you will be able to visit us at CHC on 14th and 15th for a discussion on the PHM Secretariat funding proposal etc. We

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RS Qasen and Ram will be here for a day on the 7th just after ASF is delivered.  
Best wishes  
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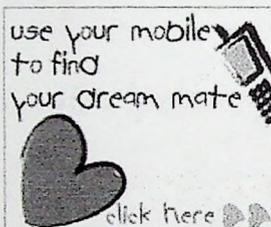
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PHM Sec/CHC →

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Subject: News Brief

Date: Tue, 21 Jan 2003 11:45:20 -0800

From: chc <sochana@vsnl.com>

To: Prem John <hariprem@eth.net>

Dear Prem,

Greetings from Peoples Health Movement Secretariat at CHC, Bangalore!

Qasem will be here on 26th and till 30th with a 7 member high powered medical education team from Bangladesh visiting Bangalore - Rajiv Gandhi Health university, Asia Heart Foundation, CHC, St. John's and CMC Vellore. They visit CMC - Vellore on 30th and fly to Delhi on 31st morning. Should we three meet on 27th or 28th to finalize the news brief or do it by email? Qasem has now become VC-designate of GKB. Will you call or email a reply? I mark a letter to you written for exchange from the new secretariat. You could further process it for the news brief. We could announce the new Contact magazine; the CMJI health advocate on PHM (Tribal Health issue); the press releases of 4th and 7th January (from ASF); the press releases of 18th January and also the next one from WSF; the DG Debate of 19th January of which PHM was one of the sponsors etc.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
Coordinator,  
PHM Secretariat,  
CHC - Bangalore.

*PHM Secretariat*

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Subject: Newsbrief

Date: Fri, 17 Jan 2003 10:12:07 +0530

From: "premjohn" <prem\_john@vsnl.net>

To: "Ravi Narayan" <sochara@vsnl.com>

Dear Ravi,

Since I have been charged with the task of helping the next Newsbrief come along, I need material that would go into it. Qasem has sent Unni's Hyderabad notes which I will abridge. What else? What are you writing? I think that we should emphasise 'areas of darkness' and how we plan to go ahead there.

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Prem

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Ravi

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**Subject: PHM Meeting report**

**Date: Sat, 18 Jan 2003 16:24:56 -0800**

**From: chc <sochara@vsnl.com>**

**To: Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>**

Dear Qasem,

Greetings from Peoples Health Movement Secretariat at CHC, Bangalore!

Saw your note to Prem. Maria and I have been editing the large GK Savar report of the Steering committee and it will be finalized and circulated early next week. Good idea to make a short 'newsy' version for the news brief. I shall send Prem the note on ASF.

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Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
Coordinator,  
PHM Secretariat  
CHC - Bangalore  
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CC. Prem

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Subject: PHM meeting report

Date: Thu, 16 Jan 2003 12:35:25 +0600

From: Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@ciitechco.net>

To: Prem John <hariprem@eth.net>

CC: Community health cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

Dear Prem,

Attached please find the copy of the report of PHM November meeting compiled by Unni. I have gone through the report. My corrections are indicated by italic bold words. The report is too long and there are repetition as well. You have to edit it and make it short. Try to pick up one and a half page information from the report for the News Brief. We need to bring out the News Brief quickly. I hope Ravi will send you a brief report on PHM activities on ASF. These two with other regional news will cover the next issue of News Brier.

will be coming to Vellore probably on 29th of this month with a team consisting of members from Bangladesh Medical Association and Bangladesh Medical and Dental council for an exposure trip. I may not have opportunity to visit you.

Love,

Qasem

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Best wishes  
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Subject: PHM Secretariat

Date: Thu, 16 Jan 2003 18:23:39 -0800

From: chc <sochara@vsnl.com>

To: balaji\_samprath@hotmail.com, mashood\_kandy@i2.com, mguru@hotmail.com, kirunvissu@sofhome.net, prasanna\_aid@yahoo.com

CC: Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>

Dear AID Friends,

Greetings from the Peoples Health Movement Secretariat, at CHC, Bangalore. From 1st January, the secretariat moved to Bangalore from GK-Savar Bangladesh and I have been really busy with the ASF Hyderabad event and later meetings in Bangalore with members of the PHM Steering committee - Qasem, Prem and Zafarullah who visited us soon after ASF.

