

Working Group Report

During the course of the meetings on July 18 and July 25 we will:

- 1) Identify priorities for potential work/activity in the next year
- 2) Reflect on connections with these activities and how they intersect with our larger ongoing efforts to confront and challenge racism and capitalism, and the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3) Identify allies & how we might work with them
- 4) What connections do we want to make with others involved with PHM outside of the US?

In working groups we will develop:

- 1) concrete steps for 3 months
- 2) plans for what we want to achieve in 6 months and in 1 year

Each group will be asked to prepare a presentation for closing session on July 25.

Working Group *

Trade and Health



Session 1: Analyzing the issue

Instructions for Working Groups for Session 1:

1.1 Briefly review actions and positions that PHM US and/or PHM North America and/or PHM Global have done in the past around the Working Group's topic.

1.2. Each topic is quite broad -- Please identify some specific issues/ sub-topics that this Working Group feels should be the focus, for now? Why?

1.3 What are PHM-USA's strengths in addressing these issues? What value-add can PHM-USA bring to current activism around these issues?

1.4 How does activism around these issues link to PHM's over-arching goals of confronting racism and challenging capitalism?

1.5 What types of actions might be most feasible and/or effective for addressing each of these issues?

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Working more closely with other PHM country chapters on bilateral/multilateral trade agreements (ex US Kenya). