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Global Health Initiatives and Health Systems: A Community Perspective

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Outline

- **Global Health Initiatives (GHIs) and their characteristics**
- **Impact of the GHI on health systems and people's health**
- **Emerging initiatives**
- **Opportunities**
- **Challenges**
- **Recommedations**



Global Health Initiatives (GHIs)

- About 100 global health initiatives
 - **Global Fund** - The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
 - **GAVI** - The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization
 - **PEPFAR** - U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
 - **World Bank MAP** - World Bank Multi-Country AIDS Program



Characteristics of GHIs

- **Nature:**
 - Public-private partnership
 - multi-lateral agencies
 - donors
- **Legitimacy**
 - Recognized as a part of the ‘international aid framework’ and ‘global health decision’
 - Act as global ‘Health Policy’ and ‘health decision-making’ institutions (funding applications should be aligned with the initiative policy rather than the health system need).
- **Governance**
 - Institutional structure functions to realize pre-set objectives
 - Relation to the WHO (as coordinating body of global health efforts) and WHA (as a global health decision making mechanism)
 - Relation with the countries (funding application based relation)



Characteristics of GHIs

- **focus on:**
 - specific diseases, or
 - selected interventions, or services
- **Ability to mobilize huge funds**
 - Fragment the global resources for health
 - Gain power over the ‘official international bodies’
 - Influence the global health decision making process
 - Influence the national health policies and priorities – create parallel national systems for health interventions
- **Work in same countries without significant coordination**



Success

- **Mobilized funds for specific diseases – for some countries;**
- **Contributed to the increase of the global resources for health and the national health funds in many countries;**
- **Contributed to the improvement of some disease specific mortality;**
- **Exposed the bad governance within health systems in some countries**



Impact of GHIs

- **Health outcomes**
 - Contributed to the decrease of some disease specific mortality
 - Impact on morbidity?
- **Finance and financial flow**
 - Increased the overall global and national health expenditures on health
 - Good percentage went to support the administrative structures of the initiatives
 - Re-directed the national budget
- **Governance**
 - Acted as parallel decision-making structures for the global health
 - Assist exposing areas of bad governance in health systems in many countries
 - Contributed the bad governance within health systems in many countries
 - **Imposed priorities**
 - **Applicant / donor relationship**



Impact of GHIs

- **Health Systems**

- Enhanced the ability of existing health systems to provide treatments for specific diseases,
- contributed to further fragmentation of health systems in many countries – parallel health care provision
- Create donor-driven priorities
- Re-directed the national health budgets to match the assistance for specific interventions (contributed to the change in orientation of the health systems);
- Re-orient the national health systems (ideologically and functionally)

- **Others**

- Compete on global resources with the WHO and direct
 - **Fragment the global resources (a good portion goes to administration)**
 - **Resolutions of the WHA are not well funded**



More Initiatives

- **World Health Summit**

- Planned as an annual event that will come out with a yearly declaration
- The first summit is supported by the France and Germany (Berlin October 2009)
- Clear bio-medical orientation
- Supported by the big Pharma
- Parallel decision-making structure for global health
- Further fragmentation of the global health resources – allocations for implementing the declaration?
- No recognition to the recent initiatives of re-vitalizing the PHM and CSDH.



Challenges

- **The money-related power of the global initiatives**
- **The weakness of the legitimized international coordination bodies**
- **The weakness of the national health systems and the negotiation skills of the national representatives**
- **The ideological framework (neoliberal dominant trends)**



Recommendation

- **Comprehensive study for the health systems (strengths and weaknesses) should be made before funding.**
- **New governance structures**
- **Linkage to the WHA as a global coordinator of health efforts (according to its constitution)**
- **Channeling the funds to develop/strengthen comprehensive health systems and holistic interventions**
- **Struggling for health**

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People's Health Movement (PHM)

- **A world-wide network among people's organizations, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions**
- **The movement was launched at the end of the first People's Health Assembly (Bangladesh, December 2000).**
- **The Assembly participated by around 1500 health activists from more than 92 countries.**
- **PHM strives for "Health for All".**
- **The movement was launched as a response to the failure of the governments and international community to achieve "Health for All" by the year 2000 as promised earlier in 1978.**

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Global Health Watch

- **An alternative World Health Report**
- **Global Health Watch 1**
- **Global Health Watch 2**
- **Global Health Watch 3**

www.ghwatch.org



International People's Health University (IPHU)

- **Building the movement and renewing its leadership**
- **Short Courses:**
 - Cuenca, Ecuador (July 05) – **PHA-2**
 - Bhopal, India (March 07) – **National Health Assembly, India**
 - Vancouver, Canada (June 07)
 - Atlanta, USA (July 07) – **US Social Forum**
 - Savar, Bangladesh (November 07)
 - Jaipur, India (March 08)
 - Cairo, Egypt (March 08) – **First Regional Health Forum**
 - Porto Alegre, Brazil (September 08) – **Epidemiology Congress**
 - London, UK (March 09)
 - Thessalonica, Greece (April 09)
 - **Bangalore, India (September 2009)**
 - **Havana, Cuba (November 2009) – Global Forum for Health Research**
- **Fellowship Programs**
 - GK fellowship (November 07)

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