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Subject: request for correction

Date: Mon, 27 Jan 2003 14:18:27 +0100

From: "WGNRR" <office@wgnrr.nl>

To: <secretariat@phmovement.org>

Dear secretariat,

I would like to request a change from you. I have visited your website and noticed the error in the name of the wgnrr representative.

WGNRR is represented by Ms Melina Auernbach.

Could you take care of this correction

Thank you very much!

Warm Regards

Elizabeth Eising

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To Andrew Shelley / Nend

For urgent action

Melina replaced Sumathi formally at the last meeting

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Since she is specifically ~~looking~~

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Please can we check whether I have been included in the PHM steering group and CTC shown as the secretariat from 1st Jan 2003 as well

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ASF/PHM

Subject: response to invitation

Date: Tue, 12 Nov 2002 17:08:10 +0100

From: "wgnrr" <wahc@wgnrr.nl>

To: <sochara@vsnl.com>

CC: Sumati@inter.nl.net

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Dear Ravi,

Thanks for your note about the ASF and the workshops that you are putting on

. It is going to be exciting!

And hope as well that your PHM workshops in East Africa were fruitful.

FYI

WGNRR is putting on two workshops at the ASF

Women's Access to Health: Proposal for a campaign (a strategy-building workshop)

and

Reproductive Rights in the 21st Century

Look forward to attending at least some of the workshops you are involved with.. who else is involved with Health as a Right (SAMA, and??)

See you will also be attending the PHM meeting next week.. look forward to meeting you then!

Warm regards,

Melina Auerbach

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## Community Health Cell

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**From:** Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>  
**To:** Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights <office@wgnrr.nl>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2003 10:08 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Sharing info

Dear Sumathi and Melina,

Greetings from Peoples Health Movement Secretariat at CHC, Bangalore – India!

Thanks for your letter exploring the framework of the relationship of PHM with WGNRR. Just as we now release PHM / IPHC collaboration media reports we can release or circulate PHM / WGNRR joint letters and media reports, texts, whatever. If all these mention that further esquires should go to your email, there will be no problem. If some come to us by chance we will just forward them to you for action. I am going to suggest an organizational discipline that will help this coalition building. Everytime G8 person / organization sends out a communication of their initiative in which PHM is a collaborator, they then show both WGNRR / PHM when they sign up or title it. This will be simple. Only when something comes only as WGNRR, it means this is not a PHM collaborator initiative.

We can work it out through practice and make modifications as problems arise it at all. I would see each problem as a creative challenge to enhance collaboration.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan

Coordinator,

PHM Secretariat,

CHC – Bangalore,

India

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Subject: Sharing info

Date: Mon, 27 Jan 2003 12:50:55 +0100

From: "wgnrr" <office@wgnrr.nl>

To: <sochara@vsnl.com>, <unnikru@yahoo.com>

CC: Melina@inter.nl.net

Dear Ravi and Unni,

I am writing in a hurry because I would like to clarify a few things with you. When we met in Hyderabad I did not get any idea as to how we were all to coordinate our activities if we decided to do things together. I know that a common message is sent all around and people are free to respond. But in a case like ours where we are the only women's organisation and have our own agenda that we want to promote what happens?

We are right now developing a text that will go out as our annual Call to Action as part of the campaign we are developing on Women's Access to Health. We announce that we are doing this Call also as part of the PHM and we will together with the PHM join forces to call for a fresh look at the unfulfilled promise of Alma Ata. We are right now preparing a text that we will send out in three languages announcing our Call and the theme. Shall we send you a copy to put on the web and also on your organisational websites so that everyone knows that we are in this together? Besides you may be faced with questions for details about our Call and our campaign which you do not have. How will you deal with this ?

Have you any ideas on how we are to work this out? it is not a major problem but I would like to alert you both to the media and other implications of this joint work. The finalised text of our Call will be ready by end March and can be put on the web then.

I would appreciate hearing from you on this . How are the other organisations working this relationship out in practice?

We plan to finalise our announcement this week and send it out in three languages Spanish, French and English. Please do let us know if you need copies that you would like to mail out to your contacts etc.

That's it for now. It appears that matters are developing very well at Porto Alegre!! We may see each other there in 2004!  
Until then,  
Sumati on behalf of WGNRR

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Community Health Cell

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From: Community Health Cell <sochara@vsnl.com>  
To: <office@wgnrr.nl>  
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2003 2:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Text of our announcement for PHM web

Dear Sumathi,

Greetings from Peoples Health Movement Secretariat at CHC, Bangalore - India!

Thanks for the text.

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- iii. Also to Claudio for exchange.
- iv. For our website you now use [secretariat@phmovement.org](mailto:secretariat@phmovement.org), if its not too late. The website has given us a new one.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
Coordinator,  
PHM Secretariat,  
CHC - Bangalore,  
India.

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

From: WGNRR <office@wgnrr.nl>  
To: <sochara@vsnl.com>; <unnikru@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2003 7:25 PM  
Subject: Text of our announcement for PHM web

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Attach: Announcement Call 2003 final.doc  
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DO please put the text on the PHM website. Should we also send a copy to the aviva and other addresses or will you do that from your end?

Do let me know.

Good luck and yes, let us remain in touch. Melina will be out for two weeks - until the 23rd Feb. you can address your letters to me.

Warm regards,  
Sumati

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May 28 2003: 16th International Day of Action for Women's Health

## Call For Action 2003

"Alma Ata, Primary Health Care Approach and  
Women's Reproductive and Sexual Rights  
Where are we Today?"

In this years Call for Action the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) place women's rights to health as part of the larger demand for a fresh look at women's health needs within the framework of primary health care. This Call is part of a 3 year campaign on the issue of Women's Access To Health (WAHC) that WGNRR will launch this year.

We join the People's Health Movement to observe the year 2003 as the Year of Alma Ata to remind UN Agencies and governments and other key actors of the WHO's Alma Ata declaration who **promised to deliver Health For All by the year 2000!**

As part of our annual Call for Action we will be sending out our pamphlets to you by end March with clear background information on the missing issues of women's sexual and reproductive rights within the framework of primary health care, case studies and suggestions for activities your organisation can elaborate.

The Call for Action of WGNRR is meant to be an inspiring and stimulating contribution to your work to make the 16th International Day of Action for Women's Health a huge success.

**Together with the People's Health Movement women's groups and organisations everywhere let us join forces to bring about change !**

Mark the date and start preparing.  
Let everybody know where we stand,  
what we want  
and what we have to offer.

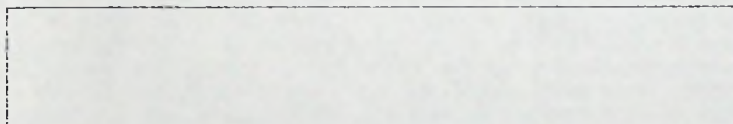
Together we can make a difference !

"Health is a social economic and political issue and above all  
a fundamental human right.

Inequality, poverty, exploitation, violence and injustice are at the root of  
ill health and the deaths of poor and marginalized people... "

(Excerpt from Charter for People's Health)

Women's Access to Health Campaign is elaborated in close collaboration with the  
People's Health Movement.



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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2003 4:06 PM  
**Attach:** formatted FINAL ENGLISH CALL 2003.doc; Campaign Background Paper march 5.doc  
**Subject:** [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] WGNRR's new campaign on Women's Access to Health

March 25, 2003

Dear Friends,

In 3-4 weeks you will be receiving materials for the 16th International Day of Action for Women's Health. This year our Call for Action is: Governments Take Responsibility for Women's Health! Primary Health Care and Reproductive and Sexual Rights-Where are we today? This year's Call for Action provides an opportunity to begin our new 3-year campaign on Women's Access to Health. We invite you to join us this May 28, in co-launching the Women's Access to Health Campaign.

We know that in the past many of you have actively supported our campaigns and other initiatives. We are writing to ask for your renewed support, collaboration and active participation with this new campaign. Together, we can make it vital, relevant and successful. The materials that we will be sending you give a more detailed background about the campaign. We are also sending with this message a text attachment so that you don't have to wait for all the printing and mailing delays!

The 3-year core demand is that primary health care be provided for all people and peoples everywhere, taking into account, in theory and practice, women's reproductive and sexual health needs. The slogan for the Campaign is: Health For All-Health for Women! We are, in joint collaboration with the People's Health Movement, launching this campaign on May 28 2003 in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Alma Ata. We want, with your participation, to draw attention to the failed promises of Alma Ata and to highlight the successes, failures and the existing potential that the Alma Ata Declaration with its vision of comprehensive primary health care offers to improve women's health in general, and reproductive and sexual rights in particular. The concepts outlined in the Alma Ata Declaration (1978) will form part of the three subsequent Calls for Action (2003 - 2005). Specific reproductive and sexual health and rights angles will serve to exemplify and strengthen the demands.

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The Coordination Office will bring out campaign material to support Network members and other interested groups and will be engaged in activities, meetings and conferences that are organized around the campaign. Campaign participants will regularly receive updates. The reports/articles sent to the Coordination Office will be circulated to other participants, in order to stimulate and inform each other. The Working Circle on Women's Health will be one way in which groups can share strategies and build the momentum of the campaign. In order to truly make this campaign vital we need the commitment and initiative of many groups and individuals.

We are very excited with the potential for positive change that a campaign can stimulate. And we are well aware that you already very involved in your own work-whether it be direct services, advocacy, lobbying, research etc. We share a common goal of seeking to improve women's sexual and reproductive rights. And we hope that this new campaign on Women's Access to Health has a loud and strong enough resonance to inspire, involve and connect to the work that you already do.

So what we would like to know from you is how you envision your involvement with the campaign. Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions and send us your responses.

1. Would you like to be an active Campaign partner?                   ? Yes ?  
No
2. Would you be willing to announce and promote the campaign via your networks, publications, website, etc? ? Yes ? No (please list what you will be able to do in this regard)
3. Will you be able to help launch the campaign of Women's Access to Health as part of your actions/activities planned for this year's International Day of Action for Women's Health?  
?Yes ? No
4. Will you be able to inform us of your proposed activities on May 28th? ?  
Yes ? No
5. Will you be willing to link your current organizational activities with the campaign? ? Yes ? No
6. Would you like to participate on the Working Circle for Women's Health, an email discussion group that can share ideas, strategies around the campaign and around improving women's access to health? ? Yes ? No
7. How else do you envision your involvement?

We at WGNRR look forward to working together for Health For All-Health for Women!

In solidarity,

Melina Auerbach  
Campaign Coordinator, Women's Global Network For Reproductive Rights

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16<sup>th</sup> International Day of Action for Women's Health  
May 28<sup>th</sup> 2003  
A Call For Action

**Governments: Take Responsibility for Women's Health!**

Primary Health Care and Women's Reproductive and Sexual Rights: Where are we today?

Women's Access to Health Campaign:  
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From 2003 to 2005 the Coordination Office will coordinate the Women's Access to Health Campaign, in close collaboration with the People's Health Movement. The 3-year core demand is that primary health care be provided for all people and peoples everywhere, taking into account, in theory and practice, women's reproductive and sexual health needs.

Contact us if you would like more information or would like to get involved.  
See pages 16 and 17 for more ideas on what you can do!



The Call for Action is supported by

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**Governments: Take Responsibility for Women's Health!**

Primary Health Care and Women's Reproductive and Sexual Rights:  
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Women's Access to Health Care Campaign for 2003

This **Call for Action** focuses on the promises of the Alma Ata Declaration that held so much potential for improving the health of people worldwide. Why were the promises never fulfilled? How have women's reproductive and sexual rights been integrated into the concepts

of primary health care? We join the People's Health Movement in promoting comprehensive primary health care as a model for achieving health for all-health for women. And we call on governments everywhere to take their responsibility for the health of women.

### The Alma Ata Declaration of "Health for All"

The Signatories of the Declaration of Alma-Ata (USSR), representing nearly all governments of the world in 1978, made an international commitment to achieving Health for All (HFA) by the year 2000 (see our campaign background booklet for the full text of the declaration or look at it on the web at: [www.who.int/hpr/archive/docs/almaata.html](http://www.who.int/hpr/archive/docs/almaata.html)). Primary health care was identified as the key to attaining HFA as part of overall development. The Alma Ata Declaration recognized that health is a fundamental human right and that gross inequalities in health status are unacceptable. At the same time the call for HFA was a societal response that acknowledged unity in diversity and the need for social solidarity. "An acceptable level of health of all people of the world by the year 2000 can be attained through a fuller and better use of the world's resources, a considerable part of which is now spent on armament and military conflicts" (Alma Ata Declaration).

Primary Health Care (PHC) with its vision for health for all was defined as both an approach as well as a level of care.<sup>1</sup> As an approach PHC used the language of social justice. It urged transformation of systems to serve the neediest, challenged all actors to see health as a right, argued that a proper analysis be made of the determinants of health, that root causes be addressed as opposed to symptoms, stressed the need for community involvement and pushed for an intersectoral approach. PHC was a radical departure from the status quo with the recognition that without social justice, health for all could never be achieved. It offered a social analysis of health, explaining that the causes of poor health were not diseases in themselves, but a combination of prevailing socio-economic conditions, political structures and ideologies, as well as the environment. In other words, eliminating socio-economic and political inequalities between populations within a country and between countries were absolutely crucial to achieving health for all.

During the late 1970s Mozambique successfully implemented a comprehensive PHC approach and was commended by the WHO for the achievement of positive health outcomes. Mozambique was spending 11% of its budget on health, had achieved nearly 100% immunization and trained nearly 8000 mid level health workers. However, the program never reached its full potential as civil war broke out. Community health workers and community health posts, the backbone of PHC, became targets of the militia forces, destabilizing any advances that had been made.<sup>2</sup>

At the level of care PHC meant a system of health care based on the needs of a given population, a system that kept a balance between hospital and community care, between medical-professional led care and the effort to create environments that sustain health. Over the past 25 years PHC has offered a conceptual framework for planning a more balanced health care system, making a concerted effort to move away from hospital based care. It has meant a reorientation of the approach to health itself – a system that acknowledged that in dealing with the health of a community a combination had to be made between curative care and preventative care with a serious recognition of the social determinants of health – poverty, education, employment status, environment etc.

<sup>1</sup> WHO, reproductive health/publications/RHR\_99\_7\_chapter4\_en.htm

<sup>2</sup> Gloyd, Steve. "NGOs and the "SAP"ing of Health Care in Rural Mozambique" in Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights Newsletter 55/56, July-December 1996, p.26-28.

Fundamental elements of Primary Health Care (PHC) according to the Alma Ata Declaration:

- Universally accessible health care
- Community participation
- Equity and social justice
- Affordable and appropriate services
- Integral to social and economic development
- Inclusion of prevention, promotion and curative care
- Inter and multi-sectoral collaboration

### **Primary Health Care And Reproductive And Sexual Rights: What Is The Connection?**

There is no doubt that the call to provide Primary Health Care to the entire population of the world by the year 2000 was laudable. Looking back at the Declaration we find the shift in perspective from medicalised health care approach to a more socio-political approach to health as a tremendous move forward. We are also aware that the specific health needs of women were far from the common agenda except in women's capacity as reproducers and even then only in terms of mother and childcare and family planning.

The women's movement of the 1970's and 1980's played a crucial role in highlighting women's realities. It was owing to their struggles that the specific needs of women began to be put on the agenda at different levels from the local to the national and international. What became clear was that whether it was tuberculosis, malaria or other parasitic infections, mental health or malnutrition and anemia – women's lives were differently impacted by these diseases than the lives of men. And women demanded special attention for their needs.

Definition of Reproductive Health, according to the WHO, "reproductive health is the ability to have a safe, responsible and fulfilling sex life, the freedom to decide if, when and how often to have children and to avoid to become ill or die due to a reproductive cause."

The PHC approach benefited men and women alike because of its inclusion of health as a right and the recognition that it was embedded in the socio-political context of people everywhere. However it was only in the 1990's with the International Conference for Population and Development in Cairo 1994 and the International Women's Conference of the UN held in Beijing in 1995 that women's health and reproductive rights were placed squarely on the international agenda.

The rising pressure of women's organizations all over the world finally paid off in Cairo where a strong recommendation was made to all governments to make reproductive health accessible to all before the year 2015 through the primary health care system. However, implementing these recommendations has been problematic. The 1990s witnessed cuts in health budgets in the name of health sector reforms, tied to IMF and World Bank loans making it nearly impossible to make the recommendations a reality.