This is to follow up on some of our discussions including more detailed ones that I have had with Prasanna recently.

1. The PHM Global secretariat that I am now coordinating urgently needs a Technical officer: Communications, who will assist me in coordinating and responding to communications and information sharing and facilitating the global website (the latter is run by Andrew Chetley - UK, and Nand, a NRI volunteer from Costa Rica who can continue to do so only till end of March 2003).

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2. I enclose a tentative draft Plan of Action which will give you some idea about the types of activities / initiatives planned for the Alma Ata Anniversary year 2003 which have to be supported / facilitated / coordinated by the secretariat. More details are evolving.

3. In addition, we have discussed at the JSA (PHM - India) that the Indian website which Balaji had managed so effectively before JSS/PHA (but which was discontinued thereafter and needs urgent rejuvenation and resurrection) can also be managed by this Technical Officer from the PHM Secretariat - the focus of the two websites would be different but they would be inter-related in many ways as well.

4. I am in the process of negotiating a three-month internship for Prasanna to join me in this work and evolve a clearer picture of challenges involved. I am sure the technical and creative resources of AID Bangalore could also be drawn in via his presence in the secretariat.

5. We need to discuss the modalities and potentialities of this link up and AID support to PHM Secretariat at the earliest. I believe this could be a great contribution to the national and international effort since good sustained - inspiring - and solidarity producing interactive communication is so crucial to movement building. In terms of time schedule the sooner this can be operationalised the better. So much has already started up and I need help from the word go.

6. I am also supposed to fund raise for the PHM secretariat budget for the next 3 years. I would like to seriously propose that a PHM communication project effort can be supported by AID Bangalore in collaboration with AID in general (US and elsewhere). Thelma and I along with Zafarullah will be doing a 8 city lecture tour to promote PHM in USA from 27th February to 16th March 2003. We cover the Bay Area and

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This may be an opportunity to discuss this project and its support with your constituents in US as well. As far as I know the Hesperian Foundation, who are coordinating the PHM-US tour, are already in touch with AID in the US about this PHM-US tour. Since facilitating / coordinating the PHM Global Secretariat has now come to the Indian region for a period of 2 years at least, I think AID-India's support would be relevant even if the focus of AID is primarily indocentric.

Best wishes and looking forward to the evolving collaboration.

Ravi Narayan  
Coordinator,  
PHM Secretariat.

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# **TOWARDS SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE'S HEALTH MOVEMENT DURING ALMA-ATA ANNIVERSARY YEAR**

**(January to December 2003)**

## **TENTATIVE DRAFT PROPOSAL (for year January –December 2003)**

(to be integrated into a larger three year proposal January 2003 – December 2005)

[Drafted by Qasem, Prem and Ravi based on discussions on 23rd November 2002 and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2003 in the context of the decisions and suggestions made at the Steering Committee meeting at Gonoshasthya Kendra (GK), Savar, from 20-22<sup>nd</sup> November 2002]

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Year 2003 is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the Alma Ata Declaration on Primary Health Care (1978). This declaration was endorsed by the People's Charter for Health at the People's Health Assembly in Dhaka in December 2000 and a commitment was made to evolve action in that context in six complimentary strategies. The year January 2003 – December 2003 will therefore be dedicated to an anniversary reflection and a series of related initiatives all over the world facilitated and sustained by People's Health Movement members and constituents at local, national, regional and global levels.

This year will also see the shift of the PHM secretariat from GK Savar, Bangladesh (the South Asian Region) to CHC, Bangalore (the Indian Region).

### **PROGRAMME COMPONENTS**

During this year the programmes facilitated by the PIIM Secretariat supported by the steering committee of PHM and all its constituent members will be broadly classified into two groups.

#### **A. THE FOLLOWING ONGOING POST-ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE**

- a. The dissemination, promotion and wider endorsement of the People's Charter for Health and all its translations.
- b. Follow up meetings, consultations and networking to facilitate the further evolution of the People's Health Movement in certain regions of the world where it is still not very strong. In 2003, the focus will be on West Africa and the South East Asian region in particular.

