

PHM Secretariat

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 To: <pnmsac@touchtelindia.net>  
 Sent: Friday, June 13, 2003 10:10 PM  
 Subject: For Ravi-Iran

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Warm regards,

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From: PHM Secretariat  
 To: Zafarullah Chowdhury ; Dr Prem Chandran John ; Hani Serag ; Pam Zinkin-IPHC-U.K.  
 Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2003 6:22 PM  
 Subject: PHM - Iran

Dear Zafarullah, Prem, Ghassan, Hani and Pam

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Sent: Friday, June 13, 2003 10:21 PM  
Subject: Newsletter

Dear Ravi,

the next Newsletter should carry:  
1. What we promised them in the last one  
2. Geneva  
3. Anna Am events

plus all our regular ones such as:  
The Million Signature  
etc., etc.,

I need material, especially Delen's notes.

There should also be focus on the Iraq war and  
the Plight of the Palestinians.

The whole thing needs some participation from the core group.

Best regards,

18/6/03

Dear Prem

I hope you saw Andrew Chalkey's  
Communication letter and article offering some  
objectives for Newsletter. The next one should  
be out in August. Perhaps we should plan a  
Framework for the next 4-5 till PHA-II - so that  
additional focus and context clarity may emerge.  
Please read Andrew's note and respond to  
Prem as Newsletter editor. Prem has also

made some suggestions, which we shall forward  
to you. Regarding core group participation  
if we circulate a framework to Prem from you  
it will slowly enhance response/participation.  
As I am working on a long frame I am sending  
you a suggested framework to further modify  
and circulate with a covering letter from you  
and Qasem. Remember that Hani Sereq (Egypt)  
has also offered to assist you. So please  
include Prem & Qasem in all your communications  
re. Newsletter to whomsoever.

6/16/03  
All the best  
Prem

RM  
16/3/03  
SSP/DGS - Make table  
Framework to be  
outlined for  
next 4-5 years (Quarterly)  
Regular

May 03	
Aug 03	
Nov 03	
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i) Zafarullah and Prem wrote a draft proposal that was given to him ( please circulate to all the others and continue to evolve further details and clarity

ii) Ghassan and Hari Serag met me with Dr. Barzgar since we wanted to strengthen the Middle Eastern process. Ghassan coordination in the region can be further strengthened by the involvement of both of these regional resource persons and country focal points. The Iran meeting could strengthen this process further

iii) I am suggesting Pam because she has been a strong supporter of the region. If any of you know anyone else who knows the region and can support please include them. Perhaps Zafar Mirza from Pakistan etc., Qasem could be consulted for other names

iv) My main tasks will be to support the group in two main areas.

a) Identifying funding support

b) Liaising with WHO etc.. (EMIRO/SEARO) for official correspondence

c) I shall write to Halfdan as suggested.

v) I was thinking of contacting Dr. Jack Bryant of Aga Khan foundation. Do any of you know any other sources particularly interested in the Middle East. Zafarullah / Qasem should follow up with SEARO

vi) The opportunity for the meeting to take place in Iran could be affected by global politics, but Dr. Barzgar's latest letter is quite positive. Please do respond including follow up on some of the suggestions

vii) I think we should work around the dates 12th -15th September. What do you feel? Prem could you and Zafarullah pull the ideas together further since you worked on the first draft.

Best wishes,

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Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2003 3:34 PM  
Subject: For Ravi

Dear Ravi,

Are you in station? I wrote a couple of messages last week but no reply!

I will return home from Bangkok and Penang on the night of the 14th.

Best regards

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Also please ask Qasem to make the Newsletter in PDF or whatever format to send out to people as email.

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From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
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Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2003 3:33 PM

Dear Ravi,

As I told you earlier, Zafrullah would like me to go to Savar as early as possible and help with the archives. Also, Qasein and I will need to work on the Newsbrief of PHM. I will go, perhaps some time in mid-July - July 17 - 23 look a possibility. Is it alright with you? Is there money? of course it will cost not very much since I can purchase apex tickets to Calcutta and back.

I am going to be out of the country 29 June - 11 July.

Warm regards,

Prem

PS. I have been invited to the NWG meeting 26-27 July. I have never really been part of it but I think you mentioned we will have Steering Group/ Support group meet then. When and where?

PPS. The Cambodian delegation in Geneva had one chap who had been trained in Deenabandu. I think we should build upon it. We should revive ACHAN contacts for PHM before it is too late. If you can find some money for it, we can do this.



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From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
To: <ASo@rockfound.org>  
Cc: <phmsoc@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2003 9:37 AM

Dear Antony,

Re: Your note forwarded to me by Ravi

Yes, Sasakawa Peace Foundation and the Nippon Foundation are both derived from the Sasakawa Foundation. They are well funded. Many NGOs in Asia do not now or did not in the past take any funding from them since Mr. Sasakawa, the founder, I understand, was convicted as a war criminal.

Best regards,



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From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
 To: Dr Prem Chandran John <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
 Cc: <gksevar@citechco.net>; <gk@itechco.net>; bala <bala@haiap.org>; <hariprem@eth.net>  
 Sent: Friday, July 11, 2003 4:52 PM  
 Attach: Tentative Framework.doc  
 Subject: Follow Up

Dear Prem,

Greetings from People's Health Movement Secretariat (Global) at CHC, Bangalore!

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7. Perhaps you, Deien, Evelyn, Carmelita, Satya, Claudio should be closer in touch to help a South East Asian mobilization.
8. Ideally, it would have been better if we could meet for a day before you go to Bangladesh so that a one to one discussion on all aspects could be completed before you meet Qasem and Zafarullah. This would be particularly important if neither of them or Bala can join the Bangalore meeting.

*Rem John*  
*Newsbrief / ACHAN*  
*Rd*  
*14/7/03*



	Event Focus  (From Secretariat)	Regular	Reports - November 03
<p>June - August 2003</p> <p>News Brief - 10</p>	<p>Alma-Ata Anniversary Meeting – Iran, September 2003</p>	<p>News from Secretariat,</p> <p>New Publications, (Million signature campaign),</p> <p>Upcoming events,</p> <p>News from Regions, (Women Health Campaign), WGNRR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHM Africa Tour (Mwajuma),</li> <li>• PHM – US tour (Sarah Shannon),</li> <li>• PHM Geneva event, May – (Extract from Report Circulated)</li> <li>• PHM statements at WHA – PHC, NGC recognition, TRIPS etc</li> </ul>
<p>September - November 2003</p> <p>News Brief - 11</p>	<p>Health Forum – World Social Forum – January 2004 (pre PHA – II – Asia meeting)  (Further)</p>	<p>AIFO Awards for PHM (October 2003),</p> <p>News from Secretariat,</p> <p>New Publications, (Million signature campaign),</p> <p>Upcoming events,</p> <p>News from Regions, (Women Health Campaign)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHM – GHEW Initiative – August 2003 (Dave McCoy),</li> <li>• PHM – Iran Alma aTa Anniversary Meeting – September 2003 (Report),</li> <li>• PHM – Germany Meetings (Thelma and Zafar Mirza in coordination with Christine),</li> <li>• PHM input in Genetics Review (Germany),</li> <li>• Steering Committee – September 2003</li> </ul>

<p>December 2003 February 2004</p> <p>News Brief - 12</p>	<p>Next WHA – 2004, ALAMES – March 2004 (pre PHA – II America's Meeting)</p>	<p>News from Secretariat, New Publications, (Million signature campaign), Upcoming events, (Alma Ata Anniversary) News from Regions, (Women Health Campaign)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSF – Health Forum Report (Amit),</li> <li>• Report from Latin American meetings in Cuenca and Quito (October – November 2004) (Arturo),</li> <li>• GFHR – Forum 7 (Geneva, PHM inputs) – David Sanders</li> </ul>
<p>March - May 2004</p> <p>News Brief - 13</p>	<p>People's Health Assembly Porto Alegre, July 2004</p>	<p>News from Secretariat, New Publications, Upcoming events News from Regions, (Women Health Campaign)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alma Ata Anniversary Film (announcement, Unni / Satya).</li> <li>• WHA – Geneva, May 2004 Strategy</li> </ul>
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Best wishes to both of you,

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To: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2003 9:59 PM  
Subject: Re: For Ravi

Dear Ravi,

Yes, I planned to do this and already wrote to Vinya (who is presently out of the country) to arrange a meeting.

Yes, the material for the transparencies will be good. Please send soon so that I can check it out.

Best regards to all

Prem

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SSP - Please send power point presentation and 32+5 OHP materials by email to Prem c SSP

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1/8/03

Action taken  
08/08/03

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*Send on Friday*

*Devi/SSP*

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To: PHM Office <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2003 8:29 PM  
Subject: For Ravi

Dear Ravi,

I think we did some good work though the time was too short. I hope you had a productive time with Tara. We need to follow up with Darshan on the January workshop and with Zafrullah for the Savar one. Tara does not realise that an event of that magnitude will require, at the very least, 18 clear months lead time. The objectives of the Savar one as spelt out by Zaf and Ekbal are not good enough.

I have been unable to concentrate on anything because of Tara. I need to settle down and start on the Newsbrief.

There is a possibility that I will go to Sri Lanka around the end of the month and during the first week of September, to Savar.

Many thanks for all consideration and warm regards, also to Thelma

Prem

PS: Who is bearing the cost of travel for the meetings that just ended? NWG? PHM? I need to claim some travel costs.

RM  
30/7/03

I am sure you will get beyond it. Best wishes from all of us  
Ravi

P.S. I forget in the rush of things to ask Hari to take the responsibility of initiating some contact in the Region with AMIT-I foundations and others she may know about. RM  
30/7/03  
ask her to respond

PHM - ACHAN

(D)

30/7/03

Dear Prem

(i) The minutes of the TSM meeting will be finalized by Anni and me on 1/8. We shall take it from there.

(ii) PHM-Sec will cover the cost of your travel. So send us the claim with supportive vouchers. I have asked Bal and Zafrullah to do the same if they do not have other alternatives.