In Cairo a strong recommendation was made to all governments to make reproductive health accessible to all before the year 2015 through the primary health care system. However, implementing these recommendations has been problematic due to various reasons including: health sector reforms including privatization of health care services and insufficient planning on where the finances would come from for the recommended changes.

The Platform for Action of the Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995 reiterated the language of Cairo where the autonomy, empowerment and self-determination of women in all spheres of life, especially in sexuality and reproduction was the essential cornerstone of all health and population programmes. The Platform for Action also proposed a life cycle approach to women's health, bringing out for the first time the health concerns of women through out their lives. Here again there were difficulties – for instance, women's groups argued that the life cycle approach does not necessarily address the issues of class, caste or race (work, marriage, pregnancy or sexuality does not mean the same thing for all girls or women of a particular age).

### Twenty five years later

Twenty-five years after the World Health Assembly's declaration of Health For All by the year 2000, we have reached not one crossroad but a myriad of intercepting highways and dirt tracks. The ambitious call of "Health for All" was based on two rallying points: the fact that provision of health care was the state's obligation towards its citizens; and that PHC through community based health workers was strategically possible. However, in reality, health cannot be delivered through health services alone. Health is an indicator of the quality of a person's or people's lives. To ensure health for all citizens, political changes need to be made in favor of marginalized groups within a country and throughout the world. Unfortunately the last two decades have seen the simultaneous rise of privatization, structural adjustments, unfair trade agreements, patents of drugs on the one hand and religious fundamentalism, right wing politics' sanctions against nations, terrorism and genocide of people on the other hand. In addition "selective" primary health care programs quickly replaced the original concepts of comprehensive primary health care – a shift from a holistic to a vertical approach.

Public health systems in the developing world were already deteriorating as a result of economic recessions, cuts in health budgets, and health system reforms that were tied to loans from the IMF and World Bank. By the 1980's the Structural Adjustment Programmes had undermined the health of the people, and in certain cases health infrastructure, so much that in the decade of the 1990s the deterioration had become widespread and continues to give cause for grave concern today.<sup>3</sup> Resurgence of communicable diseases in many parts of the world is an indicator of the downward spiral of our quality of life and the failure of our health services. Not surprisingly therefore, we have neither health for all nor health care for all by the year 2003.

People's movements all over the world are protesting against the privatization of essential natural resources, from South Africa to Ecuador to Micronesia. Most recently citizen groups have mobilized in Ghana to protest the IMF and World Bank loan conditions that their government agreed to including the privatization of water. Women in particular are susceptible to water borne diseases because of their greater exposure to water through household duties and sustenance agriculture, which is mainly performed by women. Recent outbreaks of cholera in South Africa and Latin America have been linked to the privatization of water.<sup>4</sup> Having clean water supply could greatly impact the health of the world's poor. But DALYS, (Disability Adjusted Life Years) the measurement tool that WHO and the WB have adopted to measure the effectiveness of health interventions, make an economic calculation to

<sup>3</sup> For more information see Impact of Health Sector Reform on Reproductive Health, ARROWS for Change, Vol. 6, No. 3, 2000.

<sup>4</sup> Sara Grusky, Bearing the Burden of IMF and World Bank Policies: Privatization Tidal Wave IMF/World Bank Water Policies and the Price Paid by the Poor, Public Citizen Web Site. [http://www.citizen.org/cnep/Water/cnep\\_Water/wbimf/articles.cfm?ID=7802](http://www.citizen.org/cnep/Water/cnep_Water/wbimf/articles.cfm?ID=7802)

determine cost effective health interventions. Thus sanitation and clean water are not identified as possible interventions as they are "too expensive".

The challenge before us is to question politics at the household, community, national and international levels and ask hard questions about why governments are pulling out of health, and education while inflating their defense budgets year after year. Most countries spend nowhere close to the WHO recommendation of five percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on health services. User fees are being introduced in the public and NGO sector paving the soft road to privatization of health services. It is important to note as well that the private and public sectors generally favour curative care over health promotion and prevention.

### Women's Health and the Primary Health Care Approach

It was the thrust from the women's movement that identified the needs of women and also where change came from within the PHC approach. It has been found for instance, that the geographic (distance from health post), cultural (e.g. menstruation is a shameful business and needs to be hidden) and the social and economic (discrimination by health personnel based on caste or class, sex-preference and poverty) barriers are among the principle factors that affect women's access to health care. And the same factors also limit women's possibilities to stay healthy. For example women in some countries are the last to eat within an household and get the least amount of food; they need the permission of their husbands/ partners to use a contraceptive or get an abortion; they are the last member in the family to seek health care and more often than not have no say in how the health budget is allocated at the local or the national level.

And when women's needs have been recognized within the PHC structure as is the case for contraception or maternity care, the quality of care has been so poor that it remains a cause of concern even today. In many African countries today, for example in Uganda, women who go to a hospital to deliver a baby must bring their own latex gloves, water, soap, syringes and a plastic sheet. Hospitals do not carry any of these supplies.<sup>4</sup> In countries where primary health care was once free and where user fees have been introduced, there have been dramatic drops in health care use and simultaneous rises in maternal mortality.<sup>6</sup> Health budgets in most countries have been drastically cut with the introduction of structural adjustment programs. For example in the Philippines between 1991 and 2000 the health budget fell from 3.7% to 1.78%, most of which was targeted to hospitals and not to preventative care.<sup>7</sup> When we consider that reproductive health services are often the first services to be cut when health budgets are slashed, it is clear that reproductive and sexual rights are simply unattainable for many of the world's women. For example contraception in the Ukraine costs 40-60 % of a family's monthly salary, making it quite simply a non-option.<sup>8</sup> In Latin America there has been a decrease in the standards of public health services and a lack of medical supplies for antenatal care, delivery and post delivery care. This combination has had a disastrous effect on the rates of maternal mortality and morbidity.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Nanda, Priva. "Gender dimensions of user fees: Implications for Women's Utilization of Health Care". *Reproductive Health Matters*. 2002; 10 (20), p. 127-134.

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## Primary Health Care And Abortion Services

Few issues within the range of women's health raise as many hackles as abortion does and for a complexity of reasons. There have been various ups and downs on the abortion rights front for women everywhere. At one end of the spectrum women are denied the right to abortion because of religious fundamentalist beliefs and on the other hand coercive or eugenic population policies have made abortion and sterilization compulsory for some women within a country. For instance during the period when both Poland and Romania were Communist, the states' responses to abortion were diametrically opposed. Abortion was legally available in Poland and sex-education was provided in schools. The Solidarity government that replaced the Communist government severely restricted women's access to abortion and sought a ban on sex-education in schools. On the other hand in Romania because of the government's pro-natalist policy, abortion was criminalized during the Communist period but was legalized within three days of the change of government.

Women's rights to control their own bodies has been and remains a contentious issue with the heads of religion and governments – most of whom are men. Even when abortion is legalized there are many obstacles preventing women from accessing safe services. The consequence of the lack of an open approach to the right to abortion has resulted, and continues to result, in thousands of women losing their lives due to botched back street abortion. Hundreds of thousands more women suffer all their lives from complications resulting from a poorly performed abortion.<sup>10</sup> Nigeria, for instance, documents 610,000 unsafe abortions annually, the highest rate in the world. Kenya ranks second with a third of maternal deaths attributed to unsafe abortions.<sup>11</sup> In Eastern Europe 25% of all maternal deaths are attributed to complications related to abortion.

The US gag rule, which was reactivated by George W. Bush on his first day of office, restricts international family planning organizations that receive US funding from providing any kind of information or services (including referrals) related to abortion. Recent reports from Peru, where many leading government officials are members of the Opus Dei, have refused to accept international assistance for any programmes that promote reproductive health services.<sup>12</sup>

In addition every country has its own laws regarding legal abortion. Legal does not necessarily mean available or accessible. Procedural requirements can delay the access to an abortion. In Zimbabwe for instance a lengthy criminal process often makes abortion impossible. Similarly, in Ethiopia even if the law codifies the rape and incest exemption, it is hard to prove these crimes or may take so long that the abortion may no longer be possible.<sup>13</sup>

There is a crying need to interpret the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) as well as those conventions that deal with socio-economic and cultural rights to convert reproductive and sexual rights into actual entitlements for women, so that nowhere can the church or the state take these rights away.

## Women and Communicable Diseases

<sup>10</sup> [www.who.int/reproductive\\_health/publications/MSM\\_97\\_16/MSM\\_97\\_16\\_chapter2.en.html](http://www.who.int/reproductive_health/publications/MSM_97_16/MSM_97_16_chapter2.en.html)

<sup>11</sup> Center for Reproductive Law and Policy. *Women of the World. Anglophone Africa Laws And Policies Affecting Their Reproductive Lives. Progress Report 2001.* [http://www.reproductiverights.org/pub\\_bo\\_wowafrica.html](http://www.reproductiverights.org/pub_bo_wowafrica.html)

<sup>12</sup> Center for Health Equity (CHANGE) "Government Extremists in Peru Further Undermine Reproductive Rights", press release, Nov.21 2002, [www.genderhealth.org](http://www.genderhealth.org)

<sup>13</sup> Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, *ibid*

Within the PHC structures there has been an increased effort to set up programmes for the control of communicable diseases like malaria and tuberculosis. And these diseases are rampant today in many parts of poorer regions of the world particularly in Africa where TB is reported to be the single biggest killer in women.<sup>14</sup> However, what was not and is still often not taken into account is that these diseases produce a larger burden of disability for women. And in combination with other illnesses, such as with HIV-AIDS, severely undermine women's health and reproductive capacities. PHC structures have yet to develop programmes oriented to women's needs that would not just help to reduce the disease burden of women but also to ensure better preventive care is made available.

Similarly the care of women with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) is an area that requires sensitive handling and can best be treated only in combination with treating the male partner of the woman concerned. STDs (not including HIV-AIDS), like chlamydia, syphilis, gonorrhoea and others, account for 1.4 % of the global disease burden. In urban populations in developing countries it has increased to 15 per cent. Women are disproportionately affected by STDs. Sexual taboos and prejudices negatively impact women's access to health care. Health provider biases against women with STDs can result in women being denied treatment.<sup>15</sup> Stigmatization and social rejection of women still remains a big problem. PHC structures are far from being equipped to deal with women who come in – if and when they do muster the courage to come in for treatment at all

While quality interventions in home based birthing has still not become a reality for many rural women in poor countries, the unprecedented challenges such as home-based care for people dying with HIV-AIDS has become a necessity. Women, whether as patients or as carers of husbands and children, are tremendously at risk of repeated infections, including drug resistant tuberculosis. Most AIDS patients in poor countries still die of the same infections that the poorest of the community die from: TB, pneumonia and diarrhea. In many sub-Saharan African countries especially Central and East Africa the incidence of TB has increased with the advent and increasing occurrence of HIV seropositivity. In a number of countries mentioned above one in three women die from TB due to neglect, since given the stigma attached to women with TB is so strong that they are either isolated or divorced.<sup>16</sup>

It is predicted that the incidence of HIV-AIDS will rise worldwide. Already women in some countries are more affected than men. And the numbers are expected to increase dramatically by the year 2020. As HIV gets to be more rampant we will not be able to separate the treatment of TB or pneumonia or diarrhea from this infection. And the fact that community level health workers are at risk of contracting the illness will only complicate matters further. The various kinds of discrimination that poor and minority women face when they do approach PHC posts has been a long standing complaint of poor women both from rural and urban areas in different parts of the world. The socio-cultural barriers are many and need to be broken if all women are to get the care they deserve.

### **Violence Against Women**

The issue of violence against women is another complex issue that does not get the attention it deserves at the different levels of health care. Although the situation is beginning to change as a result of mobilization by the women's movement. The link between violence and women's health status have been well established (bruises, assaults, depression, suicides etc) and yet few policies or programmes have been developed to counter it or to care for the women so affected. There still remains a social constraint against women talking about the sexual

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assaults within or outside the home. In addition most health workers are not trained to recognize or address issues related to violence against women. Pregnancy increases the risk of domestic violence, as does the disclosure or diagnosis of illness.<sup>17</sup>

Added to the violence at the domestic level there is also state sanctioned violence against women. The number of "honor killings" in Pakistan, Yemen and Jordan for instance are a terrible display of socially acceptable violence where the chastity of the woman is put to question. In Nigeria the state has adopted the Sharia law as state law allowing women to be severely punished for "unchaste" behavior. There is also the violence used against women from minority communities in communal conflicts. One example is the recent communal attacks by Hindus in the state of Gujarat, India, where pregnant Muslim women were violently attacked and killed.

Growing poverty worldwide and the rise in wars and conflict situation has resulted in a tremendous increase in violence directed at women. There is little public acknowledgement of this and very few programmes, aside from those set up by women, have been developed to deal with traumatized women in times of conflict. Few health care structures in any part of the world have built in systems to deal with the physical and mental effects that women face as a result of such violence.

Looking back, looking forward – where are we today and where do we go from here?

In advocating PHC the Alma Ata Declaration affirmed that health is determined mainly by factors lying outside the medical or public health services. It became clear over time that countries and regions that achieved the greatest and most durable improvements in health tend to be those with a commitment to equitable development that is broad based and multi-sectoral – for example countries like Sri Lanka, China, Costa Rica. These countries showed that investment in the social sectors and particularly in women's education, health and welfare has a very positive impact on health and social indicators of the population as a whole.<sup>18</sup>

The Center for Reproductive Rights, a New York based group of women's rights advocates, states that many countries have updated their health priorities in light of the two major international review conferences related to the 1994 ICPCD and the Beijing UN Women's Conference of 1995. Many governments of Anglophone Africa have had to assess current programmes and in their follow-up adopted reproductive health and rights as a main strategy in reconceptualizing national policies and programmes. They quite explicitly incorporated the language of the international documents into domestic instruments. The report goes on to state that "Without exception, every national health policy stresses a new multi sector primary health approach to service provision and a commitment to improved quality, access and affordability. They also plan to integrate reproductive health into primary health care, drawing on existing infrastructure and community based services."<sup>19</sup> These important changes in the national laws and policies are to be commended and definitely show an advance in terms of the desires of the different governments to take women's needs into account.

The reality on the ground however, is depressing. We have just touched upon the kind of problems and discrimination women face in different parts of the world with regard to their health. What we would like to highlight is that the primary health care approach is very suited to take up the health needs of women. It needs to look closely at the problems women face and find ways to address these needs in a manner that is both poor and women friendly.

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We join the People's Health Movement for the next three years in demanding primary health care for all peoples everywhere. Within that demand we would like to highlight for the year 2003 that governments take their responsibility for the health of women.

"Governments have a responsibility for the health of their people which can be fulfilled only by the provision of adequate health and social measures."  
(Alma Ata Declaration, Article V)

Many governments claim that their hands are bound by international policies and institutions. However, it should never be forgotten that as government representatives, (supposedly) representing their people, they should put people's interests first. Health is clearly an essential component of this interest. The health of the people, and women in particular, is a clear indicator of the success of a government to indeed represent its population. Ensuring health for all is a moral governmental obligation and is also explicitly mentioned in several national constitutions and international covenants.