- c. Strengthening of the website to make it a more interactive and to become key information resource link and monitor of PHM activities and initiatives all over the world.
- d. Coordinating advocacy and lobbying activities through the emerging working circles of PHM (i) WHO-WHA lobby circle (ii) research circle (iii) macroeconomics and health circle (iv) poverty and AIDS circle (v) WSF-PHM circle (vi) women's access to health care circle (vi) politics of health circle (IPHC).
- e. Publications in the context of the PHA-2000 and evolving initiatives. This will consist of a quarterly newsbrief and some publications for 2003:
  - World Bank Meets the People (to be released in April 2003)

**B. THE SECOND GROUP WILL FOCUS ON INITIATIVES SPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ALMA ATA ANNIVERSARY**

- a. Launch of a 'Million signature campaign' for **Health for All – Now** – which will be a web based endorsement of the Alma Ata Declaration and the People's Charter for Health [already launched on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2003 at the Asia Social Forum in Hyderabad to flag off the Alma Ata Anniversary year]
- b. Production of a short position paper on Alma Ata (4 pages) and a larger review of 25 years of Alma Ata as a background resource materials for all the national, regional and global meetings
- c. Production of a film on Alma Ata : VISION and the realities and challenges for Primary Health Care and the Health for All goal in 2003 (REVIVING A DREAM) (to be released in September 2003 on the actual Alma Ata anniversary date all over the world).
- d. A PHM-Alma Ata event at global level in four peaks during the year (every quarter :

January 2003	Launch of campaign ASF Hyderabad, India, and WSF, Porte Allegre, Brazil
May 2003	PHM – Alma Ata event preceding World Health Assembly in Geneva
September 2003	Launch of People's Health Day and related initiatives simultaneously all over the world (film to be launched)
December 2003	Wind up signature campaign – Review of Alma Ata Anniversary year.

The details of the PHM Geneva event venues and further details of the September and December events are being worked out.

- c. Monthly press releases and symbolic initiatives by PHM linking special interest days / events to Health for All Now campaign and Alma Ata anniversary eg., February 21<sup>st</sup> (International Language Day); March 8<sup>th</sup> (Women's Day); April 7<sup>th</sup> (World Health Day); May 28<sup>th</sup> (International Day for Action on Women's Health); June 5<sup>th</sup> (World Environment Day); July 11<sup>th</sup> (World Population Day); August 1-7<sup>th</sup> (World Breast Feeding week); October 15<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> (World Food Day and World Disaster day respectively); December 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (World AIDS Day; Bhopal remembrance Day and International Day on Disability). Other days will get included. Suggestions are welcome.
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**Subject: PHM Movement**

**Date: Tue, 14 Jan 2003 18:01:02 -0800**

**From: chc <sochara@vsnl.com>**

**To: Andrew Chetley <chetley.a@healthlink.org.uk>**

**CC: Pamzinkin <pamzinkin@gn.apc.org>**

Dear Andrew,

Greetings from Community Health Cell / Peoples Health Movement,  
Bangalore!

Just back from the ASF and beginning to tackle lots of emails reaching us as the new PHM coordinator/ secretariat. PHM should cosponsor the DG Debate event - but please do send details to all the Steering committee members. Perhaps also on PHA - Exchange and PHA-NCC yahoo group in India. Will be in touch on other issues raised by Nand.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
Coordinator,  
PHM Secretariat  
CHC - Bangalore,  
India

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**Subject: Bangalore Visit**

**Date: Mon, 13 Jan 2003 13:39:09 -0800**

**From: chc <sochara@vsnl.com>**

**To: olle.nordberg@dhf.uu.se**

Dear Olle,

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

I just saw both your mail of 11th and 13th. Sorry to hear that you may not be able to visit Bangalore. 16th January was fine and perhaps even better than 15th January since the latter is a Harvest festival in the south. But if tickets are difficult than we have to wait for another opportunity.

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Ravi Narayan  
PHM Secretariat

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Re: PHM Secretariat

Subject: Re: PHM Secretariat

Date: Mon, 13 Jan 2003 03:30:48 +0100 (CET)

From: Olle Nordberg <olle.nordberg@dhf.uu.se>

To: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

CC: Olle <olle.nordberg@dhf.uu.se>, narayantravel@rediffmail.com

Dear Ravi,

This is a very short message since the internet is very instable here. I will write more tomorrow morning. It seems to be impossible for me to change tickets so that I can reach Bangalore and return to Bangkok within the limits I have. I am sorry but is ready to come end of February.