Before you go to Savar - we need to dialogue on all that you could accomplish on behalf of PHM-Sec beyond your own 'archives' and newsbrief agenda.

Will get back to you with further details as soon as I have completed the 1st frame and some urgent recent meetings. Follow up after both of you could be an inspiration. RM  
30/7/03



2003/07/31 12:18 PM

**PHM Secretariat**

From: PHM Secretariat <prmsac@touchtelindia.net>  
To: hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>  
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2003 5:18 PM  
Subject: Re: For Ravi

Dear Prem,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

1. The minutes of the TSM meeting will be finalized by Unni and me on 1<sup>st</sup> of August. We shall take it from there.
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Glad both of you could join in spite of the pre-occupation. I am sure you will get beyond it

Best wishes from all of us.

Ravi Narayan

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PHM-ACHAN

RJ  
5/8/03

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
 To: hanprem <hanprem@eth.net>  
 Sent: Friday, August 08, 2003 1:51 PM  
 Subject: Re: For Ravi

Dear Prem,

1. PHM will have to bear the cost of Hari and your travel. So send us a voucher. No one else will pay since for NCC/NWG meetings all the participants cover travel by their own institution. CHC is bearing the cost of the local boarding, lodging and transport. This is a shared responsibility of the hosting group. CMAI supported the Delhi meeting in June etc..

● Regarding the suggestion of presentations in Thailand and Phnom Penh. Please send an estimate always in Euros or Dollars or Rupees so that I can plan for it and send the information to Andy.

I think it is a good idea but fix the dates well in advance and lets send the information to as many PHM/ACHAN and other contacts. Small delegations to WSE and PHA II can be ensured by alerting them through these meetings.

Best Wishes

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From: hanprem <hanprem@eth.net>

To: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>

Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2003 12:41 PM

Subject: Re: For Ravi

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> Cambodians too.

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> Best regards

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> Prem

PHM/ACHAN

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8/8/03

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Best regards

Prem

PS. The travel costs to Bangalore for the recent meetings are around RS.2,500. Some one is going to pay or will PHM have to bear this? Thanks.

PM  
 8/8/03

PHM-ACHAN

8/8/03

Dear Prem

(i) PHM will <sup>have to</sup> bear the cost of Harri and your travel. No one else will pay. So send us a voucher.

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Best wishes Ravi



PHM Secretariat

From: haniprem <haniprem@eth.net>  
To: PHM Secretariat <phmse@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2003 7:58 PM  
Subject: Re: Regarding Newsbrief

My dear Ravi,

I know brief reports on activities below were sent by you, eg. Thelma's and your visit to Africa. Can we have a slightly larger one which I can then modify, to suit space etc.? Ditto on other activities.

Regards

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I am in Sri Lanka 29 Aug-1 Sep. I wrote to Vinys to arrange a meeting of like minds. They should not be the same ones you spoke to. It will be a waste of time.

I am planning to be in Savar string from the 4th or 5th of September.

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

From: PHM Secretariat  
To: Dr Prem Chandran John  
Cc: haniprem@eth.net Qasem Chowdhury  
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2003 3:49 PM  
Subject: Regarding Newsbrief

Dear Prem:

Greetings from the PHM Secretariat(Global)

This is concerning the next Newsbrief 10. Please refer to the tentative framework sent to you earlier. As a follow up to that I am herewith sending the list of articles that could be put in the Newsbrief. Please verify whether you have a copy of all the documents. If not please get back to us and we will try and send the same. The list given here is suggestive and you can push some of it to the next issue if you so wish. We also need the email copy of the earlier issues to be uploaded onto the website.

Events:

Africa region  
WABA conference - Anusha - November 2002, Drs. Ravi and Thelma  
GFHR - November 2002, Drs. Ravi and Thelma

North American Region:  
US Visit - March / April 2003 Reports by Dr Ravi and Thelma and also by Sarah Shannon, USA

European Region  
PHM London - May 2003  
PHM Geneva - May 2003 - Report by Ravi, et al.  
PHC and IPR statements released during the WHA 2003  
Meeting with the DG Dr. Lee - May  
PHM - Russia - PHM meeting organised in Russia by Lydia

South Asian Region

PHM - Sri Lanka under the aegis of Dr. Vinys Ariyaratne of Sanvodya movement

*Act as take  
SSP*

*Just send  
all these  
as attachments  
(don't wait for  
him to check  
whether he  
received them  
earlier.*

*Referably in  
Chronological  
order.)*

*Ravi  
13/8/03*

*PHM - Newsbrief*



Upcoming events:

India Region  
WSF Mumbai - Jan 2004

Latin American Region:  
PHA-II at Porto Alegre

From the Geographic circles:

New countries who have established their first contact with PHM

East and Central African Region:

Mauritius: Recently the former health minister of Mauritius visited the PHM secretariat at Bangalore and expressed his interest to promote PHM and the Charter in the island nation of Mauritius

West Africa:

Togo: One NGO AGBEMAVI have written a detailed mail about their organisation and work and expressed interest to join PHM

Sierra Leone: Have established their first contact and expressed interest to join PHM

Latin America:

Uruguay and Bolivia have established their first contacts and shown interest to take the PHM forward in their countries

PLEASE MODIFY THE WORDINGS OF PEOPLE'S HEALTH ASSEMBLY ( AT THE SIDES) TO PEOPLE'S HEALTH MOVEMENT.

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
To: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2003 1:23 PM  
Subject: Re: Ravi - Iran etc.,

Dear Prem,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

1. Zafrullah and I may go to Iran from 27th August till 31st August to plan the October event.
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3. I have prepared an Alma Ata Anniversary pack with suggestions for celebrations at country, state, local, institutional level. It is being sent out to all of you this week. David sent the position paper only recently.
4. Hope you receive all the material that Prasanna has compiled for the next Newsbrief.
5. Congratulations to Maya and Vincent on their engagement.
6. Please change the logo and the title of the 'Newsbrief' from 'Assembly'.

Best wishes to both of you.

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From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
To: <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2003 6:46 AM  
Subject: Ravi - Iran etc.,

Dear Ravi,

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4. The Newsbrief should have a substantial reference to Alma Ata besides telling how we are going to mark it through the year.

Best regards

PHM-ACHAN  
PHM Newsbrief  
RN  
18/8/03



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From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
 To: <ohmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
 Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2003 8:48 AM  
 Subject: Ravi - Iran etc.

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Best regards

Prem

PS. Rejoice with us, Maya, our second one, was formally engaged to Vincent (whom you met) on the 8th at a small secular function at home.

PHM-ACHAN/NEWSBRIEF

13/8/03

Ravi  
13/8/03

Dear Prem

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14/8/03

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  - (vi) Please change the logo of the Newsbrief to 'Movement From Assembly'
- Best wishes to both of you  
Ravi



PHM Secretariat

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From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
To: <primsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2003 8:16 AM

My dear Ravi,

I will be away in:  
Ahmedabad, 23-26 for Consumer Education & Research Centre (believe it or not to deliver a  
speech on "Comparative Product Testing".

Sri Lanka, 29 Aug-1 Sep  
Dhaka, 5-9 Sep.

I will still be able to receive mail on this ID.

Warm regards,

Prem

RN  
23/8/03 pm

PHM - ACHAN

RN  
23/8/03



PHM Secretariat

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmsecc@touchtelindia.net>  
To: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2003 10:07 AM  
Subject: Re: Ravi

Dear Prem,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Prasanna and I have just had a most inspiring and though provoking 2 days with Nand, who visited Bangalore to hand over the baton of the website to Prasanna. In the process, we discussed so many aspects of the PHM Communication Strategy and how to link the website - Exchange - News brief in more mutually supportive ways. We shall list out the suggestions and decision to send to all the PHM communication circle and finalize and operationalize these ideas and linkages soon. Nand has offered to continue to help / tutor Prasanna informally from Goa, where he moves soon. More later as soon as we have digested it all.

Good to talk about other issues this morning. Hope the Thai border project works out, otherwise PHM secretariat would like the support.

Best wishes

PHM-ACHAN

RN  
9/9/03

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From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
To: <phmsecc@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2003 9:14 PM  
Subject: Ravi

Dear Ravi,

It was good talking to you this morning. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm of the Sri Lanka group. Finally we made a matrix and fixed activities and responsibilities. Let us see how it moves.



PHM Secretariat

From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
To: <pr/niseo@foucnaiindia.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2003 9:14 PM  
Subject: Raw

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An assignment has come up for me (not yet confirmed) that would keep me away from India the whole of November and almost till Christmas in December. That is the reason why I did not offer to come to Bangalore for three months as you had suggested nor took any role in the conduct of the Defence of Health meeting prior to WSF.

In fact our original plan was to go and be with Jaya in Brisbane for three months prior to WSF. Now she will be disappointed too.

Should this assignment (evaluation of EC aid to refugees in the Thai-Burma border) NOT come up, I will be happy to come and help from now onwards in Bangalore. Also should you need my assistance, I can come and help prior to PHA 2004 like I did for Qasem.

Warm regards

Prem

RJ  
3/9/03

RJ  
3/9/03/6

PHM - AEMAN

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Wish  
Best  
2004



**PHM Secretariat**

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**From:** PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
**To:** hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2003 9:45 AM  
**Subject:** Re:

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**From:** hariprem  
**To:** PHM Office  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 21, 2003 9:57 PM

Dear Ravi,

A small effort on behalf of Alma Ata which CMAI asked for its Journal.

