

People's Health Movement: Promoting Health for All

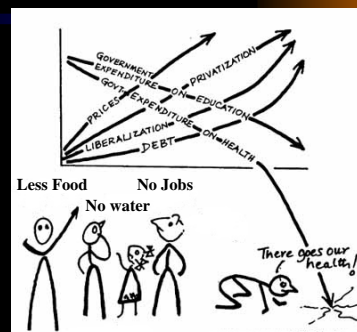
Sarah Shannon
Executive Director, Hesperian Foundation
People's Health Movement, Global Steering Council/ PHM USA

1. History of People's Health Movement
2. Overview of PHM's efforts globally to promote a Right to Health Platform:
 - Quality health care, accessible for all.
 - Equity and access to determinants of health -- such as water, food security and nutrition, housing, healthy environment...
3. Reflections about the role of a People's Health Movement in the US.

Alma Ata, 1978

The International Conference on Primary Health Care calls for urgent action by all governments, all health and development workers, and the world community to protect and promote the health of all the people of the world by the year 2000

Health for All by 2000?



First People's Health Assembly Bangladesh, December 2000



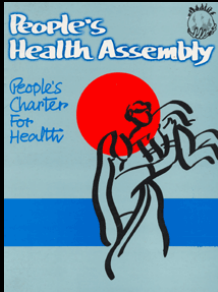
1500 delegates from over 60 countries issue a
Call to Action

The People's Charter for Health



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

The People's Charter for Health



"Health for All means that powerful interests have to be challenged, that globalisation has to be opposed, and that political and economic priorities have to be drastically changed."

The People's Charter for Health



"Equity, ecologically-sustainable development and peace are at the heart of our vision of a better world."

There are more than enough resources to achieve this vision."

Organizing goals

- Link health activists working for social justice at the grassroots, national and international levels.
- Build links between the struggle for Health for All and other People's Struggles.
- Create web of global solidarity for struggle for Health for All.

People's voices at international level

World Social Forum, Porto Alegre, Brazil



Right to Healthcare Campaign active in 15 countries... People's health tribunals in India



Access to affordable life saving drugs



**Global Solidarity:
Linking the struggles for Health and for Equitable Trade**



**A Globalized Struggle against Privatization of
Essential Services**



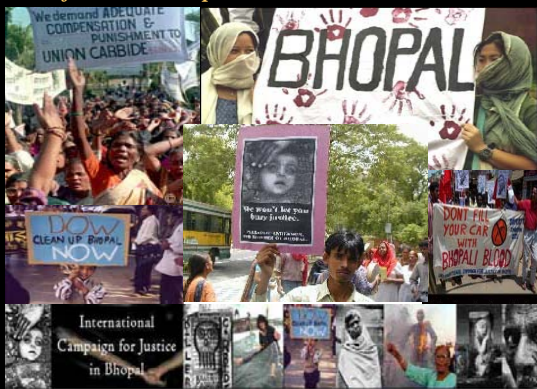
Right to Health: Right to Water



Protecting biodiversity, Latin America

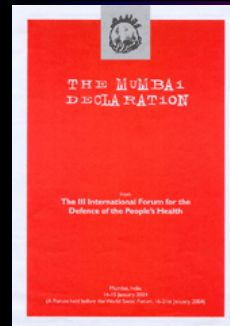


Confront Toxic Exposure and Industrial Waste



The Mumbai Declaration 2004

End corporate-led globalization!



“Pressure the World Bank and the IMF to acknowledge their culpability in the health crisis.”

“Demand participation of people’s organisations, health workers, and farmers in policy-making for Access to Health.”

“Call on governments to strengthen public health systems to ensure equitable access to quality care”

“Expose and stop acceptance of money from industries which undermine public interest.”

The Cuenca Declaration 2005



“The human right to health and health care must take precedence over the profits of corporations, especially the profiteering of pharmaceutical companies.”

Participants from over 80 countries at the Second People's Health Assembly, Cuenca, Ecuador

International Health Policy Advocacy

- World Health Organization, Commission on Social Determinants of Health. Report in 2008
- Pan American Health Organization's call for a Revitalization of Primary Health Care
- World Health Report in 2008 to focus on Primary Health Care

People's Health Movement USA



People's Health Movement in the US

- Build links between struggle for healthcare and struggles for social justice in the US to achieve Health for All in the US.
- Address and challenge US policies that make people sick around the world.... Privatization of healthcare services, war, unequal trade agreements

Social justice IS preventive health care