Warm regards,  
Olle

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**Subject: Re: PHM Secretariat**

**Date:** Sat, 11 Jan 2003 07:04:25 +0100 (CET)

**From:** Olle Nordberg <olle.nordberg@dhf.uu.se>

**To:** Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>

**CC:** Olle <olle.nordberg@dhf.uu.se>, narayantravel@rediffmail.com

Dear Ravi,

Some problems have arisen which make my visit to CHC a bit uncertain. The story goes like this. I did not manage to secure a visa in Uppsala because of Christmas holidays but planned to do that in Bangkok. This seems to work OK but the problem is that the embassy is not open on Monday and Tuesday. (My plan was to pick it up on Tuesday and leave from Bangkok early Wednesday morning.) Now I can only leave on Wednesday evening and reach Bangalore Thursday morning 16 Jan and then return Friday morning to get on a flight in Bangkok on Friday night.

The first question now is if you are there on Thursday 16 Jan and if you are available to meet with me. The second problem is if I can get on a flight to Bangalore; two of the actual flights seem to be full and I am on the waiting list. I need to look into this further over the weekend but may not be able to give you a final answer until Tuesday afternoon. I would really like to use this opportunity but it seems the constraints are many.

It would be good if you could send me your phone numbers at the office, at home and also your mobile phone. My mobile phone number is 46705673051. I will keep my mobile on but it is not always sure that it works.

I would appreciate an answer asap if you are available 16/1 so I can continue to work on this.

Warm regards,  
Olle

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PHM CTC Team

**Date:** Thu, 29 Sep 2005 05:25:06 -0700 (PDT)  
**From:** "Chander Satya" <chandersj@yahoo.com> Add to Address Book Add Mobile Alert  
**Subject:** need help for UK  
**To:** secretariat@phmovement.org

and street children  
 He has some very interesting  
 experiences to share and  
 I am sure he will learn a  
 great deal by spending a  
 day each in both of our  
 centres.  
 Pam knows Chander  
 well - since she was  
 a consultant of a  
 CBR initiative in  
 which Chander  
 was a field  
 research coordinator  
 many years  
 ago

Dear Dr. Ravi

As you know that I am attending the 4th international conference on urban health to be held in Toronto, Canada from 26th to 28th October 2005. On my way back I would like to stop over at UK and meet people at One World Action and Health Link World Wide. I need an invitation for obtaining the UK visa. Kindly help me in getting a visa from Andy of One World Action. I will be reaching UK on the 31<sup>st</sup> October and stay till 6<sup>th</sup> November. My brother who lives in London will take care of my stay and other things.

Thank you

Yours

S. J. Chander

I would like to share my work in the following areas

- Right to Health care Campaign
- CPTA
- PHM in Karnataka and Bangalore

and also send him an invitation letter for the purposes...

cc Chander

Send on 11/10/05  
 for PHM

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Your team will get a perspective of a state level PHM initiative particularly by focused on urban health

Dear Andy, Andrew and Pam

One of our CTC colleagues Mr. S. J. Chander (Passport details enclosed) is visiting London on his International conference in London on Urban Health He will be in London from 30<sup>th</sup> October (Monday) till 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. (Sunday) He is very keen to visit both One World Action and Health Link. Exchange to learn about your work and also share his experiences in Community Health Action. Also to meet all of you who have been long contacts and supporters of PHM. Chander has been an active community health action initiator and apart from being the joint convener of PHM Karnataka (the state level network of 23 organisations linked to PHM India); he is also one of the enthusiastic initiators of a consortium for a Tobacco Free Karnataka. As an Urban Health Activist he has also experience in Tuberculosis.

Please visit the website which could be suitable for PHM

**Main Identity**

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**From:** "Community Health Cell (Technical Team)" <chc.tech@gmail.com>  
**To:** <arutherford@oneworldaction.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2005 10:42 AM  
**Attach:** Visa\_Template\_\_Chander.doc

Dear Andy

Greetings from Community Health Cell!