Warm regards

Prem

PHM-ACHAN  
PHM-CMAI (CMJI)

RN  
23/9/03



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Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2003 9:57 PM  
Attach: Whatever Happened to Alma Ata.doc

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PHM - Alma Ata Declaration

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9/22/03



## Whatever Happened to Alma Ata?

Somehow or other the month of September seems to have recent significance for humankind. September the 11<sup>th</sup> and the World Trade Center are still fresh in our collective memory. What is barely in our memory is what happened on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1978 when the world was introduced to the concept of Primary Health Care and the Alma Ata Declaration was published. For us in the field of public health, Alma Ata was the defining moment but its stated objective of Health for All by the year 2000 A.D. came and went without creating a ripple since it was a mirage in the first place. As we mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alma Ata in September 2003, it behooves us to examine the hopes and aspirations that Alma Ata generated, the paths we have travelled since, the gods that we worshipped which we subsequently found had feet of clay and the highly touted New International Economic order that was already dead when it was given a quiet burial in Cancun in September 2003. What holds great symbolism for us is the loss of the name of Alma Ata itself which has now become Almaty in Kazakhstan and where significantly the Infant Mortality Rate of 12 per thousand live births in 1978 is now 60/1000 live births, reflecting indeed the state of public health in much of the world.<sup>(1)</sup>

Recently I had an occasion to talk to several recent medical graduates in Sri Lanka and India. Not a single person had heard of Alma Ata. No one knew the principles of Primary Health Care (PHC). Nothing about this had been part of their curriculum. Herein lies one of the reasons why Health for All by 2000 A.D. remained a mirage. It is easy for us to sit back in our arm chairs and discuss what has happened in the last twenty five years. We, as the chosen community of healers with a clear mandate to heal and a clearly defined 2000 year old focus on the poor, with an infrastructure best suited to respond to the challenges of PHC, have to admit to a collective failure. Wittingly or unwittingly, we became part of a cartel that sabotaged PHC. Let us for a moment stop and examine which of our institutions played a pioneering role in the spread of PHC? There are honourable exceptions of programs of Christian inspiration predating Alma Ata, which indeed, gave some of the principles of Alma Ata, but collectively, as the Church in general, we failed in promoting PHC with the zeal we should have exhibited. With our institutions and organisations, with dedicated and informed staff, with our reach in the community and focus on the poor, if we had stood unambiguously for PHC, the entire public health scenario would have been different. We did not. This is an opportunity to examine again our structures and systems to see why this has been so and how we can face these challenges better in future.

### The Hope and The Promise

Health is a fundamental human right. This is built into the Indian Constitution. The Constitution directs the State to regard the improvement of public health as one of its primary duties.<sup>(2)</sup> When J.P. Yadav, India's representative to the International Conference on Primary Health Care held in Alma Ata signed the Declaration, he very forcibly reiterated it saying "...the health scene in most countries in Asia and Africa suffers from severe distortions.... We are now laying greater emphasis on PHC in rural areas, on narrowing the gap between the village and the city, between the 'haves' and the 'have



nots'. The new direction which we have given to our health programmes seeks to take basic health care to the doorsteps of the people in the villages". What has happened to this lofty promise of a *new direction* in the last twenty five years?

In 1993, fifteen years later, a critical analysis of the health data in India reports: "...the health scenario of the country is in an abysmal state notwithstanding the islands created by five star private hospitals and nursing homes. In spite of the Parliament adopting the National Health Policy in 1983, the health situation in the country today is a cause of deep concern". (3) We will come to this later.

## The Aspirations

When statesmen and international decision-makers gather in conferences much hot air is produced and rhetoric bandied about. But the Alma Ata Declaration was truly a path breaking one thanks to the indefatigable efforts of Dr. Hafdan Mahler and his team. It is well to recall at least the key phrases in the Declaration in order to assess how far we have strayed from it:

*Article I: Health is a fundamental human right and the attainment of the highest possible level of health is a most important world-wide social goal whose realization requires the action of many other social and economic sectors.*

*Article II: The existing gross inequality in the health status.... Particularly between developed and developing countries as well as within countries is politically, socially and economically unacceptable and is therefore of common concern to all countries.*

*Article III: Economic and social development based on a New International Economic Order is of basic importance to the fullest attainment of health for all.*

*Article IV: The people have the right and duty to participate individually and collectively in the planning and implementation of their health care.*

*Article V: Governments have the responsibility for the health of their people – to lead socially and economically productive lives. PHC is the key to attaining this target as part of the development of the spirit of social justice.*

*Article VI: Universally accessible, socially acceptable, full participation, self reliance, self determination.*

PHC forms an interface of the country's health system of which it is the central function and main focus.

*Article VII: PHC*

- Reflects and evolves from the economic and socio-cultural and political characteristics of the country and its communities
- Addresses the *main health problems* in the community

- Includes education or prevailing health problems, promotion of food supply,



proper nutrition. Adequate and safe water supply, basic sanitation, PHC, immunization, prevention and control of endemic diseases, provision of essential drugs.

- Involves *agriculture, animal husbandry, food, industry, housing, public works etc.*, and *demand coordinated efforts*
- Mutually supportive *referral system to those most in need*
- Uses various levels of health workers including *traditional practitioners*

*Article VIII: National policies to sustain PHC....it will be necessary to exercise political will, to mobilize the country's resources and to use the available external resources rationally.*

*Article IX: All countries should cooperate to ensure PHC for all people since attainment of health by people in one country directly concerns and benefits every other country.*

*Article X: An acceptable level of health for all by 2000 can be attained through a fuller and better use of world's resources, a considerable part of which is spent on arms and military conflicts.*

.....Finally, the Conference calls on all of the aforementioned to support national and international commitment to PHC, collaborate in introducing, developing and maintaining PHC in accordance with the *spirit and content of the Declaration.*<sup>(4)</sup>

What a beautifully comprehensive document whose centrality unambiguously is "people" and their health in their own hands! What has happened to this spirit in the last 25 years?

### India's Health

- 19<sup>th</sup> century diseases such as Leishmaniasis (80% of the cases in three countries, including India)<sup>(5)</sup>, Plague and Leptospirosis (125 cases and 12 deaths in Surat alone <sup>(6)</sup> have made a come back
- Malaria, reported to be eradicated by NMEP has returned in more virulent and resistant forms, with two and a half million cases with an SPR of 3%. <sup>(7)</sup>
- Tuberculosis has made a come back and at last count there being one fourth of the global cases - 3.5 million cases and 500,000 deaths annually, more than 1,200 deaths a day <sup>(8)</sup>
- HIV-AIDS: By 2010 India will have 20-55 million cases, the official prevalence rate being 1% <sup>(9)</sup>
- Typhoid, Infective Hepatitis, Childhood ARIs are widely prevalent with attendant mortality
- At last count, there were 19 new viruses yet to be studied fully for which, of course, there is no treatment.



## Causes of the Deplorable State of India's Health

It is a well known fact that despite being avowedly being disowned by the ruling structures, that *caste* and to a lesser extent *class*, which largely follows from it as well as *asset holding patterns* are at the root of the problem of poverty. Everything else derives from it. There has been only one basic cause of poverty throughout the history of humankind. It is the lack of access to the control and possession of resources (10). 80% of these assets are owned by 20% of the population. In a recent document, the World Bank states: "...absolute poverty in India is declining but slowly, and it remains widespread in 37% of the rural population which lives below the poverty line. India has the largest concentration of poor people in the world...". The report found that staggering as the overall numbers remain - 240 million rural poor - they do not tell the story. Social indicators of well being - health, education and nutrition - describe a country which has made substantial gains against widespread deprivation over 50 years of its independence *but* has not achieved the momentum needed to bring the great majority of the poor into the economic mainstream. ... "its death rate for infants under five remains one of the highest in the world...maternal mortality, which accounts for 12.5% of the annual deaths of rural women aged 15 to 45, causes about 470 deaths per 100,000 population. India's rate is *four times that of China's* and 2.5 times that of the world as a whole. Tuberculosis alone kills more than 500,000 people a year. Half the children under five are malnourished and one third of the babies are underweight. And fewer than half the children from poor households are in school, reducing their prospects of escaping poverty. Two thirds of all women and two fifths all men remain illiterate.....Among the most disadvantaged groups, the ratios are even worse: literacy rates of just 19% among scheduled caste women (11). The Report goes on to say that in general gender, literacy, land ownership, employment status and caste are closely associated with poverty.

What an indictment of a country that has:

- The second largest pool of scientifically trained people in the world, after the USA
- Exploded its own nuclear devices successfully
- Sent its own satellites into space
- Capacity to build its own aircraft, cars
- Some of the best heart, eye and kidney surgical facilities and specialists
- The seventh largest stock exchange
- A citizen who has the largest steel empire in the world (Mittal)
- The largest group of software engineers in the world

Also has produced

- Wines that are equal to the best
- More winners of Miss. World and Miss. Universe than any other country



Contrast this with a few basic anomalies:

- The two-tumbler system that exists in many interior villages where dalits have a separate tumbler in tea shops
- The spate of killings of those who dare to marry outside their caste
- The ostracism of dalits who dare to win panchayat elections
- High rate of infanticide in several districts
- The sacrifice of children when beginning new projects in some areas
- The brides that are burnt for dowry

And on and on. Where do the twain meet? Who makes plans and makes allocations? Who oversees their implementation? Therein lies the rub, even if it involves only health. A class of people from specific social groups and who suffer from a set of Euro-American diseases such as heart attacks, hypertension, diabetes, obesity and so on plan for, implement, oversee and monitor health plans for a class of people from an entirely different social background and suffer from an entirely different set of illnesses such as tuberculosis, malnutrition, anaemia, typhoid, infective hepatitis, diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera and so on.

Our health system was designed not to work. At independence we had the opportunity of choosing a community-based and people-oriented system but what we did was to exchange one set of rulers for another, only the colour of the skin being different. The results are plain to see and reflected in the health statistics that the Ministry of Health so kindly provides. Even without disaggregation, they are deplorable. But as the saying goes, our decision-makers have eyes that do not see, ears that do not hear and minds that refuse to acknowledge the obvious.

Along with our traditional burdens stated above, newer threats in the form of globalisation loom large along with privatization etc., further putting public health and other public services, inefficient as they are, beyond access to the vast majority of people who need them.

What is more surprising is not the absolute number of poor Indians but the disparity that exists between the haves and the have-nots.

Table I Estimated per capita GNP in US\$ of the poorest 20% and the richest 10% In South Asia (12)

Country	National Average	Poorest 20%	Richest 10%	Ratio between Rich and poor
Bangladesh	210	69	490	1:7
India	380	90	910	1:10
Pakistan	400	138	840	1:6.8
Sri Lanka	470	139	1160	1:8.4



50 million Americans, one in five, do not have health cover so that they end up as emergency cases.