This year our call is to governments :

**Governments: Take Responsibility for Women's Health!**

We demand that the elements that are highlighted by the Alma Ata Declaration be included in all policies and programmes that are to be implemented within the health and social systems, keeping the need for gender equity as the central focus:

We demand that the Alma Ata Declaration of 1978 be used to bring a woman friendly approach into Primary Health Care

We furthermore demand that

- 1) governments take back their responsibility for the health of their populations -- they have an obligation to guarantee health as a right of all people within their national borders. They must create or maintain special bodies that look into women's health as a right, and develop ways to implement policies that will have positive results;
- 2) governments set up mechanisms to ensure that women participate at all levels of decision-making to ensure that women are able to live healthy lives i.e. provision of clean water, sanitation facilities, basic education etc. They should also have an influence on the kind and quality of provision of health care in their areas;
- 3) governments ensure that all plans made for people's health takes into account social and economic conditions, class, caste, religion, and sexual preferences. This is very important to prevent the provision of health services from becoming a top down affair with little attention for the real needs of disadvantaged women;
- 4) governments ensure that comprehensive primary health care entails preventive, promotive and curative care from a gender sensitive point of view. The government has a responsibility to see that the spread of infectious and parasitic diseases are brought under control and in the case of the AIDS epidemic to set up preventive and promotional material and programmes that are women friendly;
- 5) governments recognize health as the interaction of socio-economic and political factors and address women's needs holistically. Violence against women for instance cannot be reduced unless men and women are engaged in the process of

prevention and treatment. The multi-sectoral approach is crucial to the improvement of understanding and improving women's health;

- 6) **governments make health care universally available and free of cost for women who cannot afford to pay.**

What you can do:

- Popularize the Alma Ata declaration and the call for Health for All and bring women's perspectives within it;
- Use the People's Charter for Health (available to download at [www.phmovement.org](http://www.phmovement.org)) to mobilize and educate community members, policy makers, government representatives about people's right to health, and as an advocacy tool at the local, national and international level;
- Call on the government representatives at your village, district or national level and demand that they improve primary health care provision within the Alma Ata framework keeping women's health needs a priority;
- Demand that your government ratify and abide by the CEDAW convention
- Join up with other groups working on health issues and raise the demands listed above with them at all levels;
- Participate in community efforts at building the foundation for comprehensive women's health care.
- Assert women's and girls' right to adequate and good quality health care services at all levels;
- Demand that the government increase the budget for ensuring women's health;
- Demand that governments regulate the prices of drugs and medicines in such a way that they are available, affordable and woman-friendly;
- Demand that governments institute mechanisms for women's active participation in the planning, monitoring and evaluating of health programmes;
- Demand women's right to work and labour benefits such as the right to breastfeed, maternity leave etc.;
- Demand that governments implement stricter measures for the protection of food and water sources, especially for the poor;
- Demand that governments downsize military budgets and that more public money is put into health and education programmes for women and girls;
- Demand that your government develop health care services that are affordable, accessible, women sensitive and humane;
- Demand that governments stop the promotion of unsafe contraceptive and sterilisation methods and see that guidelines set up to protect women's interests are strictly followed;
- Actively struggle against violence against women in all spheres – from wars and conflict situations to within the household. Women and girls must be free to live their lives without violence or the threat of violence;
- Document how primary health care is being implemented in your community/region/country and how reproductive and sexual rights is (or is not) being integrated

**So let's Act, Organize and Mobilize!**

- Inform WGNRR of any activities/initiatives BIG or small that you undertake related to the campaign or this Call for Action

**So we can spread the word!**

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### Call for Action 2003

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### The International Day for Action for Women's Health

At a meeting of members of the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) in Costa Rica on 28 May 1987, following from the 5th International Women and Health Meeting, the decision was taken to proclaim May 28 as an International Day of Action for women's health.

In 1988 and 1989, two special publications were made for May 28 on maternal mortality and morbidity by WGNRR and the Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network. Since then, the WGNRR Coordination Office has published annually a Call to Action for May 28. Until 1996, these Calls focussed on various aspects of the prevention of maternal mortality and morbidity. After evaluation among the respective groups in different regions, the focus has shifted to a critical examination of the impact of global neoliberal policies – particularly of the IMF and the World Bank – on women's health and women's access to quality health care, and a demand for health and development policies which are gender sensitive, and which enhance poor women's and men's standard of living, and improve the accessibility and quality of health care services. Since 1997, the Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network has also begun publishing a Call to Action oriented towards their network.



Since its inception, the International Day of Action for Women's Health on 28 May, has become widely known and celebrated. In 1999, it was officially recognised by the government of South Africa. May 28 has become the day on which many women's groups and organisations from all over the world carry out a wide variety of activities – from street theatre and demonstrations to discussions with parliamentarians – calling for attention to the unsatisfactory state of health care for women and demanding improvements.



## **Background to the Campaign on Women's Access to Health (WAHC)** Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights

From 2003 to 2005 the WGNRR Coordination Office will coordinate the **Women's Access to Health Campaign**, in close collaboration with the People's Health Movement (PHM). The core activities will be centred around, but not restricted to May 28; International Day of Action for Women's Health. The Coordination Office will bring out campaign material to support Network members and other interested groups and will be engaged in activities, meetings and conferences that are organised around the campaign. Campaign participants will regularly receive updates. The reports/articles they send to the Coordination Office will be sent to other participants, in order to stimulate and inform each other. The campaign will focus on the specific objectives laid down in the Alma Ata Declaration of 1978 (USSR) for the implementation of Health for All by the Year 2000 and show within that framework the missing themes vis-à-vis women's health. We will in this way not just highlight the failure of the implementation of the Alma Ata Declaration, but also show our solidarity with the concept of primary health care which is the larger theme taken up by the People's Health Movement for the next few years. At the May 1999 meeting of all health ministers at the World Health Assembly the call of "Health for All in the Year 2000", as agreed upon in 1978, was reformulated to "Health for All in the 21<sup>st</sup> century" and the targets reset to 2020. What happened to the Alma Ata vision?

The concepts outlined in the Alma Ata Declaration (1978) will form part of the three subsequent Calls for Action (2003 – 2005). Specific reproductive and sexual health and rights angles will serve to exemplify and strengthen the demands.

The 3-year campaign slogan will be "Health for All - Health for Women". The 3-year core demand is that primary health care be provided for all people and peoples everywhere, taking into account, in theory and practice, women's reproductive and sexual health needs. In 2003 the Campaign's slogan will be directed at national governments: "Governments Take Responsibility for Women's Health". The slogans for the 2004 and 2005 Calls for Action will be decided upon according to WGNRR member's input, since the Network members have indicated their wish to form part of the developments of campaigns.

### **Background**

"Health for All" is really being pushed back by health sector reforms and privatisation with disastrous result in terms of women and children's lives. We therefore need to take up the call for the inclusion of a focus on women's health within the framework of primary health care. This is an important means to reach out to as many people as possible – both rural and urban and the underprivileged everywhere who are currently excluded from any care at all.

Since 1993 the World Bank (WB) has taken a greater role in the development and the implementation of health policies for developing countries, whereas the role of the World Health Organisation (WHO) has been diminished. Government health policies, with the support of WHO and the WB, have been redirected to focus on privatisation, cost-effectiveness and the development of public-private partnerships in the provision of health care. This development has dramatically affected people's health in poor countries and specifically women's health. We find that under the prevailing circumstances governments have had little say in protecting the needs and interests of their people since they are or claim to be dependent on the Bank for loans and hence 'have to' agree to the conditions placed by this institution.

Over the years governments and religious fundamentalists have denied women's right to make decisions central to their lives. They have done this by implementing policies that are more in the

interest of private businesses and cost-effectiveness and less in the interest of equity and quality for all. Religious fundamentalists have been able to influence policy makers with patriarchal attitudes related to women's sexual and reproductive lives. The right to health also eludes many women who because of deeply internalised subordination and the absence of enabling conditions, fail to claim this entitlement.

Women's right to health has to be addressed by comprehensive primary health care systems and comprehensive social and economic policies all over the world. Our campaign will focus on getting women's needs highlighted at all levels of health policymaking and programmes. We join the People's Health Movement in their efforts to spread support for the primary health care approach as widely as possible and to mobilise through the PHM and our combined networks.

#### What do we plan to do?

According to the Alma Ata some of the fundamental characteristics of primary health care include:

- Universally accessible health care
- Community participation
- Affordable and appropriate services
- Plans integral to social and economic development
- Prevention, promotion and curative care
- Inter and multi-sectoral collaboration

The characteristics outlined above show that the Alma Ata Signatories recognized health as a political issue related to questions of socio-economic justice. The identified need for community participation and intersectoral cooperation indicates that it was understood that if we were to address not just the symptoms of ill health but its root causes, a radical change had to be made in the medicalised approach to health. The Declaration also called on governments to take up their responsibility towards ensuring that Health for All becomes a reality, a demand that needs to be highlighted in these times of increased privatisation and the shifting of responsibilities away from governments.

We have purposefully chosen to focus on the campaign on women's access to health i.e. not on health services. Although we find health services very essential, they cannot in and of themselves ensure women's health and reproductive and sexual rights. While we wish to address women's needs for basic services that include reproductive and sexual rights, we also want to address the 'enabling conditions' that are essential for women to enjoy good health. International and national policies that result in greater poverty of populations and an ever-growing gap between the rich and the poor, as is currently the case, have a direct impact on women's possibilities to stay healthy or enjoy their reproductive and sexual rights.

Under the banner of reproductive and sexual rights there are several issues that interlink with women's status and affect their health detrimentally. For instance women are more likely to be infected with the HIV virus than men in sexual encounters; pregnant women are more exposed to the risk of domestic violence; women are less likely to demand and receive health care until they become seriously ill. Some of the issues the women's movement has been demanding attention for over the years are listed below:

- Violence against women
- Maternal mortality and morbidity
- Abortion rights and services
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- HIV-AIDS and PHC

- Communicable diseases like TB and Malaria
- Need for safe and effective, woman friendly contraceptives and policies not driven by population control

No doubt some aspects of the problems/illnesses mentioned above have received some attention within what existed as primary health care in many countries. For instance in Argentina and several other countries up until the mid-1990's pregnant women did have the possibility to have antenatal check ups during their pregnancy; a certain amount of maternal and child care was provided for by health care centres worldwide; free treatment for TB and malaria were offered and programmes were set up to distribute oral rehydration therapy in case of diarrhoea. Above all in many parts of the world free contraceptives were provided in the effort to reduce the birth rates, as part of population control programmes. In fact in the context of India and Bangladesh the complaint has been that primary health care centres often may not have antibiotics to offer clients but definitely have hormonal contraceptives that are highly questionable in terms of their effects on women's health.

#### **Broadening the Campaign Beyond WGNRR's Network**

We will work with our members to develop the campaign and the related annual Calls for Action. We propose to broaden the campaign to include other social movements that may not have women's health and reproductive and sexual rights as a central focus. We believe that including a wider range of groups will build solidarity and strengthen our demands of reversing inter(national) health and other policies that have a negative impact on women's reproductive and sexual health and rights and women's access to health and to health care. In particular we are linking with the People's Health Movement (PHM, for more information please visit their website at [www.phmovement.org](http://www.phmovement.org)) and coordinating a PHM working circle on the issue of women's access to health.

The Peoples Health Movement (PHM, formerly the Peoples Health Assembly, PHA) has come out of an international initiative that started in 1998. In that year, a group of health activists, doctors, health and drug action NGOs, public health professionals and academicians came together because of their deep concern at the deteriorating health situation for the majority of people, especially in poor countries. The idea was to elaborate an analysis of health policies internationally and its effects on people on a national and local, and use such analysis as a starting point for campaigns at all levels, to demand better health care provisions for the disadvantaged worldwide.

Since June 1999 the coordination office of the WGNRR is involved in the coordination, first of the Peoples Health Assembly in December 2000 in Bangladesh, and more recently in international networking under the umbrella of the PHM. Many activities are being undertaken by grassroots organizations all over the world.

#### **What we would like to see happen:**

We join the People's Health Movement the next three years in demanding primary health care for all people everywhere. Within that demand we would like to highlight for the year 2003 that

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## Main Identity

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**From:** PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
**To:** Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights <office@wgnrr.nl>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2003 09:07 PM  
**Subject:** Call for Action

Dear Melina,

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

Theima and I just returned after a hectic three week lecture tour of 8 cities and 6 universities in USA promoting the People's Health Movement and the Charter at the request of our PHM – US focal points – Hesperian Foundation and Doctors for Global Health. A separate report follows.

Just a few quick points in response to your letter with campaign enclosures dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2003, which I discovered in a pile of emails waiting for action.

1. The Call for Action is well done and I am glad you have shown PHM as a supporter.
2. We meet on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May at Geneva just before the WHA. This will be an opportunity to do a little more coordination. You should get an hour perhaps or a breakout session on the second day (17<sup>th</sup> May) for a campaign / networking session.
3. In your books and references list – I would add two more.
  - a. the booklet 4 of PHM India entitled 'A World Where we Matters' has a special section on women's health, focusing on the poor (p7-26). The link is the same [www.sochara.org](http://www.sochara.org) (the visuals and presentations are good for campaigns).
  - b. A book by Hesperian Foundation, 'Where there is no Women's Doctor' is also a good resource.
4. I will get back to you with more reflections after I have read the campaign notes in greater details.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan

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From: CHC <sochara@vsnl.com>  
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 Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2003 6:46 PM  
 Subject: Re: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] WHA and PHM Activities 2003 and WGNRR's Call for Action : Governments Take Responsibility for Women's Health!

Dear Melina

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I attended the PHM - India NCC meeting at which Sarojini (of SAMA / MFC) circulated the WGNRR Campaign documents. She will write to you about PHM India decisions.

We are sending the final list of Steering group members as promised, next week.

Best wishes

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 Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 3:30 PM  
 Subject: RE: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] WHA and PHM Activities 2003 and WGNRR's Call for ACTION : Governments Take Responsibility for Women's Health!

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We also have Spanish and French versions available. Let me know if you would like them.

Please feel free to copy and distribute to your networks/members. (and please let us know if you do so)

It would be good to have a way of disseminating materials to the PHM regional contact people. PLease get in touch with me if you would like us to send you copies. We have limited numbers available.

Melina

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Dear Ravi and all the group,

Thanks for sending this our to all of us. I am a little confused who is on what list of communications. There seems to be little difference in the lists.

This communication does give many people a better picture of what we hope to do at the WHA.

However, I would like to see some clear objectives stated in the communications that go out to other networks.

For example; what you said earlier (25th anniv. Alma Ata, networking with other groups and networks, dialogue with WHO, etc, and battery charging)

I would like to go back to some of the suggestions which I made to Ravi and to Nance in an earlier communication. So I have attached it for everyone to read. Please do read it and then let us get on with the organizing.

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Could people send their comments soon so the PHM Geneva and the Secretariat plus the WHA circle can decide what to do.

If you expect me to help organize what I have proposed in the attachment, then I need to know ASAP in order to contact the persons indicated.

Best wishes,

Maria

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Hi Ravi,

I am happy to do what I can from this end.

Regards,  
Melina

Thanks for the update re the call being distributed. Look forward to Sarojini's report. We will have at least one more and possibly two from our office attending the PHM meeting in Geneva. I will send their names next week.

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Sent: Monday, May 05, 2003 6:15 PM  
Subject: Re: PHM geneva attendance

Dear Melina,

The information about two other WGNRR staff has been included in our list. Looking forward to meeting you all at Geneva. I shall also be visiting WEMOS in the Hague for a PHM Dialogue on 14th. Hope some WGNRR staff will join. Please be in touch with PHM Geneva group for accommodation for your colleagues if it is required.

Best wishes.

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Cc: 'Maria Hamlin-Zuniga' <iphc@cable.net.com.ni>  
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Subject: PHM geneva attendance

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Sent: Monday, May 05, 2003 2:59 PM  
Subject: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] comments on program

Unni and others,

the program is looking good. ... thanks for putting this all together.

a few comments:

I hope that there will be some sense of speaking times and discussion times outlined (in advance) so that everyone on the programme gets an equal amount of time and that there is plenty of time for discussion.

I would also like to make a request that presenters be asked to integrate some kind of gender analysis as part of their presentation and discussion--otherwise we as the WGNRR seem to be the only group that is profiling women's health issues-- when really it should be an issue covered by everyone.

Third since there is an entire session on GATS and WTO I would suggest moving the presentation on GATS and right to health ( currently in the HIV/malaria. etc session) to the one that is focussing on those issues.

Finally, a correction re the Women's Access to Health Campaign. \* please note it is access to health and NOT access to health care.  
(so please change the session title to: *Women's Access to Health Campaign: Primary Health Care and Women's Reproductive and Sexual Rights : Where are we Today?*)

Thanks and see many of you soon!

Warm regards,  
Melina

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Please send this to Nance/Allison & Genex group urgently

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Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2003 4:11 PM  
Subject: contact info

Dear Ravi,

My colleague, Melina, already introduced us in her last mail. Melina is now on pregnancy leave and I am taking over the WAHC campaign and PHM from her. I look forward to being in touch with you and others from the PHM regularly.

I have one thing to request from you. I am currently working on an update and clean up of our WAHC database and would like to have certain contact information from you so I can check and add that.

Please if you could supply with me with the following information I would be very grateful:

- Mailaddress of Claudio Kabisa
- Mailaddress of Prem John
- And all the contact details (post address and mailaddress) of all the PHM regional contacts.

Thanks you very much.  
Warm regards,

Nadia van der Linde  
Campaign Coordinator

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Subject: Goodwill Dev Foundation letter

Dear Prasanna,  
Thanks for the message re the group from Ghana sending you feedback re the campaign. Could you please send us the letter that they sent you ( we are trying to document reactions to the campaign) ( by post, fax or even you could scan it). Thanks!

Also would you please send me the PHM secretariat reports since early June... I think that for some reason I didn't receive some.

