

Global Health Watch

**Mobilising civil society around an
*alternative World Health Report***

What would be 'alternative' about GHW?

- ***Counter-balances the prevailing orthodoxy*** around market-based health care reforms; shrinking public sectors; smaller and weaker governments; and the commercialisation and commodification of health and health care
- Shift from technocratic, disease-based approaches towards approaches that recognise the importance of **comprehensive health care** and **multi-sectoral** action
- ***Monitors*** the performance of ***key global health and health-related institutions***
- **Challenges commercial / corporate interests**

We also want the Watch to...

- Link health NGOs and networks with those concerned with *environment, international finance, agriculture and food security, war, housing, land rights, conflict and education*
- Strengthen the links between NGOs and CSOs across different regions of the world
- Create a more vibrant global civil society in health and link directly to human rights and 'struggles for health'
- Provide a forum for magnifying the voice of the poor and vulnerable and those who advocate for them
- Provide positive alternatives

Audience

Global Health Watch



A variety of constituencies in
the **broader health sector**
e.g. policy makers, health providers, NGO
workers



Advocacy targets

e.g senior technocrats, policymakers,
WB, IMF, WTO, WHO, national health
associations

Structure and content of the Global Health Watch

- **Section A: The politics and economics of health**
- **Section B: Health care sector**
 - B1: Health Care Systems and approaches to health
 - B2: Medicines
 - B3: The global health worker crisis
 - B4: Sexual and Reproductive
 - B5: Gene Technology

Structure and content of the report

- **Section C: Focus on Communities**
 - Indigenous peoples
 - Disabled people
- **Section D: The wider health context**
 - Climate Change
 - Water
 - Food
 - Education
 - War

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- **Section E: Watching**
 - WHO
 - UNICEF
 - World Bank and IMF
 - Big Business
 - aid
 - debt relief
 - essential health research

- **Section F: Broad Recommendations**
 - * *Gender will be mainstreamed*

Management and Ownership of report

- Secretariat: PHM, Medact & GEGA
- Editorial committee & global co-ordinating committee
- Regional and chapter based forums and networks
- Involvement of variety of organisations- academic institutions, NGOs, unions, activist networks
- Ownership - all organisations and individuals who share the values implicit in the report
- Actively seek out formal endorsement of report
- Freely available

Launch date

July 2005

**at the 2nd People's Health Assembly
Cuenca, Ecuador**

Advocacy Activities 2004

- Website launched www.ghwatch.org
- Presentation at: WHA and various international conferences and forums
- Regular publication of GHW Newsletter
- Publication in various journals, newsletters, e-lists
- Translation of all key documents and promotional material (i.e. website) to Spanish
- Formal communication with WHO
- Call for case studies and testimonies launched

Advocacy Activities 2005

- **Regional and local 'Health Watches' to complement GHW- UK, Latin America**
- **Presentation at conferences- International Health Forum - Brazil, WHA 2005, G8 Meeting, Global Week of Action on Trade, Mediterranean Social Forum, International Association of Health Policy conf, Health and Human Rights Conf- Atlanta**
- **Global launches planned- Cuenca, London, Durban, Geneva, Bangalore, US etc.**
- **Coordination with G8 campaigns - Make Poverty History, Climate Movement**

How you can get involved

- Submit testimonies and case studies
- Endorse the Watch
- Create a demand for the Watch in your region
- Launch the Watch in your region
- Initiate local national and regional health watches
- Fundraise
- Translation

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get involved, please contact:**

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