## In The World

In the last 25 years considerable gains in the health status have been achieved worldwide. Globally life expectancy at birth has increased from 46 years in the 50's to approximately 65 years in 1995.<sup>(14)</sup> Total number of young children dying has been restricted to approximately 12 million instead of the projected 17.5 million. <sup>(15)</sup> Disaggregation of these data unfortunately reveals that the gap in mortality rates between and *within* countries has widened considerably. Further, in a number of countries IMR actually increased in the 1990's largely due to SAP, the impact of HIV/AIDS, wars and unrest.<sup>(16)</sup>

There has been, like in India, a resurgence and spread of older communicable diseases such as cholera, tuberculosis, malaria, yellow fever, trypanosomiasis, dengue etc., while HIV/AIDS threatens this century's health gains in developing countries, many of which are also experiencing a double disease burden with cardio-vascular diseases, cancers, diabetes and other chronic conditions and violent trauma replacing communicable diseases in some social groups.<sup>(17)</sup>

There has been some progress in improving access to water supply and sanitation, although *great differences* continue to exist between and within countries and social groups.<sup>(18)</sup> Much greater immunization coverage, from 20% in 1980 to 80% in 1990 has been reported. That a great number of these children so protected will subsequently die of malnutrition is of grave concern. Even immunization coverage has declined since 1999, with difficult to reach, poor populations experiencing the burden of preventable disease; the reappearance of diphtheria in the newly independent states as a result of vaccine shortage and less than 50% coverage of pregnant women with tetanus toxoid is of concern.<sup>(21)</sup> The nutrition situation remains serious with almost 200 million young children being malnourished and almost a billion people receiving less than their basic requirements of energy and protein.<sup>(20)</sup>

Acute respiratory infection and diarrhoeal diseases are still widely prevalent and the leading causes of death of children under five globally, mainly as a result of minimally improved environmental hygiene and persistent malnutrition.<sup>(22)</sup> Maternal mortality and morbidity from largely preventable causes remains unacceptably high.

Table II Maternal Mortality Rate <sup>(23)</sup>

Countries	MMR per 100,000 lbs.	Number of Member states Studied
Developing countries	421	113
Least Developed countries	727	37
Eastern Europe	41	8
Developed Countries	34	25



Tuberculosis is not only a threat to India's health. It affects other developing countries also causing 25% of avoidable adult deaths worldwide with 95% of the cases in developing countries.

One of the main obstacles to improved health status has been the deplorable state of health systems in developing countries including in India. Health systems do not mean more buildings, personnel and infrastructure, which for example India, has plenty of. To use a current analogy, hardware is less important than software – what is needed is the spirit behind PHC that Alma Ata specifically called for. Health systems development also has been hampered greatly by austerity measures such as reduction and withdrawal of subsidies dictated by the fiscal policies of IMF/WB. As Sanders notes, one of the significant impediments to the successful implementation of PHC has been the substantial failure of medical colleges, to adapt their missions and activities to the challenges posed by Health for All. Where does this challenge leave our own institutions? Or are we merrily continuing with our business-as-usual approach?

#### Why Alma Ata Failed

Alma Ata was remarkably ahead of its time when it spoke of a comprehensive and progressive approach called PHC with an inclusive, equity oriented, participatory strategy since called "people-centered development" <sup>(24)</sup> As the Declaration states: "the purpose of development is to permit people to lead economically productive and socially satisfying lives (Article V). This approach meant a structural change, a systemic overhaul in favour of the poor, in favour of those most in need which the ruling classes in most, if not all, countries were not about to allow. The Conference itself anticipated opposition to this revolutionary approach and warned: "It can be seen that the proper application of PHC will have far reaching consequences, not only throughout the health sector but also for other social and economic sectors at the community level. Moreover, it will greatly influence community organisation in general. *Resistance to such change is only to be expected*".

Quite simply stated, the ruling power structures in the world and within nations were simply not willing to accept this and thus the deliberate scuttling of PHC. The scuttling process started early enough, in fact in 1979 itself, when 'experts' at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health started advocating 'selective PHC' claiming that PHC was too complicated and too expensive for developing nations to handle. Therefore, instead the community-based, people-oriented participatory approach gave way to a top-down, reductionist, technological approach resulting in separate programs for selected aspects of PHC such as immunization, MCH, oral rehydration etc., with, as Banerji has pointed out, virtually no scientific data to support its implementation. <sup>(25)</sup> people once again becoming recipients of *pre-fabricated, market-driven, techno-centric, and scientifically questionable programmes imposed* by international agencies. People's participation became the first casualty that contributed significantly to the failure of PHC.

The second biggest obstacle was the structural adjustment programs (SAP) introduced by IMF and WB in the early 1980's. The dominant models of development that liberated



countries chose were patently inappropriate (Remember Nehru waxing eloquent on the steel factories being the temples of modern India?) and created a dependency on western ideas, western technology, and even western food (Remember PL 480 and the millions of tons of wheat that an entire generation of Indians grew up on?), not to speak of western money.

By the early 80's most of the southern countries were deeply in debt to western banks and governments and were ripe for intervention in the name of SAP.<sup>(27)</sup> The draconian policies of IMF/WB under SAP resulted in the net transfer of US\$178 billion to the west between 1984 and 1990 from poor developing countries to commercial banks in the north.<sup>(28)</sup> The transfer was so outrageous that a former World Bank executive described it as follows: "not since the conquistadores plundered Latin America, has the world experienced a flow in the direction we see today".<sup>(29)</sup> Galbraith described the debt crisis as "an astounding process of impoverishment of the poor for the sake of enrichment of the rich (Quoted in <sup>(27)</sup> above).

Reduction of public spending especially in public health, public distribution systems and in education had devastating effects, as already cited by Sanders above <sup>(22)</sup>. Increase in IMR, MMR, and malnutrition rates right from Latin America to sub-Saharan Africa to Orissa in India is well documented, not to speak of the loss of sovereignty that made it impossible for Parliaments to enact laws in favour of their own citizens.

Privatisation of health services, charging of user fees, patent laws to protect western pharmaceutical companies and the General Agreement on Trades in Services (GATS) which may make it easy for the eventual take over of health services by foreign health maintenance corporations - all these have made already or will shortly make even the most basic of health services inaccessible to those who most need it.

### Health as a Commodity

In January 2000, the Director General of WHO established the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (CMH) to assess the place of health in global economic development. It is well to quote the fountainhead himself, Jeffrey Sachs in full; "Although health is widely understood to be both a central goal and an important outcome of development, the importance of investing in health to promote economic development has been much less appreciated". Therefore, investing in health for economic development, especially in the world's poorest countries has become a prime strategy.<sup>(30)</sup> Consider the paradigm shift in the way health is viewed. People and their health as the centrality at Alma Ata to investing in them so that they become economically productive in order to further strengthen neo-liberal economic policies.

This is actually the result of the active involvement of the World Bank in health matters that started in the early 1990's when the Bank discovered that poor health reduces worker productivity, thus impeding economic growth of big industry.<sup>(31)</sup> By the late 90's the World Bank was spending on the health sector *three times as much as the entire WHO budget*.



When David Korten wrote "When Corporations Rule the World" he could not have foreseen how intensively and how soon this would become a reality. The presence of trans-national corporations in trade agreement meetings have been widespread and significant even since the Uruguay Round. They have played a crucial role in shaping international policies, not merely restricted to trade alone. Consider what happened to the Kyoto Protocol on Environment or the Doha Process. Their influence can be seen in the measures demanded by IMF/WB and the Western nations in SAP and after. These include:

- Cutbacks in government spending/subsidies to social sectors such as health and education
- Successive devaluation of local currencies in the name of achieving export efficiency while retail prices go up
- Rollback or containment of wages, retrenchment of workers
- Deregulation of the economy, free entry of foreign operators
- Elimination of protection to local markets
- Liberalization of trade, reduction of tariffs
- Removal of trade and exchange controls
- Abolition of price controls

Compare this with Alma Ata's call for economic and social development based on a New International Economic Order that is *basic* to the fullest attainment of health? (Article III)

### Globalization of Poverty

Ardent advocates of growth-oriented development often refuse to look at history. The Human Development Report 1996 states: Recent decades show all too clearly that there is no automatic link between growth and development.<sup>(33)</sup> Globally economic growth is declining in about 100 countries with almost a third of the world's population. Between 1990-1993 the average income fell by 20% or more in 21 countries.

Between 1979 and 1985 the global GDP increased by 40% but the number of poor increased by 17%. OECD countries contain 28% of the world's population but account for 78% of the GDP. The ratios of the incomes of the poorest to the richest in the world was 1:30 in 1963 but in 1993, it was 1:60.<sup>(34)</sup>

### Roadmap for the Future

To use a currently fashionable phrase, though it hasn't worked much in Palestine, is there a roadmap for the future of public health?

To quote Mahatma Gandhi, the world has enough for everyone's need but not for every one's greed. A small fraction of the annual profits of the tobacco and arms industries



alone can provide clean water, food and basic health services to everyone who needs it. Do we see this happening?

### Political Will

Article VIII of the Declaration calls for not just political will of the ruling structures in implementing PHC but goes beyond in spirit to call for political will of the people through their *conscious* and full participation. Making local governing structures including primary health centres be accountable to local communities through participatory grassroots democratic movements is one option for an alternative. There are growing movements across the globe that promote people's struggle for equity. In this age of information, sharing of information leads to solidarity building (Seattle, Genoa, Geneva, Evian, Cancun – can we ever forget the picture of a man stabbing himself in protest in Cancun?).