My name is Chander, We have seen each other during PHM meetings, hope you remeber me. I am with CHC for the past 15 Years. As I did many things with CHC I focussed my work on urban health. You may be aware about the 4th international conference on Urban Health to be held in Toronto, Canada from 26th to 28 October 2005. I had applied for a scholarship to participate and to share my work. I have been awarded the scholarship to participate. On my way back I will be coming to London. I will be reaching London on 31st October and stay till 6th November. I would like to come and meet people in One World Action and I would like to share my work with Health Link Worldwide also. I need your help. I need an invitation from you which will help me with my VISA.

In the invitation you need not mention about my Canadian visit as it may complicate the visa formalities. Please find my personal deatials attached in the Canadian invitation for you to include in your inviation for me.

Looking forward to heraing from you.

With regards

Yours sincerely  
Chander.

04-Oct-05

## Main Identity

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**Subject:** Re: Mr. S.J. Chnader's visit to London

Dear Ravi

Many thanks for this email. Sadly I will be in Angola for all the time that Mr. S. J. Chander plans to be in the UK. Due to my absence it would probably best if HealthLink could provide visa letters etc and off course arrange meetings while Chander is here in the UK.

Best wishes

andy

At 15:57 04/10/2005 +0530, you wrote:

Dear Andy, Andrew and Pam,

One of our CHC colleagues Mr. S.J. Chander (passport details attached) is visiting London on his return from an

*PHM-CHC  
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slides*

From: Community Health Cell <sochana@vsnl.com>  
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Dear Prasanna,

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*Another World is Possible!*

*Another Asia is Possible!*

*Let's Build It!*

## *Building Another World*

World Social Forum – India invites you to join the process of conceiving and constructing Asian alternatives to globalization

People's movements across the world are working to identify and demonstrate that the path to sustainable development and social and economic justice does not lie in neo-liberal globalisation but in alternative models for people-centred and self-reliant progress.

In 2001 and 2002, the World Social Forum process has explored and proposed such alternatives, and questioned the rules of governance and investment being set by the World Economic Forum. The people's argument is that Another World IS Possible. It is an argument based on both vision and reality.

The World Social Forum developed as a response of the growing international

movement questioning the neo-liberal economic policies being pursued in most countries and capitalist-led globalisation.

As the clock moves towards the 3<sup>rd</sup> international gathering of the 2003 World Social Forum at Porto Alegre in Brazil, WSF-India invites you to the city of Hyderabad, to take leadership in dialogue, discourse and design to formulate an Asian blueprint for building another world – a plural, just, responsible and shared world which accords equal dignity and rights to all its people.

The Asia Social Forum 2003 will focus not only on the impact but also the processes of neo-liberal globalisation that is creating a small global, 'over-class' and a vast, increasingly marginalised and vulnerable under-class in every country. Every part of the process seeks to draw out people's perceptions regarding the impact of neo-liberal economic policies and their attendant divisiveness on their daily lives. Local forms and idioms will inform the language of resistance and the formulation of alternatives.

*Asia Social Forum 2003*

2-7 January 2003

Hyderabad, India

Connecting Across Asia

Asia's own diversity and spread invites and demands interaction and connections across the continent. The variety of Asian cultures, faiths and traditions provides to the process a rich resource to explore. The Asia Social Forum 2003 proposes and seeks participation from all the many Asian sub-regions so that the process builds and yields a rich exchange bringing together Central Asia, West Asia/Middle East, South Asia, North Asia, South-East Asia, and reaching out to the Pacific.

The WSF India is working to build contacts across Asia to develop an initiative to form an Asia Solidarity Group/Network, which will mobilise participation, support and assistance from organisations, movements and networks from all over Asia. We welcome ideas, advice, and suggestions for the WSF-India Working Committee, to help make the Asian Social Forum a working example of unity in diversity. We invite proposals on content and specific activities and events. We hope especially for interest and response from groups and networks in Asia, to give the Hyderabad setting a genuinely truly Asian heart and character.

To join the network, organisations and interested individuals can register (add your email in 'Join the ASF Network' on the website [www.wsfindia.org](http://www.wsfindia.org)).

## The Forum Focus

### *Joining the Asia Social Forum 2003:*

Design your own process and event !