Thanks!

Wendy Auerbach

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmse@touchtelindia.net>  
To: <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2003 4:39 PM  
Subject: Re: a group/movement for PHM to connect with?

Dear Meena,

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

Hope you and Sumathi have been seeing all the communications being sent to WGNRR as Steering group member. Please acknowledge receipt and respond to those issues relevant to WGNRR role in PHM.

Thanks for the message about the People's Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Lany Cox of Ford foundation has been keen to link us up with them since the PHM he felt had experience of a process that would be useful for People's Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as well.

Shall connect up with them through the mails you sent.

Please send regular updates about the Women's Access to Health Care campaign. Mark them to Prem John as News Brief editor and to Claudio for PHM Exchange, so that the interest is maintained.

Best wishes,

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From: wgnrr <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
To: PHM secretariat <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2003 7:23 PM  
Subject: a group/movement for PHM to connect with?

> Hi Ravi,

> Hope you are well.

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From: wgnr <waho@wgnr.nl>  
To: 'PHM secretariat' <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2008 7:28 PM  
Subject: a group/movement for PHM to connect with?

Hi Ravi,

I hope you are well.

Have you heard of the People's Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights? We got a message a little while back about a meeting that was held June 5-7 in Thailand by 200 international activists. They produced a list of demands to governments to respect human rights treaties, intl trade organizations and TNCs to respect economic/social and cultural rights.

Seems like a potentially good group to connect with the PHM.

Here is the contact info in case we are not already in touch with them:

The Organizing Committee of the People's Convention on ESCR: Towards a Social Justice  
c/o Peace and Human Rights Resource Centre

Email: [hrnet@mozart.inet.co.th](mailto:hrnet@mozart.inet.co.th)  
Fax: 66 2 375 6702

(the original message we got was sent out by Mr. Prasiniporn Kan-onsri [Noi] from Assembly of the Poor, Thailand  
[www.thai.to/aop](http://www.thai.to/aop)

Warm regards,

Melina

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Dear Melina  
Catchup from the PHM Secretariat. Hope you and Sunithi has been seeing all the communications being sent to WGNRR as steering group member. Please acknowledge receipt and respond to those issues relevant to WGNRR's role in PHM.

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Shall connect up with them through the mail you sent. Please send regular updates about the Womens Access to Health care campaign.

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co News brief editor and to  
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mainstream  
Best wishes  
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From: wgnrr <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
To: <PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03@yahoogroups.com>  
Cc: <"Mirjam"@aitrade.nijmegen.internl.net>; <"Sumati"@aitrade.nijmegen.internl.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2003 8:47 PM  
Subject: RE: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] Fw: Berlin-conference (Ravi Narayan)

Hi all,

Just to let you know that one of our network members Alejandra Rotania from Brazil will be presenting a paper at the Berlin meeting on issues related to reproductive rights and biotechnology. She is interested in connecting with the PHM contact who is dealing with these issues. Could someone please send the contact information for Gilles de Wildt so that she can get in contact?

Thanks.

Hope you are all well.

Warm regards,

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From: PHM Secretariat [<mailto:phmsec@touchtelindia.net>]

Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2003 7:47 AM

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmse@touchtelindia.net>  
 To: <wahe@wgnrr.nl>  
 Sent: Friday, August 08, 2003 1:39 PM  
 Subject: Re: PHM meeting time

Dear Nadia,

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Best wishes

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● PHM secretariat <secretariat@phmovement.org>

Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2003 9:28 PM

Subject: PHM meeting time

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Warm regards,

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*Best wishes*  
*Ravi*

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From: wgnrr <waho@wgnrr.nl>  
To: 'PHM Secretariat' <phmse@touchtelincia.net>  
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2003 3:51 PM  
Subject: RE: PHM meeting time

Dear Ravi,

Thank you for your quick response and update.

I will not be able to make it to the PHM meeting if it's the first week of October (before October 6), but trying else arrangements for now.

Good luck with the planning and I look forward to hearing more from you on the next dates soon.

Warm regards,  
Nadia

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From: wgnrr <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
To: 'PHM Secretariat' <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2003 8:35 PM  
Subject: RE: contact info

Dear Prasanna,

Thank you very much for all the information. It will come in handy.

Can you please tell me what name and password I need to check older messages in the yahooogroups on the internet?

• Thanks again.

Nadia

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From: PHM Secretariat [<mailto:phmsec@touchtelindia.net>]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2003 2:33 PM  
To: [wahc@wgnrr.nl](mailto:wahc@wgnrr.nl)  
Subject: Re: contact info

Dear Nadia,

PHM Secretariat

From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
To: <waho@wgnrr.nl>  
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2003 6:05 PM  
Subject: Re: pha ii worry

Dear Nadia,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (global)!

Don't panic. Maria's letter has been followed up with another by me which puts PHA - II in perspective. We shall make a final decision at the october meeting in Iran. So don't let the apparent uncertainty bother you at present.

Best wishes,

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To: PHM secretariat' <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2003 9:30 PM  
Subject: pha ii worry

> Hi Ravi,

> I just read Maria Hamlin Zuniga's e-mail about the PHA II to be held in  
> Brazil in July 2004 .. and it's very worrying to me. As you know, we are  
> also in our Member's Meeting started the d

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To: PHM secretariat <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2003 9:30 PM  
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Hi Ravi,

I just read Maria Hamlin Zuniga's e-mail about the PHA II to be held in Brazil in July 2004... and it's very worrying to me. As you know, we are planning our Member's Meeting around the dates of the PHA II in Porto Alegre, but now it seems to be very unsure as to whether it can really take place.

Do you have any more update you can give me on this? Or is it better for me to contact Maria on this? (I'm not sure how the tasks are divided regarding the fundraising for the PHA II).

Thanks very much,  
Nadia

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Best wishes  
Ravi

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PHM - Porto Alegre (Brazil), 2004

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From: wgnrr <waht@wgnrr.nl>  
To: PHM secretariat <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2003 6:59 PM  
Subject: WSF 2004

Dear Ravi,

How are you? (ready to go to Iran?)

Are there any PHM plans yet for the WSF in January? As you know, registration for events is open till the end of September. I am not sure if you are the contact person for this or if I should contact someone else, please inform me.

I will be going to the WSF for the WGNRR and would be interested in participating in a PHM event (panel, discussion, workshop, seminar, etc) if something is planned.

I will also keep you informed about the activities we are planning to organize there as soon as I know more.

Best regards,  
Nadia

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Dear Nadia

I am surprised that you are not aware of the International Health Forum organised by PHM on 14/15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2004 preceding the World Social Forum 16-21<sup>st</sup> Jan.

The framework evolved at a recent PHM-India meeting is enclosed.

WGNRR has to be an active participant so please add 13-15<sup>th</sup> to your visit dates and respond to Dr Amit Sengupta ( )

and the secretariat about the programme and whether WGNRR concerns are adequately addressed.

Best wishes

Ravi Nerya

PS This was Appendix  
— of Communication  
— sent from the  
secretariat to all members  
of the PHM Steering  
Group - so WGNRR  
should have received  
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From: wgnrr <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
To: 'PHM secretariat' <secretariat@phmovement.org>, <unnikri@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2003 3:37 PM  
Subject: Question on implementation guidelines PHC

Dear Ravi and Unni,

I received the following question from Dr. Gopal Dabade in India regarding some of the follow-up strategies for the Women's Access to Health Campaign. He is interested in knowing if there are any guidelines on how to document how PHC is being implemented in a community and how sexual and reproductive rights are (or are not) being integrated. An excerpt from his message is pasted below.

If you have any references or resource persons you can connect him to, I would be very grateful. Feel free to contact him directly at:

dabade@mat-computing.com  
Dr Gopal Dabade,  
Jagruti,  
57, Tejaswinagar,  
Dharwad 580002,  
Karnataka, INDIA

Please copy me on the message, as it would be useful for WGNRR to have more information on this too.

Thank you very much,  
Best regards,

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Dear Nadia  
Gopal is a long term CHC Advocate who just returned to Dharwad Karnataka (our State) after 3 years with BUKO-Pharma in Germany. He was with us a few days ago exploring how to support PHM work and continue with his work on Rational Drug policy related issues. He will be speaking at the PHM Secretariat next month on his German Buko experience as a South Asian doctor who joined them in a spirit of North-South dialogue. He will also be presenting a video called Rich poor country which is about Poverty and ill health in Germany. We shall help us trace the medicines and keep you in touch. Best wishes, Ravi.

Ravi  
28/08/03

I congratulate you on the excellent write ups titled "A Call for Action" and "Health for All for women" as both of them call for a strong and urgent need action for women's right and health globally. I express my solidarity with your statements and would like to contribute my best. In the booklet titled "A Call for Action", under the heading "What you can do: What you can do", the last



**Ravi Narayan**

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**From:** Ravi - PHM Secretariat(Global) <ravi@phmovement.org>  
**To:** <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2003 3:12 PM  
**Subject:** Re: PHM - Iran Meeting Visa details

Dear Nadia,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

I hope you received the Steering group communication about postponement of Iran meeting. So you will have to postpone the holiday as well! This will affect Mwajuma's plans as well. Let me know anything else to be done.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan

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**From:** wgnrr  
**To:** 'PHM secretariat'  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2003 5:41 PM  
**Subject:** PHM - Iran Meeting Visa details

Dear Ravi,

Greetings from WGNRR (Amsterdam)!

How are the preparations for the Alma Ata Anniversary Meeting and PHM Steering Group meeting going?

I am planning to add on some holiday after the PHM meeting in Teheran, so was wondering if the invitation dates can be extended until November 3 2003. I tried to find out from the embassy here if they would be difficult about dates if they are different on the invitation letter, but they are very unclear about it.

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issued in Amsterdam  
Nationality Dutch

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1092 TJ Amsterdam  
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Let me know if you need anything else.

Best regards,  
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**To:** PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
**Cc:** Jose Utrera <jose.utrera@wemos.nl>; <marjan.stoffers@wemos.nl>; Peter Kok <peter.kok@cordaid.nl>; Chan-Ling Yong <Chan.Ling.Yong@cordaid.nl>; Tom Puls <tpu@cordaid.nl>; Julie Love <Julie.Love@cordaid.nl>; Nadia van der Linde <wahc@wgnrr.nl>; N. B. Sarojini <samasaro@vsnl.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2003 11:58 AM  
**Subject:** Re: WGNRR meeting in Netherlands

Dear Ravi,

Thanks for your help. The confusion was unfortunate. But now that it is cleared, let's hope I can meet up with a few PHM friends. I will be writing to them shortly.

Warm regards,  
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PHM Secretariat wrote:

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They will be staying at: Hotel Park lane, Plantageparklaan, 16, Amsterdam. Tel: +31-20-6224804.

If you have any suggestions, please write to them with a copy to us.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan  
Coordinator, People's Health Movement Secretariat(global)  
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To: <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
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To: <PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03@yahoogroups.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2003 1:55 PM  
Subject: RE: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] re November meeting

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Please let's come up with some ideas of how best to move forward on this.

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To: Sama <samasaro@vsnl.com>; <wahc@wgnrr.nl>; <jaya\_velankar@vsnl.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2003 3:30 PM  
Subject: Re: WGNRR meeting in Netherlands

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**Cc:** <jaya\_velankar@vsnl.net>; 'N. B. Sarojini' <samasaro@vsnl.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2003 6:48 PM  
**Subject:** RE: WGNRR meeting in Netherlands

Dear PHM friends,

Unfortunately, there has been some misunderstanding. Let me correct some of the message that was sent out before by the PHM secretariat (pasted also below).

Jaya Velankar is indeed coming to the Netherlands the end of September, for an international board meeting of the WGNRR. There is no public meeting arranged, but it may be possible to make a personal appointment with Jaya outside of the board meeting times.

Sarojini will not be visiting the Netherlands in September, but will be visiting our office for a meeting 16 and 17 October. WGNRR will be organising a public event in relation to the Alma Ata Anniversary and Women's Access to Health Campaign in the late afternoon (17.00 - 19.00 hours) of Thursday October 16 to give WGNRR and PHM contacts a chance to meet Sarojini and several other excellent women. You will receive an invitation for this meeting shortly, but please feel free to add it to your agenda already.

I hope this clarifies everything. Please feel free to contact me if you have any more questions or concerns.

Warm regards,  
Nadia van der Linde  
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From: Ravi - PHM Secretariat(Global) <ravi@phmovement.org>  
To: <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 3:05 PM  
Subject: Re: Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights Invites you to the women's Alma Ata Reception Thursday October 16th, time: 17:00 - 19:00 h

Dear Nadia,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Thanks for a copy of the invitation of the Alma Ata Anniversary reception and all our best wishes for the event. Greetings also to Mwajuma, Sarojini, Roxana and Isidora and other WGNRR / PHM contacts who attend the meeting.

It would be a good idea if all of you could also record your appreciation about Ms. Shirin Ebadi, Human Rights Lawyer from Iran, who has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. She has also championed the cause of women and children in her work and will soon be taking up the case of the killing of a woman journalist by the police in Iran, who was photographing a prison. It's all in the papers and as a woman recipient of the Nobel Prize and also because of the focus of the work, its important to record it in your meeting somehow. We hope we will be able to get her as a special guest for the Iran Conference, but do somehow make a mention of it.

I hope this communication reaches you all in time before the event. We also look forward to a short report on the event and the main points shared by the 4 supporters of the Women's Access to Health Campaign for PHM Exchange and PHM website.

Best wishes once again from the PHM Secretariat team.

Ravi Narayan  
Coordinator  
PHM Secretariat (Global)  
● - Original Message -----

From: WGNRR <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
To: 'PHM secretariat' <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2003 3:01 PM  
Subject: FW: Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights Invites you to the women's Alma Ata Reception Thursday October 16th, time: 17:00 - 19:00 h

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In solidarity,  
Nadia van der Linde

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It is 25 years ago that governments from around the world signed the Alma Ata Declaration committing to provide "Health for All" by the year 2000. The Primary Health Care (PHC) approach emphasized in this declaration has been poorly implemented in many countries, or not at all. Especially women's access to health and reproductive rights is still extremely limited as governments refuse to take their responsibility.

WGNRR has invited 4 supporters of the Women's Access to Health Campaign from India, Tanzania, Peru and Macedonia to share some of their experiences and look at actions needed to improve women's access to health and reproductive rights. We hope you will join us in this opportunity to meet, network and strategize while enjoying some drinks and snacks.

When: Thursday October 16th, time: 17:00 - 19:00 h  
Where: WGNRR Office, Vrolijkstraat 453-D, Amsterdam  
RSVP to: Liliana Jauregui  
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To: <wanc@wgnrr.nl>  
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2003 12:05 PM  
Subject: Re: Participation WSF

Dear Nadia,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Please write to Amit Sengupta as was mentioned in my earlier message with your suggestions. No one in PHM has responded with any idea about WSF as yet, which is disappointing. I am just sending out another mail and we must have some idea for 17th / 18th January, a panel or workshop each day. Could you mark your idea to steering group so that everyone can react as well?

I leave for Europe and will return on 30th. In the meanwhile, Prasanna, our Communication Officer will respond if necessary.

How did the WAHA meetings in Netherlands go? Look forward to hearing more about it. Meet Mwajuma in Rome on 24th October.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan

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To: 'PHM secretariat' <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Cc: 'Elvire 2 Yahoo' <elvire\_beleoken@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2003 9:05 PM  
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If you can also give me an idea of when the programme for the Defense of People's Health Forum will be more clear, that would also be great.

Hoping to hear from you soon,  
Kind regards,

Nadia

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as was  
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 Cc: <PHM\_Humanitarian\_action\_circle@yahoo.com>  
 Sent: Monday, November 03, 2003 8:47 PM  
 Subject: RE: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] WSF + 2 new ideas

Dear all,

I cannot find the PHM registrations on the WSF website (as they were suggested in the e-mails below)... did it come through?  
 All I can find are the PHM Bangladesh Circle events.

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**To:** <PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03@yanongroups.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2003 5:40 PM  
**Subject:** RE: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] IHF meet in Mumbai around WSF

Thanks again for all the information Ravi.

This is just to add that the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights has registered for a specific workshop during the WSF on the Women's Access to Health Campaign ("From Rights to Actions"). Anyone who would like more information on this, please feel free to contact me directly. We are also planning an activity specifically for the Youth Forum at the WSF. Of course WGNRR is also enthusiastic about collaborating in the PHM panels and workshops.