Some of the other hopeful initiatives are:

- Watchdog bodies that monitor the activities of trans-nationals (eg., Multinational Monitor)
- Voluntary groups that spread information, build up public awareness and support such as Oxfam
- Groups that monitor policies, dialogue with policy makers such as in WHO (People's Health Movement)
- Building public opinion against big business, oil cartels, arms merchants, tobacco industry
- Lobbying national and international policy makers
- Bringing all sorts of concerned people together and raising public awareness like in the World Social Forum, Asian Social Forum, People's Health Assembly
- Building effective, broad based coalitions such as the People's Health Movement

### In Conclusion:

In the history of human kind people's rights have never been handed over voluntarily by ruling structures, they have to be taken. This can only happen through solidarity building on a geographically significant scale which is now possible through the use of information technology. There are enough people's initiatives going on which give hope that indeed another world is possible and perhaps Health for All by 2020.

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Subject: For Ravi

Dear Ravi,

I have just got news that our team's bid for the Thai border assignment was rejected and some one else got it! This means that I am free to help PHM with planning of WSF Health meeting (I may not attend it but will help plan) as well as Funding Group/Steering Group meeting and later Iran in early December.

Warm regards

Prem

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
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Dear Prem,

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Thanks for the background about HAI - AP / CI. You have to update me about ACHAN's as well, since all these founding networks have to be activated and linked whatever histories. Luckily since I was not on any of these boards, I could try afresh.

Best wishes,

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I have been denied permission to come to Bangalore this week but have been okayed for next week, perhaps 1,2,3 of October. Thus I will miss you. Please tell Prasanna to be there. When you come back I will again come and meet you.

My assignment that I mentioned - the Burma-Thai border one has not come through yet. We have to bid for it and am still waiting. If it does not come through I can do some work for PHM if needed.

Warm regards,

Prem

PS. Though I am the Chairperson of HAI-AP, I would rather you asked for these details from Bala.

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Subject: For Prasanna

Dear Prasanna,

I plan to come on the 1st and leave 3rd evening back to Madras, spending substantial part of my time with you, learning to do some DTP and also putting together the Newsbrief. Unfortunately Ravi won't be there but in a sense it is good because we can solely look at the Newsbrief. We need some help in creating a new masthead for the newsbrief. Can you do it or do we need any one else?

I will tell when I will arrive. I will come direct to the office. I would greatly appreciate it if you can spare these

Many thanks and regards,

Prem

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I'm glad I participated. Till now I have been hobnobbing only with big shots and hence this meeting has been an eye opener. If even half our constituents show this much of enthusiasm, PHM will definitely become a force to reckon with.

Warm regards,

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Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

The fax came through to me. Now the passport and all the forms are lying in the Embassy. Someone is going to call from Iran as well this morning. My figures are still crossed till I get the visa finally!!! Quite a stressful experience. It will have to be high on the agenda of the Teheran discussions.

Incidentally, Zafrullah has still not got the fax. Iran authorities (MOH) say they can't get through to Dhaka. So another set of figures are also crossed!! Any way we live in hope!

Best wishes,

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Dear Prem

The fax came through! To me. Now the pass port and all the forms are lying in the embassy. Someone is going to call from Iran as well this morning. My fingers are still crossed. Will I get the visa finally!!! Quite a stressful experience. It will have to be high on the agenda 10/1/03 of the Tehran discussions. Incidentally Zafarullah has still not got the fax. Iran authorities (MOH) say they can't get through to Dhaka. So another set of fingers are also crossed!! Anyway we live in hope!

Best wishes

10/1/03

Ran.

PHM Secretariat

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From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
To: <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2003 8:13 AM  
Subject: Iran

My dear Ravi,

As you said, if for two people here is so much of problem, how are they going to handle fifty, sixty, one hundred people? This must be a very strong point that you will make with them.

Have a good trip and best wishes,

Prem

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From: hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>  
To: PHM Office <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 6:10 PM  
Attach: Condensed Curriculum Vitae of Dr.doc  
Subject: Ravi-Hari's CV

Dear Ravi,

I am sending Hari's 'big' CV prepared for another occasion. Please make it short and send it.

Warm regards and thanks

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15/10/03

RN  
15/10/03

PHM ACHAN

## Condensed Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Hari John

Name : Harikumari John nee Arikumari Paliah ✓

Date of Birth/Age : 24.5.1940 / 63

Address : 10, 32<sup>nd</sup> Cross Street  
Besant Nagar  
Madras 600 090, India ✓

Telephone : 91-44-2491 9890, ✓

Facsimile : 91-44-2821 6705

E-Mail : hariprem@eth.net, prem\_john@vsnl.net

### Education :

1960-68 : M.B.B.S., (Medicine and Surgery) plus a year of internship at  
Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore, India

1959-60 : Pre-University Course at Stella Maris College, Madras, India

1947-57 : Primary and secondary School education at Light Street Convent,  
Penang, Malaysia

### Professional History :

1985 - till date Honorary Executive Trustee  
Asian Network for Innovative Training, Research and Action  
Madras  
*Promoting people-based approaches in sustainable development  
Focusing on landless outcaste communities in two districts of  
Tamilnadu in southern India*

1980 - 82 Trainer in the International Course on Community-based Health,  
Asian Health Institute, Nagoya, Japan  
*Training trainers of community-based health systems in South  
South East Asia*

1974 - 1984 Chief Trainer  
Deenabandu Animation Centre, Deenabandu, southern India  
*Promoting non-conventional approaches to health care delivery  
Training trainers of community level workers from South and  
South East Asian countries*

1969 - 1973 Medical Officer, Deenabandu Medical Mission, R.K.Pet, TN,  
Southern India



*People-based health care delivery systems covering 50,000  
Population. Some of the earliest such approaches and practices  
which have made this program a trend setter in community health  
globally and recognized as such.*

Other Training :

- 1982 : One-month training in Community-based Family Welfare Approaches at the University of the Philippines, Manila
- 1979 : Two months training in Community Food Processing at Meals for Millions, California, USA
- 1975 : Training in Family Planning and Injectable Contraceptives, McCormick Hospital, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- 1973 October : Training in Family Planning at the University of Colorado, Denver, USA
- 1969 : Three months research work at the SLRT Centre, Kanigiri, TN, India, using and evaluating B663, then a new drug for Leprosy
- 1968 - 69 : Post-internship training in Paediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore, India

Other Involvement :

- 2000 - till date : Training Consultant, Methodist Church in America
- 1998 - till date : Trustee, World Neighbors, Okiahoma City, USA  
*An organization promoting self help programs world wide*
- 1998 - till date : Executive Member, Asian Community Health Action Network (ACHAN), Manila, Philippines  
*Promoting people-based health systems in South and South east Asia in partnership with national NGO networks*
- 1983 - 1991 : Commissioner representing India at the Christian Medical Commission of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland  
*Policy formulation and support group for the health work of Member protestant churches around the world*
- 1987 - till date : Honorary Executive Trustee, Women in Development Trust, Madras, India

*Promoting empowerment of rural, outcaste women in southern India*

1982 - 1998

: Member, Dialogue Group, India  
*A think-tank of NGO leaders in India for policy formulation*

Distinction

: International Health Award by the National Council for International Health, Washington DC, USA  
*"in recognition of outstanding contribution to improving health for people throughout the world"*

Focus Areas

: **Alternative Health strategies, systems, approaches**  
Herbal medicines, Acupressure and Acupuncture,  
Systems of food cure, Participatory Training, research  
And action

Publications

: Numerous publications on community health and training in  
Community health since 1980 especially:  
People's Health in People's Hands - Community Based Health  
Action as an Alternative. LINK, Hong Kong, 1982,  
We Learn through Our failures-The Evolution of a Community  
Based Health Program in Deenabandu, CONTACT 85,  
Geneva, Switzerland, 1985 and  
The Radical Evolution of a Health Development Program,  
CONTACT, Geneva, December 1993

Papers

: Numerous papers on Alternative Health, Herbal Medicines,  
Participatory Training, Community Health published / presented  
In conferences workshops seminars around the world, especially  
in South and South East Asia

Referees

: 1. Dr. Badal Sen Gupta  
Former head of Consultancy Desk, EED  
Ulrich von Hassell str 76  
53123 Bonn

Tel: 49-228-366 228

2. Dr. Hiromi Kawahara  
Asian Health Institute  
Minamiyama, Komenki  
Nisshin cho. 470 - 01, Aichi, Japan

Tel: 81-5617-3-1950



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From: nariprem <nariprem@eth.net>  
To: PHM Office <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 6:13 PM  
Attach: Condensed Curriculum Vitae of Prem Chandran John.doc  
Subject: Prem's CV

Dear Ravi,

This was prepared for the EU Thai assignment and hence too long. Please use only what ever is necessary.

Warm regards

Prem

RN  
15/10/03

Prem. ACHAN

RN  
15/10/03

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RN  
15/10/03

Prem. ACHAN

RN  
15/10/03

10/15/03



## Condensed Curriculum Vitae of Prem Chandran John

### Coordinates

Name : Prem Chandran John ✓  
Date of Birth/Age : 9 January, 1941 62  
Mailing Address : 10, 32<sup>nd</sup> Cross Street ✓  
Besant Nagar  
Madras 600 090, India  
Telephone : 91 - 44 - 2491 9890  
Fax : 91 - 44 - 2821 6705  
Mobile : 91 - 98410 - 08001 ✓  
E-Mail: : hariprem@eth.net, prem\_john@vsnl.net

### Focus and Strengths

: Justice in health care, Poverty and Health, Globalisation and health, People's Movements for Equity in Health, Advocacy Role at various levels

Health Planning, Helping build solidarity movements, Training at various levels

### Educational Qualifications :

1973 - 74 Masters in Public Health (MPH)  
Specialising in International Health Planning  
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md, USA

1960 - 67 Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)  
Christian Medical College, Vellore, TN, India

1956 - 60 Bachelor of Science (BSc)  
Madras Christian College, Madras, TN, India

1950 - 56 Secondary School Education (SSLC)  
Corley Higher Secondary School, Madras, TN, India

### Professional History :

2001 - till date Free lance Consultant in International Health Planning

1984 - 2001 Chief Executive and Coordinator  
Asian Community Health Action International

Constituency: Core Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Networks

The Philippines, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, South Korea, Myanmar

Also, *governments* in India, Indonesia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Cambodia

As well as *Resource agencies* working in the Asian Region such as EZE and Bread for the World, Germany, ICCO, the Netherlands, World Council of Churches, Geneva, Christian Aid, UK

*Responsibilities:*

*Networking, Training and Advocacy* in People-based Health Care Systems

*Developing Perspective plans* for the organization.

