

Global Health Watch

Mobilising Civil Society around an Alternative World Health Report

GHW Update 11 – Oct 2005

Welcome to our October edition!!!

Please pass on this newsletter to anybody that might be interested in the GHW

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GHW 2 and move of secretariat to South Africa!

Plans for the Global Health Watch 2007-2008 (GHW2) are underway which include a move of the secretariat to the Global Equity Gauge Alliance (GEGA) office at the Health Systems Trust in South Africa in October. The secretariat will be led by Antionette Ntuli and Bridget Lloyd of GEGA with the support of David Sanders from the University of the Western Cape. Thanks to Medact for hosting the GHW1 secretariat for the last two years.

The GHW2 will be coordinated by a coalition of GEGA, Medact and the People's Health Movement (PHM) together with a new partner – the Health Research and Consultancy Centre (CEAS) based in Quito, Ecuador. We would like to encourage movements, activist organisations, NGOs and academic institutions who are active and interested in the broad themes of the GHW (globalisation, health care, social determinants of health, monitoring of global institutions that govern international health policy) to participate in the process of producing GHW2. We are planning a consultation process to invite comment on the themes suggested for GHW2. If you are interested in joining the collaboration – contact ghw@medact.org.

Latin American Health Watch 2!

A Latin American Health Watch 2007-2008 (LAHW2) is also planned and will be led by CEAS in Ecuador. CEAS is the key GHW contact for the Latin America region.

Spin-offs from GHW 2005-2006!

There has been much interest and enthusiasm to follow on some of the key themes from the GHW1 report. Notable activities are:

- the production of a book based on the chapter Global influences on people's health
- Medact is looking to develop a project on climate change and health
- COHRED has made a booklet out of the Health research chapter and presented it at the Forum for Health Research in Mumbai
- The GHW Secretariat are planning to produce popular versions of several of the key chapters of GHW1
- The GHW Secretariat is planning advocacy work around the WHO and health systems chapters of GHW1
- Country watches in a number of countries are planned – more on this in the next newsletter.

If you have used or are planning to use the GHW for teaching purposes or for future projects we would really like to know – send a message to ghw@medact.org

GHW launches still to come!

Launches have been held so far in London, Cuenca, the Netherlands, France, Italy, Germany and Australia. Launches are planned for Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, India, Canada, Egypt, Serbia and Montenegro, Malaysia, USA, Pakistan, South Africa, Greece, Iran, Spain and Sweden. To get involved in launches planned or to hold your own launch please contact us at ghw@medact.org.

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