I will also be present for the Steering Group meeting prior to the forum, as well as during the Health Forum (with my colleague Elvire from Cameroon).

I will be in touch about accommodation and all that.

Warm regards,  
Nadia

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**From:** PHM Secretariat [mailto:phmsec@touchtelindia.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2003 1:50 PM  
**To:** PHM\_Steering\_Group  
**Subject:** [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] IHF meet in Mumbai around WSF

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Dear Friends

We had sent an earlier communication about the International forum to be held on 14th / 15th January 2004 which will precede the world Social forum held from 16th to 21st January 2004 in Mumbai. We are sending an update and the evolving programme and await urgently confirmation of your participation as well as suggestions and ideas to make the programme more relevant. We hope you are planning to attend the WSF and will join the Health Forum as

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From: WGNRR <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
 To: <PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03@yahoo.com>; 'PHM Secretariat' <phmsecc@touchtelindia.net>; 'David McCoy' <david.mccoy@lshtm.ac.uk>; 'Jose Utrera' <jose.utrera@wemos.nl>; 'mikerowson' <mikerowson@medact.org>; 'David Legge' <d.legge@latrobe.edu.au>; 'Rosalie Bertell' <rosalie.bertell@verizon.net>; 'Mohan Rao-JNU-Delhi' <mohanrao@bol.net.in>; 'Andy Rutherford' <arutherford@oneworldaction.org>; 'Andrew Chetley' <chetley.a@healthlink.org.uk>; 'Satya Sivaraman' <satyasagar@yahoo.com>  
 Cc: <PHM\_Humanitarian\_action\_circle@yahoo.com>; 'Elvire 2 Yanoc' <elvire.belecken@yahoo.com>  
 Sent: Monday, October 27, 2003 7:17 PM  
 Subject: RE: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] WSF + 2 new ideas

Dear PHMi

The ideas for the various panels for the WSF are great, and I support the 2 new ideas from Unni (copied below). For all the panels I would like to stress the importance of including someone who can include a gender perspective in their presentation - or preferably making sure everyone does that!

Regarding the "wars, conflicts, militarism" panel, it would be important to highlight the special impact on women's access to health, since there are many specific examples to include here (like rape as a tool of war, for example).

Regarding the panel "from words to action" it would be good to highlight the various activities that have taken place globally, including actions around the Alma Ata anniversary, Million signatures campaign and the Women's Access to Health Campaign. We could highlight one or several specific examples here of activities that have been organized for this.

Warm regards,  
Nadia

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From: UNNIKRISSHAN P.V. (Dr) [mailto:[unnikru@yahoo.com](mailto:unnikru@yahoo.com)]  
 Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2003 10:07 AM  
 To: PHM Secretariat; David McCoy; Jose Utrera; mikerowson; David Legge; Rosalie Bertell; Mohan Rao-JNU-Delhi; Andy Rutherford; Andrew Chetley; Satya Sivaraman  
 Cc: PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03@yahoo.com; PHM\_Humanitarian\_action\_circle@yahoo.com  
 Subject: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] WSF + 2 new ideas

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From: María Hamlin Zúniga <iphc@cable.net.ni>  
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 Cc: PHM\_womens\_health\_working\_circle Moderator <PHM\_womens\_health\_working\_circle-owner@yahoo.com>  
 Sent: Monday, March 08, 2004 5:02 AM  
 Subject: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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 INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY 2004  
 HEALTH FOR ALL HEALTH FOR WOMEN  
 IN SOLIDARITY,  
 María and the team at the IPHC Global Coordination Office



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Ravi Narayan

From: Ravi - PHM Secretariat(Global) <ravi@phmovement.org>  
 To: <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
 Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2003 1:53 PM  
 Subject: Re: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] Iran Conference - Change of Dates

Dear Nadia,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

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Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan

P.S. Apart from Elmira and you, WGNRR planning to raise travel support for other women participants from other parts of the world. At PHA - I, HIVOS supported this. Please contact them again and follow up.

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From: WGNRR  
 To: 'PHM secretariat'  
 Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2003 1:53 PM  
 Subject: RE: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] Iran Conference - Change of Dates

Dear Ravi,

This is very unfortunate as I have already booked my ticket just last week as I would be losing the booking otherwise (and WGNRR would probably have to cover its own expenses and cannot deal with a doubling of the cost). I thought you made it clear that the date was confirmed this time. However, luckily I was planning to add some holidays and will still be in Iran 13-14 December.

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Please give more details as to this change of dates!

In solidarity,  
 Nadia

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**From:** WGNRR <waho@wgnrr.nl>  
**To:** PHM secretariat <secretariat@ohmovement.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 04, 2003 1:53 PM  
**Subject:** RE: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] Iran Conference - Change of Dates

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**Importance:** High

Dear Friends,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)

*Ravi*  
*5/11/03*

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to raise more support for other  
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Best wishes  
Ravi*

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From: WGNRR <waho@wgnrr.nl>  
 To: 'PHM Secretariat' <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>, 'mohammad ali barzgar' <m\_barzgar@hotmail.com>  
 Cc: 'Lanny' <vze2x6qm@verizon.net>, <waho@wgnrr.nl>, 'David Sanders' <martin@uwo.ac.za>, 'Pam Zinkin-IPHC-U.K.' <pamzinkin@gn.apc.org>  
 Sent: Monday, November 10, 2003 3:04 PM  
 Subject: RE: Iran Visit

Dear Dr. Barzgar, Ravi and others,

Thank you very much for following this up Ravi.

I have however decided to cancel my trip to Iran as there are now other priorities to focus on. Feel free to contact me though if you would like any information at all about WGNRR or the Women's Access to Health Campaign.

I hope we will all have the chance to meet in April (if not before in Bombay), and wish you all good luck with the preparations.

In solidarity,  
Nadia

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From: PHM Secretariat [mailto:phmsec@touchtelindia.net]  
 Sent: Friday, November 07, 2003 2:42 PM  
 To: mohammad ali barzgar  
 Cc: Lanny; waho@wgnrr.nl; David Sanders; Pam Zinkin-IPHC-U.K.  
 Subject: Iran Visit

Dear Dr. Barzgar,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)

Two of our PHM resource persons Lanny Smith, PHM - USA and Doctors for Global Health and Nadia Van der Linde of PHM - Netherlands and WGNRR are planning independently of each other to visit Tehran anyway on the dates 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
To: <office@wgnrr.nl>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 1:31 PM  
Subject: Re: hotel reservation

Dear Liliana,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

We have noted your requirement and will book Elvira, Nadia and Corine together in a triple room (A/C) from 12th to 18th. They will be in the International YMCA from 12th to 15th. Then from 15th night till 21st they will be shifted to a hotel closer to WSF venue. Further details follows as soon as we get confirmation from CEHAT our Mumbai based PHM logistics group.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan / Prasanna / Naveen  
People's Health Movement Secretariat(global) - IHF / WSF group,  
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From: WGNRR <office@wgnrr.nl>  
To: <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2003 7:20 PM  
Subject: hotel reservation

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Dear sir or madam,

We would like to make reservations for two persons. Nadia van der Linde and Elvire Belecokou, a third person Corine Aartman is not yet sure. They will arrive the 11th of January to attend to the Health Conference and then from the 16th to the 21 of January to the WSF. They would prefer AC rooms. Could you please advise us what you have available? Is it possible to stay in the same hotel for both conferences or is better to change to a location more close to the WSF?

*RJ*  
*14/11/03*

I would appreciate your feedback. Thank you in advance,

Liliana Jauregui

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From: WGNRR <office@wgnrr.nl>  
To: <phmse@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2003 7:20 PM  
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Liliana Jauregui

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PHM Logistics Group  
Best wishes  
Ranjana / Resana / Naveen  
PHM Sec - IHA / WSF Group

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From: WGNRR <office@wgnr.nl>  
To: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 3:34 PM  
Subject: RE: hotel reservation

Dear Ravi,

Thank you very much for your quick reply. Everything sounds fine except for one thing. You mentioned that Elvira, Nadia and Corine could stay at the triple room from the 12th to 18th and after that, you said that they will stay till the 15th and then shift from the 15th to the 21st to another. Could you please confirm the data? For the rest it is fine.

Good luck with all the preparations

Warm regards to your team..

Liliana Jauregui

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From: PHM Secretariat [<mailto:phmsec@touchtelindia.net>]  
Sent: 12 November 2003 09:02  
To: [office@wgnr.nl](mailto:office@wgnr.nl)  
Subject: Re: hotel reservation

Dear Liliana,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

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From: PHM-Secretariat(Global) <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
To: <swahc@wgnrr.nl>  
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2003 1:05 PM  
Subject: Re: PHM announces the launch of a NEW PUBLICATION - HEALTH FOR ALL  
NOW! Revue Aina Aia -

Dear Nadia,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Saw your note to Unni and his reply. He is working on a sticker about the website address. Unfortunately, the 'Call for Action' went in so suddenly that we too had no time to update it from all our records.

We received the confirmation of the 3 WGNRR participants for IHF WSP. You have been allotted a triple room together. The updated programme arrives soon. Keep strengthening the WGNRR / WAHC perspective in it.

Best wishes,

Rev. Narayan

*PHM WGNRR*

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From: WGNRR

To: [unni@wgnrr.nl](mailto:unni@wgnrr.nl); 'PHM secretariat'

cc: [ceice@altrade.nimacem.interni.net](mailto:ceice@altrade.nimacem.interni.net)

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From: WGNRR <waho@wgnr.nl>  
To: <unnikru@yahoo.com>; 'PHM secretariat' <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Cc: <'grace'@airtrade.nj.megan.internl.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2003 10:59 PM  
Subject: RE: PHM announces the launch of a NEW PUBLICATION - HEALTH FOR ALL NOW! Revive Alma Ata -

Dear Unni,

Congratulations with this PHM publication, it looks quite spectacular and interesting, although I'll have to take some time to go through it all!

Thank you for including a page on WGNRR's Call for Action on women's health. It is a pity we did not communicate more on this, as the text does not totally make sense in this context (it is not entirely clear who the coordination office is in the beginning, it refers to page numbers of a different publication, etc) and we could easily have provided you with a more relevant and informative text. But we appreciate the inclusion of the campaign.

I also noticed that we are included in the back of the publication, but here I have another remark: you included our name and logo, but then added the website address of wemos! This is quite unfortunate! If there will be any adjustments made (maybe an insert added with corrections?) or - at a later stage - reprints, I would highly appreciate it if this could be corrected.

I look forward to going through the rest of the book.

Please stay in touch.

Best regards,  
Nadia van der Linde

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From: UNNIKRIISHNAN P.V. (Dr) [mailto:unnikru@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2003 7:38 PM  
To: PHA-Europe@egroups.com; pha-ncc@yahooogroups.com; Claudio Schuffan; IPHCWORLDWIDEY; PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03@yahooogroups.com  
Subject: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] PHM announces the launch of a NEW PUBLICATION - HEALTH FOR ALL NOW! Revive Alma Ata -

Dear Friends

Best wishes  
Ravi

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PHM RAAAR |

We received the  
confirmation of the  
3 WGNRR  
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You have been  
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The programme arrives  
soon. Keep strengthening  
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perspective in it.

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 To: <waho@wgnrr.nl>; 'PHM secretariat' <secretariat@ornovement.org>  
 Cc: "greice"@@trade.nijmegen.internl.net  
 Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2003 9:12 AM  
 Subject: PHM book- correction

Hi Nardia

Greetings from India

Firstly, thanks for the words of encouragement. We appreciate it.

Secondly, sincere apologies for the mix up of the web address. A corrected version of the soft copy will be uploaded in the next two hours. We will send one more alert after that. We will correct it on the print copy, perhaps through a 'cosmetic surgery'. Can guarantee the copies will carry your correct web address ([www.wgnrr.org](http://www.wgnrr.org)). Till now, only less than 100 copies have gone out. Another one hundred is in Bangalore with GHC, but can correct these copies before it goes out. Apologies for the mix up.

Thirdly, the text: The text was adapted from the file that was send to the PHM secretariat. A page was taken from it, just to give a hint about the campaign. We agree that the page numbers should have been corrected. This page was a 11th hour addition, especially after I was reminded about the commitment WGNRR made to buy 200 copies: it was already in the press and this was the last section that went in. I take personal responsibility for the mix up and please do NOT consider this as a justification.

I will update you after I meet the publisher.

Thanks for your quick response. Since copies are yet to roll out, your quick response will make the difference.

Regards and in solidarity

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From: WGNRR  
 To: unnikru@yahoo.com 'PHM secretariat'  
 Cc: "greice"@@trade.nijmegen.internl.net  
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PHM- Secretariat(Global)

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 To: <wanic@wgnrr.nl>  
 Sent: Friday, November 28, 2003 3:08 PM  
 Attach: Supporting Role of Networks.doc  
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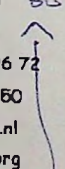
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To: Wendy Sasse <Wendy.Sasse@cordaid.nl>  
Sent: Saturday, December 20, 2003 4:00 PM  
Subject: Re: Forum for Defense of People's Health

Dear Wendy,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

We are sending you a copy of the programme and registration form on 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please fill and return as soon as possible. You can also find some details on our website [www.phmovement.org](http://www.phmovement.org). Hope it has been updated.

Best wishes,

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Cc: <samasaro@vsnl.com>  
Sent: Sunday, December 21, 2003 3:18 PM  
Subject: accomodation PHM meeting and IHF

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I take this opportunity to wish you all peaceful Christmas days and a good year 2004.

Kind regards,

Jose Utrera  
Wemos  
Netherlands

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24/12/03

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*24/12/03*

*Phm - IHF / WSF (Accommodation)*  
*(Phm - Netherlands)*

Dear Jose

24/12/03

- ① Noted your arrival and departure.
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*12/20/03*  
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*See the latest programme on PHM*

PHM - Secretariat

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Sent: Monday, December 22, 2003 9:06 AM  
Subject: re IHF

Dear Ravi,

Here some more feedback from WGNRR:

1. participation confirmation: Corinne should NOT be on the list of confirmed participants. She will NOT be present at the IHF nor WSF. Elvire and myself, Nadia, will be there.

2. Date of arrival  
Nadia = January 11 2004

\* also I am wondering about the "integrated registration form". It was not attached. For your info, I will be out of office from 24th December until 5th of January.

9. I will try and send a short update on the campaign sent out before christmas, but otherwise it will happen early January.

Best wishes & good luck with all the preparations,  
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To: 'PHM - Secretariat' <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2003 1:36 AM  
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How do we go about payment for the accomodation?

Awaiting your reply,

Antje Kakerissa  
secretary

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Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2003 11:12 PM  
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Cc: N. B. Sarojini  
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Bengaluru

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12/26/03

Ravi  
26/12/03

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Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2003 8:59 AM  
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Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2003 3:59 AM  
Subject: Accomodation Nadia van der Linde and Elvire Beleoken

Dear Ravi and Sarojini,

Could you please help us out regarding the accomodation at the YMCA?  
We have problem getting through to them.

We urgently need to arrange an AC shared room for Nadia and Elvire for  
the 11 January. They will leave the 16th for another hotel.

Could you please inform us asap. I will still be in the office tomorrow  
until around 14.00 hours.

We are sorry for the inconvenience.

yours,

Antje Kakerissa  
secretary

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24/12/03

Dear Antje

Nadia and Elvire  
are already booked from  
11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> in an AC room  
and in another hotel from  
16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. Details will follow  
YMCA will only book  
through us since we have  
blocked all the available  
rooms for PHM. The  
practical information sheet  
and registration form  
follow, which gives more  
details. Till when  
are they staying  
The booking can be  
extended till the

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Best wishes

PHM-Secretary

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Secretariat

From: "Jose Utrera" <jutrera@wms.nl>  
To: "PHM - Secretariat" <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2004 02:51  
Subject: RE: accomodation PHM meeting and IHF

Dear Ravi,

1. No problem with the matter of coordinators. It was only a question that I wanted to check with you, especially because in Wemos I had informed that I would do that.
2. Thanks for the reservation in Rosewood hotel. Could you send me the hotel address and tel. nr. I will be useful for me to have it at the moment to arrive in Mumbai and to give it here in Wemos and to my family.
3. I think you forgot to respond to my question about the organization of a workshop on GPPI (partnerships) in health in the WSF. Do you have the names of other interested in it? Is PHM interested in it?
4. About Samuel Ochieng, I saw him by the middle of December, but he did not mention anything about going to Mumbai. Could you tell him to take contact with us, so we can see what we can do.

Single Room

Action taken

IHF - Brief database.