*Sensitising national health decision-makers*

NGO partner networks

*Developing Primary Health Care plans* for national Governments (Indonesia, Cambodia)

*Training trainers* from NGO networks and Governments (Asia) in

People-based PHC (Indonesia, Cambodia, Nepal)

*Monitoring and evaluation* of Health Care Programs Or Funding Agencies (Asia)

*Editing LINK Newsletter*, resource material for PHC

*Advocacy role in rational drug use*, national health Policies, national drug policies with Action for Rational Drugs in Asia (Nepal, India, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia)

*Networking* of NGOs and between governments and NGOs in Asia

*Advocacy role through speeches and presentation* of Papers in national, regional and international Conferences, workshops and seminars

*Human Resources Development* within the organization

*Equipping and leading* a team of health professionals in achieving organizational goals.

1968 - 1983

Director

Deenabandu Health Care Services, TN, India

*Responsibilities:*

*Developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating* Community-based health systems for a population of 50,000 (one of the first in India in the training and use of village health workers, VHWs and cost-effective,

*self-sustaining community-based health systems)*

*Community capacity building* at various levels

*Human resources development* for the organization through training and motivation

*Leading* a team of professionals, semi-professionals and community workers in achieving organizational



Professional Affiliations :

- 2001 – till date  
 Chairperson,  
 Health Action International Asia Pacific (HAI-AP)  
 Colombo, Sri Lanka  
 Advocacy in rational drug use, national health and  
 Drug policies, poverty and health in Asia
- 2001 – till date  
 Editor, RENAISSANCE  
 Focusing on sustainable rural development and  
 Participatory development approaches
- 2001 – till date  
 Consultant  
 Asian Network for Innovative Training Trust  
 Madras, India  
 Focusing on building social capital in 200 villages  
 in Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh in southern  
 India concentrating on outcaste communities.  
 Also involved in sustainable agriculture for the  
 poor
- 1998 - till date  
 Honorary Director  
 Deenabandu Fellowship, Andhra Pradesh, India  
 working with disadvantaged children from outcaste  
 communities.
- 1998 – till date  
 Core Group member  
 People's Health Movement (PHM)  
 In this capacity helped organize PHA 2000  
 a celebration of people's involvement in health in  
 which 1,500 people from 190 countries took part  
 in December 2000 in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 1995 – till date  
 Chairperson  
 Testing Organisation for Chemical and Health  
 Hazards (TORCH), Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India  
 The premier outfit in India for quality control in  
 Health and other consumer products

- 1986 - till date                      Trustee  
 Consumer Education and Research Centre (CERC)  
 Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India  
 The foremost consumer education and advocacy  
 Network in India
- Past Affiliations**                      :
- 1982 - 1999                              Honorary Coordinator  
 Dialogue group, Madras, India  
 A think tank on developmental issues in partnership  
 With large NGO networks in India and their  
 Funding partners in Europe
- 1979 - 1983                              Founding member and Vice-Chairman  
 Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi  
 India  
 Advocacy, networking on national health issues
- Special Interests**                      :
- Poverty and Health  
 Community Capacity Building  
 Participatory approaches in development
- Conferences Attended**                      :
- Participation in and presentation of papers at numerous  
 conferences, seminars and workshops Internationally on  
 issues of primary health care, development, consumer  
 affairs, poverty and health from 1973 onwards.
- Publications**                              :
- Numerous articles and Editorials (more than 100) from  
 1981 onwards On issues of justice in health care, poverty  
 and health, Participatory training, participatory  
 development etc., In journals such as Link, Renaissance,  
 Dialogue, Madras, UNESCO Courier, Paris, Nutrition  
 Journal, Geneva, Contact, Geneva.
- Referees**                                      :
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 Asian Health Institute  
 Minamiyama, Komenoki, Aichi  
 Japan 470 -01  
 E-Mail: ahi-masa@db3.so-net.ne.jp



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Consultant, HAJ Asia Pacific  
5, Frankfurt Place  
Colombo 4, Sri Lanka

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**From:** hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>  
**To:** Sarah Shannon <sarahs@hesperian.org>  
**Cc:** PHM Office <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2003 7:50 AM  
**Subject:** Re: PHM Newsbrief inquiry

Dear Sarah,

Many thanks for your inquiry. Our problem is one of plenty. We are struggling to fit all the material that we have into about six pages (both sides). Yes, we have some material on the visit of Ravi but we would appreciate it very much if you can send a, say, 500 word summary for inclusion in Newsbrief 10. WE want this to come out in time for the Iran event and therefore frist world involvement in PHM would make encouraging reading for all.

*3/01/00*

Best regards,

Prem

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

**From:** Sarah Shannon  
**To:** Dr Prem Chandran John  
**Cc:** Prasanna - PHM Communications ; Tawnia Queen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2003 5:06 AM  
**Subject:** PHM Newsbrief inquiry

Dear Prem John,  
Greetings from all of us at Hesperian! I hope this finds you well.

I thought I might help shed some light on the origins of our recent communications with Prasanna regarding the Newsbriefs. In May during the WHA, Ravi and I noted that a mention of the tour he, Thelma and Zafrullah did to help us launch the PHM in the US had not been included in the Spring newsbrief. Ravi asked that we do a write up about the tour and also about PHM US for the Newsbrief #9. It appears that #9 came and went without this piece, and in recent correspondence with Ravi he suggested that there was still time to include it in #10 if it could be sent before the middle of October.

It would be helpful to know if there is still space in #10 for this information to be included; and if so, how much space and when the hard and fast deadline for copy is. We're happy to write this up, we just need to know the parameters. If it's too late, I guess we'll need to think about how to frame a write up of the tour to include in #11.... We'll look forward to hearing from you about this so that we know how to proceed.

With our best wishes,

Sarah

PHM Newsbrief  
ESP to follow up

**From:** "Prasanna - PHM Communications" <prasanna@phmovement.org>  
**To:** "Tawnia Queen" <tawnia@hesperian.org>  
**Cc:** "Dr Prem Chandran John" <prem\_john@vsnl.net>

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10/14/03*

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PHM Secretariat

From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
To: hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 6:24 PM  
Subject: Re:

Dear Prem,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

- i. The idea about the two Cambodian resource persons is a good one. Why don't we consider one of them for Iran and both of them for WSF – Health Forum?
- ii. PHM has a problem of cash flow, but we could consider the investment, if you put it up as a short project proposal with some more details and also because Hari is willing to advance the amount for reimbursement later. Perhaps if you could think if meetings in both Bangkok and Phnom Penh, that would be more cost effective. Claudio could help with Cambodia and Unni and Satya with Bangkok. If Manila **not too far** away and easily included, then you could link the visit to the Philippines conference in November as another possibility. We need to evolve a clearer South East Asian process. Keep Delen, Claudio, Unni and Satya in touch.
- iii. I have suggested you and or Hari for the Melbourne conference (see Fran's letter and my reply).
- iv. Dr. Barzgar was very keen that someone like you should go there a week or 10 days in advance to help him with the finer points and last minute technical framework details. Can you go? The meeting is 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2003. Zafrullah has offered to reach there on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. Can you consider 28<sup>th</sup> November or so? It will be a great load of my shoulders and since you are computer friendly, that's a great advantage. Barzgar has good facilities and local volunteers, but he needs support with PHM perspectives and PHM style of meetings etc.
- v. Is your visit to UK finalized? Have you been in touch with Andy? We need to talk before we leave for London.

Best wishes to both of you

Ravi Narayan

P.S. Unni and David Legge have offered to help stimulate PHM – China Circle. Since Hari had contacts with Amity, can she also make suggestions? She will get relevant mail.

Ravi Narayan  
Coordinator, People's Health Movement Secretariat(global)  
CHC-Bangalore  
#367 "Srinivasa Nilaya"  
Jakkasandra 1st Main, 1 Block Koramangala  
Bangalore-560034  
Join the "Health for all. NOW" campaign in the 25th anniversary year of the Alma Ata declaration visit [www.TheMillionSignatureCampaign.org](http://www.TheMillionSignatureCampaign.org)

*PHM-ACHAN*  

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*RN*  
*15/10/03*

----- Original Message -----  
From: hariprem

PHM Secretariat

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From: hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>  
To: PHM Office <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 8:13 AM

My dear Ravi,

You seem to have forgotten Murphy's Law. In PHM we always have to remind ourselves of this in order not to get discouraged!

I am glad that at long last the dates are final. I will plan to come for this and have already sent the information on passports asked for. But I am unable to send to Barzgar - the message bounces back.

What about the Cambodians? (I had written to you in your absence). Should numbers and travel scholarships be too few, I would be happy to give my place to a Cambodian.

I think it is important for the Cambodians to have a couple of meetings first at the national level.

Please let me know if you need any preparatory help with the Iran event. I will be happy to come and help after returning from England.

Taking this London meeting as an opportunity, I will visit some friends there. I am leaving early (i.e. early tomorrow morning) and will be at the meeting on the 22nd at the Methodist Centre. Please send:

1. Any background material such as new budget etc.,
2. The exact venue with address and telephone number.

Please call me today if there is a necessity.

Warm regards,

Prem

*PHM  
14/10/03*

*PHM - ACHAW*

*RW  
14/10*



PHM Secretariat

From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
To: -phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2003 9:00 PM

My dear Ravi,

It may be worthwhile getting one or two people from South East Asia, specifically from Cambodia. You may recollect that we introduced one chap DR. Char Meng Chuor from the Cambodian delegation. He is the Vice-Director of the Health Education Bureau and coincidentally, has been trained in Deenabandu and has attended ACHAN training programs elsewhere. I don't know if he is free to come but it will be good to have him.

It would be goo to have Dr. Chiv Bunthy, Director, Cambodian Health Committee, who was the head of the Cambodian delegation in PHA 2000.