*The events that are envisaged over a period of 6 days, from 2nd to 7th January are:*

- 2 public/ plenary sessions, i.e. opening session on 2nd afternoon/evening and closing session on 7th morning.
- 2 conferences daily (total 8)
- 25 parallel seminars daily (total 100)
- Upto 50 workshops daily (total 200)
- Testimonials, and open "spaces" for mass movements

All participating networks and organisations must arrange to cover costs of their own travel and local stay, and to pay basic costs of Forum facilities.

The individual registration fee for the Asian Social Forum will be Rs.100 (\$2) per delegate. Delegates will have to pay separately for their board and lodging directly to the providers. The Hyderabad local organising committee will help with information regarding logistics and help with bookings, etc, for delegates. For all other details, contact 'WSF India, Delhi Secretariat'.

## Forum Schedule

Date : 2nd January 2003

- 9.00 am to 1.00 pm : Registration
- 2.30 pm to 6.30 p.m. : Opening Plenary (open to public)
- 7.00 to 11.00p.m. : Film Shows;  
Cultural Performances;  
Testimonials, Open spaces

Date : 3rd January 2003

- 9.00 am to 1.00 pm : Conferences - 2 per day (3-4,000 people);
- 2.30 pm to 6.30 p.m. : 25 Seminars in Parallel (200-300 people); 50-100 Workshops (50-100 people)
- 7.00 to 11.00p.m. : Film Shows;  
Cultural Performances;  
Testimonials, Open spaces

Date : 4th January 2003

- 9.00 am to 1.00 pm : Conferences - 2 per day (3-4,000 people);
- 2.30 pm to 6.30 p.m. : 25 Seminars in Parallel (200-300 people); 50-100 Workshops (50-100 people)
- 7.00 to 11.00p.m. : Film Shows;  
Cultural Performances;  
Testimonials, Open spaces

Date : 5th January 2003

- 9.00 am to 1.00 pm : Conferences - 2 per day (3-4,000 people);
- 2.30 pm to 6.30 p.m. : 25 Seminars in Parallel (200-300 people); 50-100 Workshops (50-100 people)
- 7.00 to 11.00p.m. : Film Shows;  
Cultural Performances;  
Testimonials, Open spaces

Date : 6th January 2003

- 9.00 am to 1.00 pm : Conferences - 2 per day (3-4,000 people);
- 2.30 pm to 6.30 p.m. : 25 Seminars in Parallel (200-300 people); 50-100 Workshops (50-100 people)
- 7.00 to 11.00p.m. : Film Shows;  
Cultural Performances;  
Testimonials, Open spaces

Date : 7th January 2003

- 9.00 am to 1.00 pm : Closing Plenary (open to public)

*Those interested in submitting films or participating in the cultural events are welcome to get in touch with their proposals.*

## Youth Camp:

Young people are organising a special space for themselves within the Asia Social Forum. Focusing mainly on the under privileged, the unemployed, the marginalized the youth camp will feature special workshops, films, music, and other events of, by and for Asian youth. Details about participating in the youth camp and its activities are available on: [www.youth4wsf.org](http://www.youth4wsf.org). Log in and join the mailing list.

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**Jana Swasthya Abhiyan  
People's Health Movement  
at Asia Social Forum**

**2-7<sup>th</sup> January 2003, Hyderabad**

An evolving plan of the Jana Swasthya Abhiyan / People's Health Movement process and related events at ASF.

The People's Health Movement including Jana Swasthya Abhiyan, India, is a process of 'conceiving and constructing' alternatives to globalisation and its 'ill effects on health' so we are an integral part of the evolving movements around the world, in Asia and in India. Our enthusiastic and collective presence in ASF Hyderabad is an imperative!

**Overall Objectives**

**1. To meet** in Hyderabad as JSA, 32 months after we all launched Jana Swasthya Sabha in Hyderabad on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2000 and 24 months after JSS became Jana Swasthya Abhiyan in Kolkata / Dhaka, to (a) take stock, (b) share initiatives and campaigns and (c) plan future strategies.