Warm regards

Jose Utrera

-----Oorspronkelijk bericht-----  
Van: PHM - Secretariat [mailto:secretariat@phmovement.org]  
Verzonden: zaterdag 3 januari 2004 13:59  
Aan: Jose Utrera  
Onderwerp: Re: accomodation PHM meeting and IHF

Dear Jose,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

1. In the new version of the programme, all panelists have been removed from the coordinator list and those not speaking are moderators to organize the actual workshop. This is not meant to be a demotion just a practical exercise. All coordinators will disappear from the list in the final. You will notice that all speakers have been dropped from coordinator's list. So no offence!
2. I just returned after a hectic planning day in Mumbai. There is no possible of a single room in YMCA but in Rosewood hotel, 5 minutes from YMCA, a single room is booked, which you can pay for as long as you stay.
3. By the way, Samuel Ochieng of CIN is very keen to attend IHF. He is a WEMOS contact. Would you consider supporting half his air fare from Nairobi, if we can raise the rest?

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan

PHM - IHF / WSF  
PHM - network

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From: Jose Utrera

Ravi Narayan

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To: <Wendy.Sasse@cordaid.nl>; <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Sunday, December 28, 2003 5:34 AM  
Subject: Antw: RE: Forum for Defense of People's Health

Dear Dr. Narayan,

Greetings from a rainy Netherlands. Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Astrid Frey. Since the beginning of August I have joined the Asia Department, in particular the team for 'conflict resolution and peace'. Before that I worked at the department for Quality Assurance and Strategy, also at Cordaid. The policy officer for health and care, has asked me to attend the People's Health Assembly as I will be in Bombay already for the World Social Forum. I am looking forward to attending the Assembly.

From Wendy I understand that a registration form will be sent to me, for which my thanks. However I have not yet received the form. I will be leaving for a holiday tomorrow and will return on the sixth of January. I hope that will leave me time to register?

Wishing you a happy new year and hoping to meet you in Bombay.

With kind regards,  
Astrid Frey

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Program*

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From: "PHM Secretariat" <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
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Subject: FWD: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] well done

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

From: "WGNRR" <wahr@wgnrr.nl>  
Reply-To: PHM Steering Group 02-03@yahooogroups.com  
Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 17:17:25 +0100

Dear PHM Steering Group and Secretariat,

I would just like to say a great "well done" to everyone for all the hard work, energy and ideas put into the Steering Committee meeting(s). IHF and WSF. Seeing everyone personally always helps a more positive collaboration!

*Thanks*

I am sorry I wasn't able to join for the follow-up Steering Group meetings and look forward to receiving more info on that. I just got back to office and am trying to wrestle through all the mails.

I will ask for feedback on the Mumbai Declaration here, but it would be good to have it clear how/when to finish that off.

Warm regards (although now in the snow, not dust),  
Nadia

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To: <PHA-Exchange@lists.kabissa.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2004 5:15 PM  
Subject: PHA-Exchange> Call for Action May 28 2004

Announcement:

Call for Action 2004: Coming Soon!

Health for All, Health for Women. What do HEALTH SECTOR REFORMS have to do with it?

In 1987, May 28th was proclaimed the International Day of Action for Women's Health. As every year, WGNRR is publishing a Call for Action to promote and advocate for women's sexual and reproductive health and rights. This year's Call for Action is part of the Women's Access to Health Campaign and focuses on the impact of health sector reforms on women's sexual and reproductive health. The Call for Action will be published in English, Spanish and French.

Health is a human right for all and, as asserted in many international human rights covenants and agreements, the right to health cannot be fulfilled if women's sexual and reproductive rights are not addressed. However, health sector reforms and privatisation of health services around the world are jeopardising women's access to health and sexual and reproductive rights. It is time for action!

We would like to invite you to support us in promoting women's sexual and reproductive health and rights by organising your own activity or event on the 28th of May. If you are not a member or campaign supporter of WGNRR already, just let us know ([wahc@wgnrr.nl](mailto:wahc@wgnrr.nl)) if you would like to receive the Call for Action 2004. You will also be able to find it online ([www.wgnrr.org](http://www.wgnrr.org)) by early April. Please let us know what your plans and ideas are for the 28th of May so we can all share experiences and ideas and increase our collaboration.

Let's continue to join forces and make a difference! Health for all, Health for Women NOW!

Nadia van der Linde  
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From: PHM Secretariat <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
To: <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2004 11:49 AM  
Subject: Re: PHA-Exchange> Call for Action May 28 2004

Dear Nadia,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Thanks for all your comments on the Mumbai Declaration - most of which got incorporated. To strengthen the links with Women's access and health issues - Unni is releasing it as prelude to 8th March linking Women's Day to the declaration and its six thrusts for action.

Saw your Call for Action communication on 3rd March. Please distribute the Mumbai Declaration to your network with perhaps a review / report from you about WGNRR perspective on IHF - WSF.

If you are in touch with Sarojini of SAMA, perhaps you could tap into all the presentations made at the two sessions on women's issues at IHF, you were featured in one of the local media stories on WSF. Did you see it?

I shall also ask Naveen and Rakhil who are collecting all the papers to mark the women's health / issues related papers, so that they could go on your website as well or you could include links to the PHM website - IHF section.

Iran is now planning their much-delayed conference on 23rd - 25th June 2004 and I have requested Dr. Barzgar to be in touch with you since Rezvan, Fatemah, Mouloud, Nikbhakt, who were part of the Iran delegation to IHF - WSF, would appreciate and welcome WGNRR participation.

Best wishes,

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 Cc: 'PHM\_womens\_health\_working\_circle Moderator' <PHM\_womens\_health\_working\_circle-owner@yahoogroups.com>  
 Sent: Monday, March 08, 2004 3:49 PM  
 Attach: RAFAH PRESS RELEASE ENGLISH.doc  
 Subject: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] RE: [IPHCWORLDWIDE] INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Dear All,  
 Please find attached a press release, in English, which was jointly issued by eight UN Agencies working in the oPt, on the occasion of *International Women's Day*.

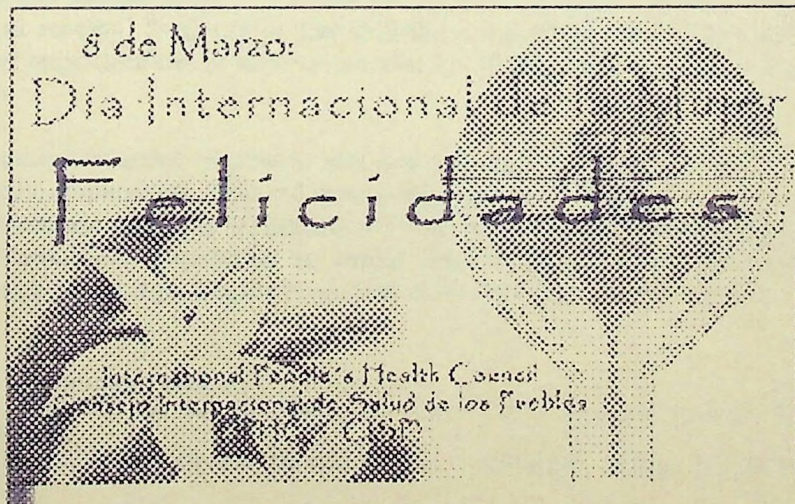
*Jihad Mashal*

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From: Maria Hamlin Zúniga [mailto:iphc@cablenet.com.ni]  
 Sent: Monday, March 08, 2004 1:32 AM  
 To: Iphcworldwide; PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03  
 Cc: PHM\_womens\_health\_working\_circle Moderator  
 Subject: [IPHCWORLDWIDE] INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

CELEBRATE!  
 INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY 2004  
 HEALTH FOR ALL HEALTH FOR WOMEN  
 IN SOLIDARITY,  
 Maria and the team at the IPHC Global Coordination Office

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Press Release

## International Women's Day:

### Seven UN Institutions concerned with health and living conditions of Palestinian women

Rafah, March 8, 2004 – The living conditions of Palestinian women - including their access to health, education, food and employment - have been deeply affected by movement restrictions, military incursions and house demolitions, particularly in Rafah, where almost 10,000 Palestinians including many women, have been made homeless.

"Today, as women all over the world celebrate international women's day, Palestinian women continue to endure such hardship that their basic humanitarian needs are no longer guaranteed and protected," says David S. Bassiouni, Special Representative, UNICEF in the West Bank and Gaza.

The ongoing conflict has led to the following:

- An increase in the number of home deliveries - from 8.2% (Pre-Intifada 2002) to 14%;
- A decrease in the number of women attending post-natal care - from 95.6% (Pre-Intifada 2002) to 82.4%;
- 52 pregnant women gave birth at military checkpoints since 2002;
- 19 women and 29 newborns died at military checkpoints between September 2000–December 2002;
- 37.9% of mothers reported that access to health services became difficult. Of the mothers reporting these difficulties, 44.3% noted that these difficulties were due to Israeli siege and curfew and 27.9% due to a lack of money to pay for such services.

This situation has brought seven UN institutions in the West Bank and Gaza<sup>1</sup> together in expressing their concern. These UN institutions believe that both parties of the conflict have obligations and responsibilities to improve the situation of Palestinian women. Accordingly, they call upon:

- The Israeli authorities to provide safe and unconditional access to health services, education, employment, food and other basic supplies.
- The Palestinian Authority to continuously improve the quality of all basic services.
- The international community to ensure that all parties abide by international humanitarian law regarding the protection of civilians, including women.

For further information, please contact:

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Health Organization (WHO), World Food Program (WFP) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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From: WGNRR <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
To: <prasanna@phmovement.org>; <unnikru@yahoo.com>; <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2004 11:12 PM  
Subject: photos from PHM web

Dear Ravi, Prasanna and Unni,

Greetings from a cold Amsterdam!

Sorry for contacting all three of you, but I don't know who would be able to answer my question best:

I may want to use one of the photos of the IIF on the PHM website for a WGNRR campaign publication (the PHM update section!).

Please let me know as soon as possible if this is okay and if any references need to be made to the photographer.

Thank you.

Best wishes,  
Nadia van der Linde

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From: WGNRR <wahc@wgnrr.nl>  
To: 'PHM Secretariat' <secretariat@phmovement.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2004 10:05 PM  
Subject: RE: Iran Conference

Dear Ravi,

Thanks for all the info on the Iran conference and related to the Mumbai Declaration, and well done! It seems to me that a lot of things are happening in PHM, which is great.

Could you possibly send me a copy of the story that featured on me on WSF? Is it the one in the Indian Express? The newspaper promised to send me a copy but never did, and I would love to see it.

SSP - Please scan and send.

I will get back to everyone about the Iran conference because first we'll need to discuss our options here (you know we're still very short on funding). However, naturally we are supportive of the initiative and will do our best to support in any way we can.

Best wishes,  
Nadia

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Cc: <unnikru@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2004 3:51 PM  
Subject: RE: Mumbai declaration / press release- this call for resposne from Ravi, Nadia, Frana nd Sarah :  
resposne requested by March 5th midnight GMT.

Sorry also for replying this late, I was out at a conference (much happening of course around international women's day!).  
But congratulations on a job well done!!

I will put something about the Mumbai Declaration in the next Campaign Update that will be coming out soon.

xxx Nadia

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From: Fran Baum [mailto:

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Sent: Friday, March 19, 2004 3:57 PM  
Subject: Re: conference 23rd-25th June 2004

Dear Elizabeth,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Thanks for your letter. I have written to Dr. Barzgar, suggesting that a six member International Advisory group will support the planning of the Iran conference and will also be resource persons for some of the sessions and workshops. These include Zafrullah, Pam Zinkin, Prem John, Uuni, Hani Serag and Nadia or a representative of WGNRR. I have also indicated to him that he should negotiate travel support for all 6 people from the generous grant that the MOH - Iran have allotted for the conference. We await his response. After the heavy expenditure in Mumbai IHF - WSF, the PHM Secretariat is still not in a position to offer any travel support as yet.

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Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2004 3:23 PM  
Subject: conference 23rd-25th June 2004

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- > Dear Ravi,
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- > Nadia asked me to get in touch with you in her 2 week absence from the
- > office.
- > Thank you for welcoming WGNRR participation in the Iran conference.
- > WGNRR is interested in attending the conference 23rd-25th June 2004.

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Thank you for welcoming WGNRR participation in the Iran conference. WGNRR is interested in attending the conference 23rd-25th June 2004.

Unfortunately our participation will only be possible, considering the current financial situation, if funds could be provided for us.

We sincerely hope this could be possible.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Eising

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Dr Berger  
cc. Zafullch, Prem,  
Pen, Hani, Urru

19/3/04  
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Best wishes  
Ravi Narayan

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 Subject: request from the member wgnrr-india

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 india.

Respected sir,

Greetings from one of the member of WGNRR, Madurai. I am a professional social worker, working for the rural poor and urban slum people in Madurai. I am planning to celebrate the 28th May special day for women among the pregnant women, here and as a volunteer and member of WGNRR, I am planning to publish a small booklet on women's health related to HEALTH INFORMATION FOR PREGNANT WOMEN, this ten page booklet will focus on safe pregnancy, which includes immunisation during pregnancy, diet, medical checkup, exercise, lifestyles etc. to the rural women, in TAMIL Language.

I have plan of distributing this booklet to nearly 5000 mothers, I have prepared the booklet around 100 copies, but

(pregnant) the collection of mothers from various primary health center in and around Madurai district,

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From: WGNRR <wahn@wgnrr.nl>  
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Cc: <office@wgnrr.nl>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2004 3:40 PM  
Attach: WGNRR Actions for Womens Health 26 May 2004.doc  
Subject: Actions on May 28: International Day for Womens Health

Dear Campaign supporters,

Greetings from the Coordination Office of WGNRR!

Attached you will find a compilation of planned activities for this Friday the 28th May: the International Day of Action for Women's Health. We hope the many activities around the globe will inspire you in your activities and debates and strengthen your voice for women's sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Feel free to forward, copy, distribute or otherwise use the attached information in your activities.

Remember to send us your reports, newspaper clippings, articles, photos and other material of your activities so they can appear in the next Campaign Update (also in French and Spanish).

In solidarity,  
Nadia van der Linde  
Coordinator Women's Access to Health Campaign

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# WGNRR ACTIONS FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH: 28 MAY 2004

THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPILATION OF SOME OF THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF WGNRR'S WOMEN'S ACCESS TO HEALTH CAMPAIGN.

## Bangladesh

At the *University of Rajshahi* one of our members organises a seminar for NGOs working with women's health and media. Two papers on privatisation and women's access to health in Bangladesh will be presented.

## Belgium

*Fédération Laïque de Centres de Planning Familial* organises a conference on June 3<sup>rd</sup> on the impact of the conservative right wing on international and European policies related to sexuality and abortion. WGNRR will be presenting the Call for Action on Health Sector Reforms.

## Bolivia

*Marie Stopes* has launched a campaign which continues on the 28<sup>th</sup> "Prevention of Uterine Cancer is Everyone's Responsibility", reaching out to health care professionals and an estimated 2000 women.

## Brazil

The *State of Rio de Janeiro* organises a seminar on "Maternal Mortality, Prevention and Control" and an exhibition of national and local images and texts on "Safe Motherhood – the Bridge for the Future".

## Cameroon

A roundtable on Women's Access to Health and health sector reforms is hosted by the *Association pour la Promotion de la Femme*. The panel includes a hospital director and representatives of the Ministry, UNFPA and the National Human Rights Committee.

## Canada

The women's working group of the *BC Health Coalition* hosts an information stand at a public library and a forum on women's reproductive rights, focusing on cuts to maternity services and access to family planning. A petition demanding the establishment of a Reproductive Rights Fund for women in BC will be initiated.

## Costa Rica

*Colectiva por el Derecho a Decidir* will organise a debate with policy makers about the follow-up and significance of the recent reaffirmation of the Cairo commitments.

## Ecuador

*Sendas* ('Servicios para un Desarrollo Alternativo del Sur Caminando hacia la Equidad de Género'), in collaboration with other women's organisations, organises streets marches, mural paintings and a forum on the impact of neo-liberal policies on women's health in Cuenca and Gualaceo.

## Haiti

*CRAED* ('Centre de Recherche ou Aider les Enfants Démunis') organises a public event in North West Haiti to raise awareness and offer a platform for debate.

## India

One supporter wrote an article about the Call for Action for the *Deccan Herald* newspaper in Karnataka state, which will appear on 28 May.