Two thing:

1. I intend to go to Cambodia and use these two chaps to organise a PHM event like the Tamilnadu group
2. Should it be difficult to accommodate them, I won't mind offering my place for Teheran for Cambodia.

We need to exploit ACHAN's influence before it wanes. This would mean a trip to Cambodia and a stay of three days. Should this meet with your approval, I will plan to ge there during the first ten days of November so that who ever comes has already organised a PHM meeting in Phnom Penh before Teheran. This would need an investment of USS 1,200 or so. IT would even be cheaper if I go Madras-Bangkok-Madras which is around \$420 or so and then buy Bangkok-Phnom Penh-Bangkok in Bangkok which is around \$250 or so.

If we are serious about SE Asia, we should do this now. Once the ground work is laid, then you should go there officially and follow it up.

Should PHM have a problem with cash flow, we will advance (that is Hari's organisation will advance) for reimbursement later.

Warm regards,

Prem  
[phmsec@touchtelindia.net](mailto:phmsec@touchtelindia.net) wrote  
To

RN  
14/10

The PHM Organizing Committee

Ref: Alma Ata Conference - Iran  
Dear Friends,

October 6, 2003

Greetings from the PHM Secretariat (Global)!

RN  
8/10/03

PHM - IRAN  
ACHAN

10/8/03

PHM Secretariat

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From: hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>  
To: PHM Office <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 11:11 AM

Dear Ravi,

You know Mr. Idris, who founded Consumers' Association of Penang and Third World Network. Bala suggests that this charismatic person should be invited to Teheran. Please give him more information on that. His e-mail ID is: [idrismd@tm.net.my](mailto:idrismd@tm.net.my)

I tried my best to persuade Bala but he is unable to come. His second son from USA is coming to be with them in Colombo after a long time and he regrets his inability to come.

Warm regards

Prem

RN  
10/14/03

RN  
10/14

10/14/03



PHM-Secretariat

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From: "Prem John" <prem9141@hotmail.com>  
To: <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Cc: <unnikru@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2004 5:49 PM  
Subject: Travel

My dear Ravi and Unni,

I will come 7th morning and will return the same day. I will let you know when and how later. I will in any case find my own way to the office.

With affection

Prem

RN  
6/9/04

PHM-ACHAN

RN  
7/9

**PHM- Secretariat(Global)**

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From: hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>  
To: PHM-Secretariat(Global) <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2003 10:30 PM  
Subject: Re: [pha-ncc] RE: Position Papers

My dear Ravi,

I think that this is well put! But I also think that we can't spend quality time, as the Americans say, on what can, at best, be termed as non-issues. We need to conserve our energies for more productive and network expanding and nurturing things!

Prem  
<http://www.ddsl.net>

RN  
24/11/03

Prem - ACHAD

RN  
24/11/03



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PHM Secretariat

From: <premjohin@vsnl.net>  
To: <phmsecc@tqonline.in> [mailto:phmsecc@tqonline.in]  
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2010 9:48 AM  
Subject: Prasanna

My dear Prasanna,

How do I send a message on the PHM exchange? Or the Steering Group? I have not sent any till now other than to reply when it goes to every one. I want to send a message about testimonies.

Also, talk with Ravi.

Those who will present their testimonies in person (let us say there will be around 10 or 15 from all over), we have not budgeted for their travel or their food and accommodation or have we?

Many thanks,

Premj

Also, if we are breaking up the material for the Newsbrief into 10 & 11, we need to do an Editorial for 11 and I think it should be on WSI and IIF.

SST  
Action taken  
13/11

PHM - Newsbrief.

PHM Secretariat

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From: naniprem <naniprem@eth.net>  
To: Qasem Chowdhury <qksavar@critechco.net>  
Cc: PHM Office <phmse@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 8:09 PM

My dear Qasem,

Can you send me the list of participants from Cambodia for PHA 2003? Do you have it on the screen?

Also, Ravi and Prasanna tell me that they need the entire list either on a diskette or on the screen.

Is it possible? In any case, I need the Cambodia list immediately.

Love

Prem

RN  
13/11/03

RN  
13/11/03

Phm - newsbrief



## PHM Secretariat

From: hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>  
 To: Qasem Chowdhury <gksavar@citechco.net>  
 Cc: PHM Office <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
 Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 4:47 PM  
 Subject: Re: Qasem/Newsbrief 10&11

My dear Qasem,

1. We redid the Logo - exactly as it is, minus Assembly, plus Movement, in the same type and font. Prasanna tried sending this to you but did not succeed. Do you want a diskette sent by courier?
2. I think we should do two separate issues - 10 and 11 but distribute it together.
3. Issue No. 11 can be of a different colour.
4. We originally thought of green for No.10 because it was going to be distributed in Teheran. But now that it is off, we can use any other colour.
5. Please break up the matter as you wish, lay it out nicely, add graphics where necessary.
6. The matter can be broken up on the basis of dates on which events happened.
7. What Prasanna is going to send is material on World Social Forum as well as the International Forum on Defence of people's health.
8. Boxes should be in screen, with appropriate colour.

With love

Prem

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

From: "Qasem Chowdhury" <gksavar@citechco.net>  
 To: "Prem John" <premjohn9141@hotmail.com>  
 Cc: "Prem John" <hariprem@eth.net>  
 Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 12:36 PM  
 Subject: Re: Qasem/Newsbrief 10&11

> Dear Prem,

> Received the materials for News brief. Few queries.

RM  
 13/11/03

PHM - news brief

RM  
 13/11/03

1. Is the materials for 10 issues of News brief number 1 and 11 ?  
are we going to publish  
number 10 and 11 combined or only number 10 with more pages ?
  2. You have sent 13 pages materials plus if Prasanna sends more,  
single  
> issue will require more  
> pages which means you can not have folding type in A4 size.
  3. Are we going to continue with the previous lay out by having word  
"Movement" in place of word  
"Assembly" ? Prasanna wanted to send something which I could not  
download. Every time it says  
virus contaminated.
- Please advise. Student's problem has not solved yet. We are in a process  
to  
solve the problem. I will let you  
know when you should come.
- With love.

Qasem

> At 07:55 AM 11/11/03 +0000, you wrote:

> > My dear Qasem,

> > Attached is the material for the Newsbrief. Please lay it out and go ahead  
> > and print it. Prasanna from Bangalore will send some material on WSI.  
> > Please insert it in an appropriate place. Let me know if any problems are  
> > there or if you require any explanation.

> > Are the problems with the students resolved?

> > When will you be free to receive me?

> > With love

> > Prem

> Pinar is a classic! Check out the making of this film.

> <http://server1.msn.co.in/sp03/Pinar/index.asp> Simply click here!

11/13/03

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Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 4:49 PM  
Subject: Re: Qasem/Newsbrief 10&11

My dear Qasem,

I forgot to tell you to do the Arabic lettering well. What I sent by e-mail may not have come clearly.

Where ever possible, you can also put PHM in Bangla. Hereafter, in each issue, we will put one or two or three different languages telling PHM!

Love

Prem

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

From: "Qasem Chowdhury" <gksavar@citechco.net>  
To: "Prem John" <premjohn9141@hotmail.com>  
Cc: "Prem John" <hariprem@eth.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 12:36 PM  
Subject: Re: Qasem/Newsbrief 10&11

> Dear Prem,

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> Received the materials for News brief. Few queries.

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> 1. Is the materials for two issues of News brief number 10 and 11 ?

> Are we going to publish

> number 10 and 11 combined or only number 10 with more pages ?

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> 2. You have sent 13 pages materials plus if Prasanna sends more,

single

> issue will require more

> pages which means you can not have folding type in A4 size.

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> 3. Are we going to continue with the previous lay out by having word

> "Movement" in place of word

> "Assembly" ? Prasanna wanted to send something which I could not

> download. Every time it says

> virus contaminated.

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> Please advise. Students problem has not solved yet. We are in a process

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*13/11/03*

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PHM Secretariat

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From: Prem John <premjohn9141@hotmail.com>  
To: \*gksavar@csitechco.net\*  
Cc: <phmsac@fruchtalindia.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2003 1:25 PM  
Attach: PHMNewsbrief 10\_11.doc  
Subject: Qasem/Newsbrief 10&11

My dear Qasem,

Attached is the material for the Newsbrief. Please lay it out and go ahead and print it. Prasanna from Bangalore will send some material on WSF. Please insert it in an appropriate place. Let me know if any problems are there or if you require any explanation.

● Are the problems with the students resolved?

When will you be free to receive me?

With love

Prem

Pinjar is a classic! Check out the making of this film.  
<http://server1.msn.co.in/sp03/Pinjar/index.asp> Simply click here!

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PHM Secretariat

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From: hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>  
To: PHM Office <phmse@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2003 8:28 PM

My dear Rav,

The old War horse, Banerji, is referring to the article by David Sanders. You will recollect that in Sever we looked at it and said that it needs updating. David did some work which we found acceptable. Also, as you remember, it was dated and needed updating.

Write a nice soothing e-mail to DB and tell him we have not sold our souls to WHO for thirty pieces of silver.

Warm regards,

Prem

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PHM Secretariat

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From: nariprem <nariprem@eth.net>  
To: PHM Office <phmse@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2003 9:21 PM

My dear Ravi,

Without getting worked up by some one as inconsequential to PHM as Alok (he has no business commenting upon us since he is a stranger to PHM), let us look at some of the key phrases he has used

- He has a sense of discomfort
- PHM needs greater clarity
- Our ideas need to be endorsed by a larger constituency (just like VHA's are all endorsed by a very large constituency)
- Centralised democracy? We in PHM? While VHA has a very participatory democracy
- You shou not responded for the list of addresses because we don't want his publication to reach our partners
- Because of all this hazy goings on in PHM, from now onwards, he will, from his vantage position, deign to come down to us instead of Mira.

The whole thing is so hilarious, that if we respond to him, we will be getting into the trap that he has laid. Please remember he can have you, me, Thelma, Mira and a host of others for breakfast!