**2. To enhance** collaboration with PHM Asian partners so that Asian PHM solidarity and collectivity is enhanced.

**3. To discuss** certain newer emerging concerns and to link them into PHM / JSA mobilization process.

These include :

- a. Right to Health
- b. Environment and Health

- c. Right to Food
- d. Access to Drugs and Patent Law
- e. Externally funded Health Sector Reform programmes – Social Audit
- f. Globalisation and women access to health.
- g. Right to water / privatization of water
- h. War, conflict and Natural Disasters and Health
- i. Tobacco and Health

**4. To utilize** the strategic intersectoral opportunity of ASF to link health concerns on the agenda of other movements and in turn recognise the intersectorality of health and its deep socio-economic-political-cultural determinants. All the themes of WSF India have a health dimension

- a. Peace and Security;
- b. Debt development and trade;
- c. Democracy and exclusion;
- d. Social infrastructure;
- e. Ecology and culture;
- f. Alternative development and people's movement.

The closest link will be sessions on social infrastructure.

**5. To initiate** the celebration / reflection of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alma Ata Declaration and its links with the People's Health Charter and the movement – in India and Asian region by evolving a Hyderabad declaration as an expression of concern and collectivity. This will re-endorse the Alma Ata Declaration and its 2000 AD enlarged version the People's Health Charter.

**6. To enhance** information - perspective - enthusiasm – solidarity sharing with JSA – PHM and boost the ongoing JSA/PHM morale, spirit and strategy.

**Tentative Programme (As of 1<sup>st</sup> November, this will include)**

**1. Social Infrastructure (Conference – 1)**

**Focus** Will cover Education in the Era of globalization; Health in a globalised world; food security under threat; Entitlements and "safety nets".

**2. Right to Health Care – Moving from idea to reality (Seminar 1)**

**Focus** will cover the content, constitutional, legal, operational and financial aspects of the Right to Health Care.

**3. Environment and Health (Seminar 2)**

**Focus** Will cover testimonials and reports from 20 situations in India where toxins / pollutants are affecting environment and health of local communities and where local action and campaign have begun. (It will be preceded by a Green Peace 'jatha' which between 10<sup>th</sup> November 2002 and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2003 will link all these 'hotspots' as part of the 1000 Bhopal's campaign.

**4. Right to Food (Seminar - 3)**

**5. Externally funded Health Sector Reform Programmes**

**A cross country Social Audit (Workshop –1)**

**Focus** There are many states in India which have large externally funded health sector reform programmes. The experience of EAPs in Health will be reviewed and subjected to a social audit.

**6. Access to Drugs and Patent Laws (Workshop 2)**

**7. Building People's Action for Right to Health (Workshop 3 – Sharing experiences)**

**Focus** Report on experiences / campaigns from different states and PHM / JSA constituents, learning from each others experiences.

**8. Taking the PHM forward : A sharing and conceptual discussion (Workshop 4)**

**Focus** Many participants from India and Asia have also been involved with follow up action after PHM Dhaka and Kolkata. Those who have been actively involved as individuals, organizations, networks will be invited to share their initiatives and make suggestions for follow up action and strategy.

**9. Privatization of Water (Workshop 5)**

**Focus** Issues of privatization of water supplies: Right to safe adequate, potable water; issues of water quality and impacts on health.

**10. War, Conflict and Disasters (Workshop 6)**

**Focus** The People's Health Charter has a separate section on war, conflict and disasters and their health implications. The focus will be on Gujarat, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Palestine.

**11. Women's Access to Health Care in a Globalising Economy (Workshop 7)**

**Focus** WGNRR are in the process of developing an International working circle on this theme and have welcomed all health activists and researchers interested in the topic to participate in the workshop.

**12. Tobacco and Health**

**Focus** Will present a canvas of the entire range of activities and effects related to Tobacco production; supply; distribution; consumption; health effect etc and include an overview of

Tobacco control initiatives (at the global and local level). Discussions will be held on working together at various levels for Tobacco control.

**13. An Alma Ata Anniversary Reflection (Working Group)**

Focus 2003 is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alma Ata Declaration which was re-endorsed and strengthened by the People's Health Charter. Depending on the number of Asian country participation, this will be an Anniversary Reflection focusing on 'where are we in Asia' in the context of both AAP / PHM. It will also be an occasion to strengthen the signature campaign. 'The million for Alma Ata' being launched soon.

**14. Pesticide Action Network (Public Hearing)**

A public hearing on Pesticides and Health is being planned by Pesticide Action Network and Asian partners

**Details are awaited.**

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