*Sama* releases a report on Women's Health supports (with input) a sister organisation in Andhra Pradesh who organises a public event on the impact of reforms in Vizag district.



*GVS* (Grameena Vikas Samithi) organises an activity on 'Healing with Herbs' at a women's University campus to educate staff and students on women's sexual and reproductive health and rights.



*HealthWatch UP* organises a seminar on Women's Access to Healthcare, with maternal health as core focus. Ministry officials are invited to discuss new health policies.




As part of the Women's Access to Health Campaign, one member developed a booklet on maternal health in Tamil to be distributed to rural women in Tamil Nadu.

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## India

 Rural Development & Youth Training Institute in Rajasthan launches a campaign on women's health and sexual and reproductive rights in 120 villages through workshops, group discussions, rallies, dramas, puppet show and media attention.


## Japan

 Soshiren co-organises a lecture on the Eugenic Protection Law from the perspective of sterilization of people with Hansen's Disease and abortion and shows the Japanese film "I do not want you to forget about it: Hidden forced sterilization".


## Kenya

 As one member states: "it is my feeling that women need economical empowerment to enable them to have a voice and not remain depend on men". As a result, she organises a meeting of women in her community with a micro finance organisation to initiate income generating activities.

## Macedonia

 ESE (Association for Emancipation, Solidarity & Equality of Women) shows a film on HIV/AIDS and women and girls combined with a panel discussion.


## Mexico

 Centro de Investigaciones en Salud de Comitán in Chiapas presents an information


package for women on decision-making and (formal and traditional) services related to pregnancy and delivery that they developed.

CIDHAL (Comunicación Intercambio y Desarrollo Humano en America Latina) organises a series of events on women's health in May, including video presentations on fundamentalism and choice, (female) condom demonstrations, erotic poetry and a presentation of the 'tree of life, for women's lives'.


## Nepal

 WODES (Women Development Society) organises an activity on women's health in conflict situations.

## Netherlands

 WGNRR, Humanist Committee on Human Rights (HOM) and the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) jointly organise a panel and discussion: "Health Sector Reforms in North and South: Hazardous to Women's Health?"

## Nigeria

 Women Protection Organization (WOPRO) in Lagos organises various seminars with members of the Human Rights Network of Nigeria, traditional health care providers youth groups and the Community Development Association.



One of our members translated part of the Call for Action into Yoruba for further dissemination.



GHARF (Global Health and Awareness Research Foundation) organise a workshop on women and HIV/AIDS.

## Peru



Movimiento Amplio de Mujeres - Ayacucho (MAM-A) publicly launches their movement and promotes women's access to health.



CEPROMUN (Centro de Promocion de la Mujer del Norte) launches a regional campaign "Women's right to Health; A Right to Conquer" with a forum discussion on Women's Access to Health and Gender Equity and a march through the streets for better quality health services.

## Serbia



Women in Black organises an international conference (28 - 30 May) "Women Creating Peace: Everything for Peace, knowledge, and health, nothing for armament". The program includes presentations and discussions on a feminist approach to health and security and a street march.

## Sierra Leone



Shepherd's Hospice hosts a community event to commemorate the day.

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Subject: [pha-nccj] CEHAT takes the 'Call for action' to rural activists through the MUKTA- Women's Health Initiative

I am happy to inform all of you that CEHAT (Centre for enquiry into health and allied themes) was able to take the 'Call for action' declared by WGNRR to about 100 rural activists from all over Maharashtra, India, through it's advocacy meet for women's access to health and abortion care on Saturday, 29th May 2004. The theme of the meet was 'Governments, take responsibility for women's health' as is the theme of the day. It was also the culminating effort after 4 workshops in rural Maharashtra 'MUKTA- Women's Health Workshops' for perspective building and information and advocacy material sharing for rural activists.

The celebrations were attended by about 120 persons totally and Dr. Chitale and Dr. Belambe, public health officials, Dr. Seema Malik, the Medical Superintendent of K.B. Bhabha hospital who listened and responded to the dismal access to health care by poor women in rural areas of Maharashtra. Jaya Velankar, women's health activists and associated with the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan drew a comprehensive picture of issues and concerns of women's health. Dr. Mohan Deshpande spoke about how men can take more initiative to improve women's health and access to health care. Dr. Seema Malik shared the experience of running a crisis centre- 'Dilaasa' - for women facing domestic violence, in a BMC hospital setting.

Four participants who were also the local organisers of the workshops spoke about the women's rights issues in their areas focussing on health. They were Sunita Gandhi, Samvad, Chiplun (Konkan area), Shubhada Deshmukh, Aamhi Aamchya Aarogyasathi, Gadchiroli (Vidarbha area), Dr. Pankaj Gandhi, Niramay Gram Vikas Rachnatmak Kendra, Karmaia (Western Maharashtra) and Radha Mogadewar, Sanskruti Samvardhan, Marathwada, all from Maharashtra, India. This was the highpoint of the program as it brought out the stark problems of access and also initiated a dialogue with the officials about problems in their areas. The participants gave a memorandum of demands for women's health, that came from the interactions in the workshops to the officials, signed by one and all. They also wrote a letter deploring the continuing practice of sex-selection and exhorted Dr. Belambe, the state appropriate authority to take action.

We were also successful in getting an article published in a leading Marathi newspaper- *Loksatta*- Pune Vruttant, highlighting the problems faced by rural women in accessing health care. I can send a scanned article for record. A more detailed report of the event will follow. Please forward this mail to all those connected to the WGNRR groups.

Warm regards,  
Amrita Pitre, Audrey Fernandez, Bhagyashree Khaire, Vidya Kulkarni  
The team, MUKTA- Women's Health Initiative

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Dear Nadia,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Hope you will be in touch with Patricia, Dave and Mike (the GHW team), while you are in London attending the ICPD+10 Roundtable. There's been a lot of dialogue on the Gender framework and other related concerns and I feel WGNRR should be more involved as a strong PHM steering group member. Their contact numbers are:

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Best wishes

Ravi Narayan

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Sent: Wednesday, September 08, 2004 9:20 PM  
Subject: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] New WAHC Update is out

Announcement:

This is to inform everyone that the new WAHC Update for the Women's Access to Health Campaign is out! If you have already signed up in support of the campaign, it will be sent to you soon. The Update will also be available digitally at [www.wgnrr.org](http://www.wgnrr.org), in the section on campaigns.

This 3rd WAHC Update includes brief updates on activities that took place around the world for the 28th of May: the international day of action for women's health. Next year, we would like ALL of PHM to participate!

As always, there is a separate section informing campaign supporters on some PHM developments, including the HIV and AIDS Charter, the Health NOW campaign and announcement for PHA II.

Let me know if you would like a (hard or digital) copy of the Update, and if you would like to be included in the growing list of campaign supporters.

In health,  
Nadia van der Linde  
Coordinator Women's Access to Health Campaign

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Subject: [PHM\_Steering\_Group\_02-03] 10th International Women and Health Meeting coming up!

Please take note of this interesting meeting coming up, a great conference to link (and follow-up) with the PHAI in July 2005. Also look at the website: [www.10iwhmindia.org](http://www.10iwhmindia.org) or contact us for more info!  
Nadia

10th International Women and Health Meeting:

"HEALTH RIGHTS, WOMEN'S LIVES: CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES TO MOVEMENT BUILDING"  
21-25 September 2005

1. INTRODUCTION

The International Women and Health Meeting (IWHM) has its roots in the global women's movement and includes a wide range of organizations, networks, and grassroots women's groups. The 10th IWHM will mark nearly two and a half decades of the global feminist solidarity on issues that impinge on health and well being of women. The 2005 Meeting is a significant one as it comes at a moment in history when several national and international forces adversely impact women's health. The current context of global economic restructuring and liberalization of markets, increasing militarisation of countries and regions, growing fundamentalisms of various hues, resurgence of population policies, adoption and practice of developmental models and paradigms that are playing havoc with the environment, call for urgent action by civil society bodies, including women's groups all over the world.

The 10th IWHM seeks to highlight politics, policies and issues that have adverse effect on women's health and simultaneously bring out the linkages and interconnections of these seemingly disparate phenomena. As the title of the theme suggests, the attempt is to reiterate the holistic concept of health, and to strengthen the claim for health care and health as a justiciable right for all people. The lessons learnt from contemporary forms of advocacy, campaigns, mobilization and resistance to callous, coercive or exploitative state policies will be highlighted, for sharing and networking across other groups and regions. The 10th IWHM hopes that such global networking will eventually build into a movement that can make a difference to people's lives and in particular, to women's lives.

Goal and Aim

The 10th IWHM aims to centre stage the issue of women's health as a human

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by providing a forum for participants to:

Understand the multi-dimensional ways in which this right is facilitated or violated

Share the current modes of facilitation of these rights and / or struggles to oppose violations

Arrive at a broad consensus on positions revolving around the focal themes of the Meeting

Strategize and help in strengthening the women's health movement

## 2. FOCAL THEMES

### FOCAL THEME I: PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH SECTOR REFORMS AND GENDER

Several countries have gone through at least a decade of structural adjustment programs as part of the lending conditionality of IMF and World Bank. The adverse results and impositions have affected the health sector in several ways, as large-scale transformation disproportionately burdens the poor and particularly, women. The 10th IWHM hopes to understand how these processes have had an impact across gender, class, caste, race, disability, sexuality and ethnicity.

Some questions that will be explored through this focal theme are:

- What is the role of the state and market in commercialization of health services and medical education?
- How do health sector reforms impact gender equality?
- What were the forms of resistance or negotiations with respect to the consequences of health sector reforms at the local and national levels?
- How are women and communities being mobilized to evolve alternative models of health care provision as well as demand right to health care?

### FOCAL THEME II: REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH RIGHTS

During the past decade, reproductive and sexual rights have seen a number of shifts, both forward and backward. Diverse struggles are being waged around the world on these issues. The common threads of patriarchal dominance that women in general and sexual minorities in particular face will be addressed in the IWHM.

The 10th IWHM will attempt to address the following questions:

- How do we place sexual and reproductive rights in the larger context of decision-making, informed choice, freedom, negotiation and multiple identities?
- What should we ask for as "rights" and what would we prefer to leave out of state intervention?

- How do broader issues of class, race, disability and gendered roles interface with sexual rights and reproductive rights?
- How is the right to information about sexuality and reproduction being violated by religious dogma?
- How do heightened militarism, consumerism and fundamentalism in the era of globalisation, construct masculinity and femininity?

### FOCAL THEME III: THE POLITICS AND THE RESURGENCE OF POPULATION POLICIES

The 10th IWHM is particularly keen on unearthing the agenda of governments across the globe to 'control' segments of their population. The Meeting hopes to cover new ground by examining the following questions:

- What is the overt and covert agenda of donor agencies/ countries with respect to population policies of poorer countries?
- How do 'demographic anxieties' of below - replacement level population growth of rich countries translate into selective immigration and eugenic policies?
- What are the gendered health implications of ageing, specifically in countries that have no security and protective measures?
- How do population control policies impact upon the discourse around citizenship and nationhood?

### FOCAL THEME IV: WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES

The 10th IWHM is keen to discuss the complexities and contradictions that medical technology, medical education and medical practices pose for the health of people in general and for women in particular.

The Meeting will examine, among others, the following questions:

- How can we strategize for the effective implementation of international ethical guidelines and regulations for testing and use of new technologies?
- How can we recover women-friendly safe practices and knowledge systems and bring them into mainstream health care?
- Can technologies that repose with communities be tapped to promote women's health in a holistic manner?
- How do structures and functioning of the medical systems and technologies affect health and social inequalities?

### FOCAL THEME V: VIOLENCE [OF STATE, MILITARISM, FAMILY AND 'DEVELOPMENT'] AND WOMEN'S HEALTH

The 10th IWHM will grapple with the multiple ways in which segments of our population, women in particular, experience violence with deleterious

consequences for their health, survival and well-being.

The 10th IWIM will examine the following:

- What is the impact of development policies on women's livelihoods and health?
- How do growing militarisation, war, communal and ethnic conflicts affect women's health as well as reproductive and sexual rights?
- What are women's countervailing struggles and strategies against all forms of violence -both in the private and public spheres?

### 3. CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The 10th IWIM Organizing Committee invites write-ups/descriptions for paper presentation, cultural events, organization of workshops, symposia, etc. relating to the theme and objectives of the Meeting. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2005

Guidelines for Submissions:

The write-up must clearly address the IWIM theme and objectives.

The contents should focus on work done in the last three years.

It should contribute to action and / or to conceptual clarity.

It should not have been presented in previous international conferences or meetings.

Please organize the text of the write-up as follows:

1. A statement of the program/project objectives, or main point of the paper workshops/symposiums/cultural events
2. A statement of the strategies/methods used
3. A summary of the results/lessons learned
4. A statement of conclusions reached, including implications for policy, if any

The write-up must indicate the preferred method of presentation: oral, poster, or cultural expression

An author may send up to two write-ups.

The write-up (in English/ Spanish/ French or in any Indian language) should not exceed 300 words.

Please capitalize the entire title and do not abbreviate. Give the complete names in capitals, for every author.

Use standard abbreviations in brackets after the complete word appears for the first time

Please do not include graphs, tables and references in the write-up

### 4. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A limited number of full and partial scholarships will be awarded by the organizers to paper presenters, research students, community organizers/mobilizers, activists, artists, etc. Individuals will be selected, based on guidelines being set by the screening committee. Priority will be given to applicants who are in need of financial support, and who can

demonstrate that their participation will enhance their research, community initiatives or advocacy at the policy level. Due to limited funds available for fellowships, interested individuals are also encouraged to seek funds for themselves.

The scholarship applications have to be submitted by January 31, 2005. Application forms and other details are also available on the web site: [www.10iwhmindia.org](http://www.10iwhmindia.org)

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Dear Ravi,

Greetings from the Coordination Office of WGNRR in Amsterdam!

Thanks for the message below. Unfortunately, I had already left when you sent this message and I did not see it until now. My agenda in London was packed. As you have seen, my colleague Mariana ([newsletter@wgnrr.nl](mailto:newsletter@wgnrr.nl)) will hopefully be going for the WSF and is linking up with Patricia and others for PHM Europe and WSF activities.

Best wishes,  
Nadia

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Dear dr Barzgar,

So sorry we missed each other here in the Netherlands!

I was out of the country at various meetings (in Serbia and then UK) from August 14 until september 5. Of course you could have met some of my colleagues here in Amsterdam, but I am afraid that unfortunately no one followed up with you through this mail and you did not leave a message on the phone answer machine?

I hope to hear from you soon so we can arrange something in Tehran at the end of this month/early October.

Best regards,  
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Dear Nader

Thanks for your information about WGNRR session at WSF.

Patricia sent us a note about IHE, which was circulated to all steering group members on October 29. Perhaps you mailed it. Here is a copy. Write to Annando and make sure WGNRR concerns are reflected in the evolving programme. Keep us informed.

Best wishes

Ravi Narayan

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RJ  
30/11/04

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Dear all,

This is to inform you that WGNRR is planning to participate at the WSF. We will be registering our workshop "Women's Sexual and reproductive rights and health - local approaches to global challenges" shortly. We are still communicating with some other organizations regarding collaboration at other workshops.

And as always, please get in touch with me and let me know what the PHM plans will be. Naturally, we will be happy to participate and promote it as much as we can.

I have not received any information recently on the IHF, and would be grateful if someone could forward it to me.

Warmest regards,  
Nedie

WGNRR session of WSF.

9/11/04

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This online forum / conference might interest some of you in solidarity.  
Nadia van der Linden  
Coordinator Women's Access to Health Campaign

The Qu4rad network

Belgium (Center for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters - CRED)  
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India (Indian Institute of Health Management Research), and the  
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2. Dr. Christian Wagner  
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Below is a copy of the letter to the participants. We look forward to your participation in the e-conference!

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Dear Friends

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Greetings from the Philippines!

We would like to invite you to participate to the eighth e-conference to be hosted by the Quality Network for Rational Drug Management, or Qu4RAD

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3. Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR), Jaipur, India, and
4. Institute of Philippine Culture (IPC) of the Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City, Philippines.

The goals of the network are:

- i To promote universal access to medicines according to the needs of the people,
- ii To encourage the best use of medicines according to scientific, cultural, and moral reasoning, which we understand as rational reasoning,
- iii To improve among health professionals, patients, and citizens the knowledge and skills in the rational use of medicine, and
- iv To obtain sustainable resources for the functioning of the network.