Prem

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12/11/03

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RN  
14/11/03



PHM Secretariat

From: hanprem <hanprem@eth.net>  
To: PHM Office <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2003 7:56 AM  
Subject: Prasanna

Dear Prasanna,

had told Ravi that I would be in Bangalore 5-7 November. I called him at home this morning, no one picked up. He also said he would be in Madras over the weekend but no contact. I will leave Madras by Lalbaugh Express this afternoon and can be contacted on my cell:98410-08001.

Warm regards,

Prem

SSP/PM

Spoke to Prem  
9.45 pm 4/11

- i) Informed re postponement of Iran Meeting
- ii) Meet w/ PHM-Sec 10am on 5/11
- iii) WSF Programme
- iv) News brief - SSP to work on it in the morning

Ravi

PHM Secretariat

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From: hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>  
To: PHM Office <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2003 7:02 PM

Dear Ravi,

I will be in the PHM office on the 5th morning. I will come and return by train.

Give me a call when you come to Madras.

Yes, to record what I said earlier:  
we need to postpone the Iran meeting even if it is inconvenient to some and some lose some money in order  
to accommodate the Iran government.

Warm regards

Prem

RN  
03/11/2003

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From: hariprem <hariprem@eth.net>  
To: PHM Office <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Sunday, November 02, 2003 8:04 AM

My dear Ravi,

On the 24th I sent a two page note on training for PHM from England, did you get it? I sent a copy to myself  
It does not seem to have arrived.

Regards

Prem

Reply sent requesting to Resend  
RN  
03/11/2003

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4/11



Ravi Narayan

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From: <prem\_jonn@vsnl.net>  
To: <tawnia@hesperia.org>  
Cc: <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2003 9:51 PM

Dear Tawnia,

How nice to hear from you and to note your interest. WE will be very happy to get any material that you send and include it in the PHM Newsbrief. The only problem is space. By right, if we are to include all matter of relevance, it will be a 24-28 page Newsbrief. Please feel free to contact me any time.

Warm regards and again, many thanks. Prem

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30/10/03

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30/10

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From: Sarah Shannon <sarahs@hesperian.org>  
To: hariprem <hariprem@ein.net>  
Cc: PHM Office <phmse@touchtelindia.net>; Tawnia Queen <tawnia@hesperian.org>  
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2003 4:59 AM  
Subject: Re: PHM Newsbrief inquiry

Dear Prem,

Greetings and thanks so much for your note. We are working on drafting a short summary for Newsbrief 10 and will send it to you soon. Tawnia Queen is the contact person for Hesperian on this effort in case you need further information from us. Tawnia's email address is <tawnia@hesperian.org>.

With best wishes,  
Sarah

At 07:50 AM 10/14/2003 +0530, hariprem wrote:

Dear Sarah,

Many thanks for your inquiry. Our problem is one of plenty. We are struggling to fit all the material that we have into about six pages (both sides). Yes, we have some material on the visit of Ravi but we would appreciate it very much if you can send a, say, 500 word summary for inclusion in Newsbrief 10. WE want this to come out in time for the Iran event and therefore first world involvement in PHM would make encouraging reading for all.

Best regards,

Prem

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

From: Sarah Shannon  
To: Dr Prem Chandran John  
Cc: Prasanna - PHM Communications ; Tawnia Queen  
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 5:06 AM  
Subject: PHM Newsbrief inquiry

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12/10*

Dear Prem John,

Greetings from all of us at Hesperian! I hope this finds you well.

I thought I might help shed some light on the origins of our recent communications with Prasanna regarding the Newsbriefs. In May during the WHA, Ravi and I noted that a mention of the tour he, Thelma and Zafrullah did to help us launch the PHM in the US had not been included in the Spring newsbrief. Ravi asked that we do a write up about the tour and also about PHM US for the Newsbrief #9. It appears that #9 came and went without this piece, and in recent correspondence with Ravi he suggested that there was still time to include it in #10 if it could be sent before the middle of October.

It would be helpful to know if there is still space in #10 for this information to be

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**From:** <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
**To:** <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 08, 2004 2:29 PM  
**Subject:** Travel

Dear Ravi,

I am arriving by Shatabdi around 10:30 am on the 9th and will leave by 4 pm on the 10th, also by Shatabdi.

I will find my own way to the office.

Best regards,

Prem

PHM - ACHAN

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Main Identity

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From: "PHM - Secretariat" <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
To: "Dr Prem Chandran John" <prem\_john@vsnl.net>; <hariprem@eth.net>  
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2004 4:37 PM  
Subject: Re: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] New Year Greetings and Resolutions for the New Year

Dear Prem,

Greetings from the PHM Global Secretariat!

Sorry. Our mistake. We shall show you in all the other communication. You are in spirit in the message but we must put you 'in flesh' as well.

PHM Secretariat team (Global)

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17/12/04

Admission Card  
16/12/04

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From: <prem\_john@vsni.net>  
To: <PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03@yahoogroups.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2004 9:37 PM  
Subject: Re: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] New Year Greetings and Resolutions for t heNew Year

Ravi,

A good one and congratulations! But you have forgotten that I amlaos part of thre Bangalore team! Not to worry!

Prem

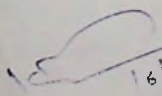
----- Original Message -----

From: PHM - Secretariat <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2004 7:07 pm  
Subject: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] New Year Greetings and Resolutions for t heNew Year

- > To: PHM Steering Group,
- > Communication: New Year Greetings
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- > 15th December 2004
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- > Dear Friends,
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- > Greetings for the New Year!
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- > This is a special note of thanks from the PHM Global Secretariat

16/12/04  
Dear Prem  
Sorry. Our mistake. We shall show you in all the other communication, you are in spirit in the message but we must put you in the flesh as well.

PHM Secretariat  
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16/12/04

Main Identity

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From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
To: PHM - Secretariat <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 7:20 PM  
Subject: Re: CONFIDENTIAL

My dear Ravi,

I was not really telling you the truth when I left for MALaysia. Bear with me.

ANITRA, in one of their areas, faced a problem. They work with dalits and in a case involving denial of water, there was an altercation between the dalits and the grounders (the ANITRA worker there is a grounder!). This resulted in violence and as usual the upper caste land lords bought the police who foisted cases under section 307 which is inciting to murder and is non-bailable. The worker there is a full fledged lawyer and therefore the lawyers went on strike when he was beaten up.

The net result was that there may have been an arrest warrant against Hari since she heads the organisation. Lawyers here suggested that we don't take an anticipatory bail since it will bring unnecessary publicity and suggested that she goes elsewhere till the thing settled down.

That is the story!

It hasn't settled down yet but using some IAS people we know, the FIR against our worker has been kept in abeyance and the lawyers demonstrated in front of the high court in favour of our worker.

It is alright to say that when things like this happen, that means we are doing good work but at this age and being a woman, I didn't want all this. Therefore we thought discretion was the better part of valour!

When I was in Penang, Alec called up and asked me to come to Ahmedabad also.

Warm regards,

Prem

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

From: PHM - Secretariat <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2005 4:21 pm  
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL

> Dear Fran and Prem,  
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> Greetings from the PHM Global Secretariat in Transition!  
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8/9/05



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- > It was refreshing to have a 2 week break even though that was

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From: "PHM - Secretariat" <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
 To: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
 Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 5:55 PM  
 Subject: Re: Proposal to host PHM Secretariat 2005-07

Dear Prem,

We are looking forward to your return.

1. You must have seen Fran's translation / communication of LA proposal.
2. Saw your comments. have you seen mine?
3. Newsbrief 16 is nearly ready. We need your comments and expertise finally.
4. The Delhi meeting of WHO-CSDH is very important. So do plan to attend. I am writing to WHO-SEARO that you will attend on behalf of me and the secretariat. We have been invited separately from PHM India.
5. Ring us up as soon as you return.
6. We are helping Thelma with the Ahmedabad inputs but you and Amit should have been more proactive to help her decide what to say - since the meeting is a follow up of Geneva.
7. Abraham is due back end of the week.
8. I shall be in Mumbai for Forum 9 - 14-18th.
9. We have a PHM stall in Forum 9 (run by Prasanna) and also planning something at IWHM Delhi. Are you and Hari attending?

Best wishes,  
 Ravi Narayan

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 6/9/05

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

From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
 To: "Fran Baum" <Fran.Baum@flinders.edu.au>; <aquizhpe@yahoo.com>  
 Cc: <secretariat@phmovement.org>

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From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
To: <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2005 8:21 AM

Ravi,

Just send me the salient points of the so-called Latin American proposal

Warm regards

Prem

Dr. Prem Chandran John  
Asian Community Health Action Network/ People's Health Movement  
10, 32nd Cross Street, Besant Nagar,  
Madras 600 090, India  
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El Movimiento Mundial por la Salud de los Pueblos demanda ¡Salud para Todos y Todas!  
HEALTH FOR ALL NOW!

is a follow up of Geneva meeting due back end of the week. vi) Attachment is due back end of the week. vii) I shall be in Bombay for Forum 9 14-18th. viii) We have a PHM 6th in Forum 9 (yes by Pressure) and also planning something at IWHM Delhi for you and Hari attend.

Latin American Proposal

Urgent

6/9/05

Grant

Dear Prem

We are looking forward to your return

- i) You must have seen Fris Resolution / communication of LA proposal.
- ii) Saw your comments. Have you seen mine?
- iii) Newsletter 16 is nearly ready. We need your comments and expertise pronto.
- iv) The Delhi meeting of WHO-CSDH is very important. So do plan to attend. I am writing to WHO-SEARO that you will attend on behalf of me and the secretariat. We have been invited separately from PHM India.

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- v) Ring us up as soon as you return
- vi) we are helping Thelma with the Ahmedabad inputs but you and Anur should have been more proactive. Is help her decide what to say - since the meeting

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From: <prem\_john@vsnl.net>  
To: <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2005 9:33 PM  
Subject: Ravi

Dear Ravi,

I will arrive by Brindavan and take a taxi. May be in office by, say, 3 pm or so.

I will also come to office 28th by 10 a.m. or so and be there till work is finished.

Prem

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