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I hope you will be able to join our activity. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions or clarifications you might have regarding the e-conference. Thank you and best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear PHM,

- apologies for cross posting -

I thought the following article (from AVID resource net) would be interesting for many of you, regarding the importance of a gender approach in the discussion on access to essential medicines.

In solidarity,  
Nadia

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Resource Net Friday File,  
Issue 203  
Friday, November 19, 2004

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By Kristy Evans

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*PHM - Drug Circle*

*Send to Marc Shure directly*

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By Kristy Evans

The recent battles by the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) in South Africa as well as other activists around the world for access to antiretrovirals (ARVs) for people living with HIV/AIDS has put the spotlight back on the debates around access to essential medicines. This time, the agenda comes with an explicit gender perspective because within the highest prevalence countries, young women are the fast growing group to contract the HIV virus(1) and will eventually require medications (ARVs) to treat AIDS-related illnesses. However, for the majority of these young women, essential medicines cannot be accessed.

The World Health Organization (WHO) began its work on essential medicines in the mid- 1970s and launched its Action Programme on Essential Drugs in 1981. Although much progress has been made in terms of global health in general, access to essential medicines for many still remains shocking as "close to one third of the world's population still does not have regular access to the most basic essential drugs and medicines." (Bisilliat, 2001, p.21)

In their campaign on Access to Essential Medicines, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) explain that the debates around accessing essential medications center around three pillars:

1. Overcoming access barriers- Many drugs are too expensive for those in the developing world to buy. Other life-saving treatments are not available because manufacturers have abandoned their production because they were not considered profitable enough.

2. Globalization- The emerging global trade system, which sets the rules for how products are sold within and between countries, treats medicines like all other products. This is unacceptable. The patenting of medicines confers a market monopoly to pharmaceutical companies who often charge the same high price worldwide. The result is that people in the developing world cannot afford the medicines that could extend, improve, or save their lives.

Access to essential medicines is a political issue that will take public involvement and change of government policy to solve.

3. Stimulating research and development for neglected diseases- Research into new and adapted treatments for communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria, sleeping sickness or leishmaniasis has ground to a halt. Between 1975 and 1999, of 1,393 new drugs developed only 13 (1%) were to treat tropical diseases, which together account for over 9% of the worldwide disease burden. The reason is clear: drugs for tropical diseases are not profitable for drug companies. Instead, the pharmaceutical industry is focusing Research & Development (R&D) to meet the needs of people living in wealthy countries, and is increasingly dedicating research to address "lifestyle" diseases. It is clear that the market has failed, and will continue to fail, the diseases of the poor. Compounding with this market failure, there is a failure of public policy to redress this fatal imbalance.(2)

Many of the access issues for essential medicines come down to the fact that there is simply not enough monetary incentive for pharmaceutical companies to research or develop drugs for diseases affecting the poor. In terms of global pharmaceutical sales, only 20% are from developing countries although 90% of illnesses globally occur within developing countries (MSF, 2001, p. 8 and 9). There are many perspectives, predominantly from gender and human rights activists, stating that it is essentially immoral to make profits through patenting and unequal trade agreements pertaining to drug development and sales. The debates center around the well-used mantra of "people before profits." However, pharmaceutical companies maintain that it is in their rights to make profits from drug sales as they argue that it takes between 300-500 million dollars to develop a new drug. Barton Gellman, in 2000 article in the Washington Post, explains that "it is a matter of simple economics: potential return on investment, not global health needs, determines how companies decide to allocate R&D funds. According to the drug industry, the low purchasing power of developing countries-coupled with the high cost of R&D and drug registration -rationalizes their focus on wealthy country markets." These claims have been viewed as highly contentious, with people questioning the validity of drug development costs as well as the idea that they are profiting from collective knowledge in terms of scientific discoveries that have been funded by public means.

The fact remains that as poor people in developing countries continue to die from treatable diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS, the pharmaceutical industry is more interested in putting money into health priorities of developed countries. For example, an analysis of drug development outcomes over the past 25 years shows that only 15 new drugs were indicated for tropical disease and tuberculosis. These diseases primarily affect poor populations and account for 12% of the global disease burden. In comparison, 179 new drugs were developed for cardiovascular diseases, which represent 11% of the global disease burden. (MSF, 2001, p.10)

There are many respects in which the availability of essential medicines adversely affects the lives of women. In terms of access to these drugs, women are the majority of the poor people in the world and therefore are drastically affected by the pricing and availability of essential medicines. With the advent of HIV/AIDS, the burden of care for the sick and elderly, as well as the rise in orphans, have increased drastically and have fallen on women who have little to no access to the essential medicines needed to treat sick people both in their homes and in their communities. Very little research has been done into the extent to which women can access drugs in developing countries and this has been put forth as an area which needs to be studied in order to determine the extent of the situation. This is also of concern as the rise of HIV prevalence has followed with an increasing number of people who are becoming infected with opportunistic infections of treatable diseases such as TB. However, if these medications cannot be accessed and/or are not being developed, this places more and more burden on caregivers who are predominantly women.

In personal correspondence, a staff member from MSF stated that "there is clearly a gender imbalance in research priorities. For instance, at the recent Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections in February in San Francisco, new evidence was presented showing that single-dose usage of the antiretroviral drug nevirapine (as given to mothers and new-borns in Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission programs) actually increases the chances of resistance developing later to nevirapine when mothers are put into anti-retroviral treatment programs. That is something which, we feel (but can't prove), would have been discovered a lot earlier if the sample was men rather than women" (Personal communication, April 13th, 2004). It is imperative that women are involved in the clinical trials for all essential medicines as women react to and metabolize drugs differently than men.

This highlights the urgency of the debates surrounding essential medicines. With the rise of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the fact that in the highest prevalence region (Sub-Saharan Africa) women are not only the group that is fast becoming the most infected, but are also the ones who have the most barriers in terms of accessing essential medicines. As women struggle with social, economic and political disparities which are fueling and fuelled by gender imbalances, they also struggle with their basic right to health-not only for themselves but for the people that they are increasingly taking care of. It is imperative that gender equality advocates realize the extent of the problem. The availability and access to essential medicines is imperative for people to realize their right to health which is guaranteed "in article 25 (1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), article 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), article 24 of the Convention on

the Rights of the Child (CRC) and article 12 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), as well as on the right to non-discrimination as reflected in article 5 (e) (iv) of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)" (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights, 2004, p.1). We must be vigilant that we advocate for access to essential medicines for those people who need them and who also have the most difficulty accessing them- poor women in developing countries. We must utilize the international human rights treaties to assist us in our advocacy and realization of these rights- at global, regional, national and local levels.

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Dear Ravi, Prasanna, and Nisha

WGNRR will be present at the IWHM, with many of our members, as we will also be organising our Members Meeting parallel to the IWHM. There will be a reception for all WGNRR members on even of the IWHM

We are also organising a great workshop during the IWHM, I'm attaching the announcement

We will also have a booth at IWHM.

Let me know if you need any more info!

Best wishes,

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Dear Friends,

All those who are attending the Global Forum for Health Research meeting in Mumbai (12-16 September) and/or the

## WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

“Global barriers to poverty reduction and women’s enjoyment of their sexual and reproductive health and rights: How we resist”

The workshop will take place during the 10<sup>th</sup> International Women and Health Meeting in New Delhi, India, 21-25 September 2005 (see <http://www.10iwhmIndia.org>), and is organized by the Coordination Office of the Women’s Global Network for Reproductive Rights ([www.wgnrr.org](http://www.wgnrr.org)).

Time: 23<sup>rd</sup> September, from 4:00PM to 5:30PM

Location: Cocktail Lounge, Hotel Ashok

The main language during the workshop will be English, but we have simultaneous translation facilities for French and Spanish.

The workshop will analyze how women’s advocates are overcoming global social, economic and political barriers to poverty reduction and women’s enjoyment of their reproductive and sexual health and rights (RSHR).

In the first part, speakers will:

- Connect poverty and women’s inability to enjoy their RSHR
- Present the obstacles in their local contexts to poverty reduction and use of tools like the Millennium Development Goals
- Introduce their projects and how these surmount the aforementioned obstacles and facilitate women’s RSHR
- Explain if and how they work within the MDGs framework when the MDGs do not mention explicitly RSHR

In the second part, the audience – advocates working in women’s health and rights and development – will discuss how to use experiences from the most promising projects presented, and how to facilitate joint action for the future.

Anissa Helie (Algeria/France) will facilitate the workshop.

Ms. Hélie is a feminist historian. She holds two MAs, in contemporary history and in gender & development, and she is currently finalizing her PhD. She has been involved with Women Living Under Muslim Laws since its inception in 1984. She was Coordinator of the WLUMI Network’s International Coordination Office (2000 – 2004) and is now a member of the WLUMI Program Implementation Council. She served on the board of Women’s Caucus for Gender Justice and is currently on the board of the Women’s Global Network for Reproductive Rights, of Urgent Action Fund for Women’s Human Rights, as well as on the Editorial Advisory Board for Reproductive Rights Matters. Ms. Hélie is a frequent speaker on issues related to women’s rights in Muslim countries and communities - including sexuality, fundamentalisms, wars and conflicts.

Josephine Ngalula Kabeya (Democratic Republic of Congo) will speak about the specific conditions for women in her home country, where poverty, political instability, open conflict and impunity for perpetrators of sexual violence have a devastating impact on women’s reproductive and sexual health and rights. The juridical system, the economic order and cultural attitudes, are posing other obstacles for the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals. However, FOREFEM is active disseminating information about the MDGs, conducting lobby activities and organizing resistance.

Ms. Kabeya is the director of Forum de la Femme Menagere, participant of the Forum of women’s organizations for integrated development. With an academic background in social sciences and politics, Ms. Kabeya has a broad experience as facilitator and trainer in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights. She is a member of various women’s networks at national level and the mother of five children.

**Rezvan Moghaddam** (Iran) will report about the difficult working conditions for women's groups in her country. Her group addresses issues like girl-child marriage arranged by the parents, disastrous divorce procedures where women lose access to their children, and the illegality of abortion. Despite difficult circumstances, women groups in Iran fight oppressive laws rooted in religious fundamentalism, and traditional attitudes at the grassroots level that support these wrong rules. The Women Circle has set up several educational groups about the reproductive rights of women; published posters, newsletters and bulletins. Recently, the organization has also formed a research group to engage with selected issues, like domestic violence, more scientifically.

Rezvan Moghaddam was born in 1960 in Iran. She studied mathematics and psychology in Tehran and taught both subjects at university and as private teacher during the last 25 years. Having experienced suffering from inequality and oppression, Ms. Moghaddam started to focus on human rights, especially women's rights. Today, she is the focal point of the Women Circle within the People's Health Movement in Iran. The main goal of the Women Circle is to create awareness among grassroots women of the rights, which have been taken from them. And to take these rights back!

**Gabriela Cano Azcárraga** (Mexico) will talk about the process of analysis and debate on the Millennium Development Goals within the Youth Coalition. Applying a youth perspective and including young people's sexual and reproductive rights, the Youth Coalition recently published a booklet "Learning how to speak MDGs". The speaker will share some of the major recommendations that have come to the fore with the audience, and will open the discussion on how to make these a reality.

Gabriela Cano Azcárraga, 29, is a youth activist and social science researcher, based in Mexico City. She has a solid background in gender, human rights, networking, training and advocacy on the sexual and reproductive rights concerns of young people. She was an active participant in the Youth Coalition's activities throughout the review processes of the United Nations Conferences Cairo +5 and +10, and Beijing +5 and +10. She is currently involved with the Youth Coalition's advocacy activities related to the Millennium Development Summit +5. Gabriela is the General Coordinator Espacio Espiral, an NGO dedicated to work in cultural promotion, sustainable development and equity.

**Darleen San Jose-Estuart** (Philippines) will talk about her experiences at the Brokenshire Women Center. The BWC has done pioneering work in integrating gender and reproductive health in clinical services and training programs in obstetrics-gynecology. She will share with us how the BWC succeeded in changing the attitude and behavior of health care providers, and even could reach out to the wider private sector.

Darleen San Jose-Estuart, MD, is an obstetrician-gynecologist working in a private, non-profit, tertiary care hospital in Davao City, Southern Philippines. She has been a consultant/resource person on reproductive health of various Philippine NGOs and GOs since 1992 and has headed several projects to strengthen reproductive health services as project director of Brokenshire Woman Center (BWC). As associate professor of the Davao Medical School Foundation she has been involved in clinical and RH training of medical students, post graduate interns and residents. Currently she is actively involved in the challenging work of mainstreaming gender and reproductive health in the clinical practice of members of the biggest association of obstetricians-gynecologists in the country, the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (POGS), through its Women's Advocacy Committee.

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Dear Nadia,

On behalf of the PHM secretariat team – presently in transition and the PHM steering group and secretariat support group – I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and solidarity with PHM and all your efforts to get WGNRR and PHM to work together on areas of common concern and initiative. We have appreciated your dynamism, enthusiasm, and commitment and we wish you all the best in your next assignment with 'Stichting Alexander'.

Actually as a group promoting youth participation at policy level – at local level in Netherlands you may be in an even better position to strengthen PHM in Netherlands and in Europe since we are looking forward to greater involvements of local European networks of workers, women, youth, environment groups, people with disabilities, anti-privatization, anti-war movements, etc., focusing on European problems – only then will PHM become greatly strengthened in Europe and grassroots oriented.

So do be in touch with all your PHM colleagues in Netherlands – at Wemos – Ellen, Jose, friends in Cordaid, Francois, Barten and others and also Aliexis Benos and Pam, Dave, Mike Andreas, Christine, Nancee, Sunil etc., in Europe.

As far as we are concerned, you remain a PHM person – earlier with WGNRR now with Stichting Alexander.

So no good bye – just a welcome with your new hat.

Best wishes,

Ravi Narayan

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- Dear Ravi and all who are left to manage this e-mail address for now. Can you please forward this on the PHM Steering Group listserve? We're going through some e-mailaddress changes again and it's not coming through on the listserve. Thanks!! :) -

Dear PHM Steering Group, dear colleagues and friends,

Greetings from the Coordination Office of WGNRR in Amsterdam!

This is my last message to you as the Women's Access to Health Campaign (WAHC) Coordinator at WGNRR. Those of you that were at the Members Meeting of WGNRR in India in September 2005 already know that I have decided to end my employment with WGNRR. These changes have also impacted my ability to actively input into the PHM Steering Group in the past weeks, for which my apologies.

WGNRR and the Women's Access to Health Campaign of course continue! Unfortunately, the process of selecting a new campaign coordinator has not been finalized yet, which does impact WGNRR's participation in the PHM Steering Group for the moment. My colleagues and the international board members do agree that WGNRR and the Women's Access to Health Campaign need to strengthen their link and contribution to PHM (and in the Right to Health Campaign), so I hope that this will be implemented as soon as possible. My e-mails will be checked by my colleagues and urgent matters will be taken up by my colleagues as much as possible, but there is a lot on their plate at the moment so please expect little until the new year. Our apologies for this.

In the meantime, I would like to encourage everyone to continue their campaign activities, get active around the 16 days of activism against violence against women, and provide the WGNRR Coordination Office with your reports, photos, campaign ideas and inputs for next year's Call for Action. Until the end of the year my colleague Trinh Ngo will provide support to the WAHC Working Group (the new e-mail campaign advisory group), initiate the next Call for Action process, and finalize the development of the next WAHC Update. Please continue using wahc@wgnrr.org in relation to campaign requests and inputs. In case of any other urgent PHM or WGNRR related matters, you can send a copy to office@wgnrr.org.

It has been a terrifically inspiring experience for me working with all of you in PHM and especially at the PHA II. I have truly enjoyed sharing my energies and ideas with so many other enthusiastic activists in all corners of the world. Thank you for your feedbacks, ideas, inspiration, activism and support! And this thank you also extends to the PHM Support Group and PHM Secretariat support, and all others who've worked so closely to make things happen in the past years. I wish you all the very very best with your own work and activities and also in this challenging PHM transition period. It is an exciting time with difficult decisions to be made, but I am convinced there is a huge need for a movement that is PHM.

I will continue my activism at 'Stichting Alexander', a non-profit research and consultancy bureau that promotes youth participation in policy at the local level in the Netherlands. My focus will be on the health sector. And I would like to stay part of PHM in my 'personal capacity' so will be reading your messages on PHA Exchange. In case you would like to get in touch with, please do not hesitate to do so at n.linde@chello.nl.

In solidarity and health,  
 Nadia van der Linde

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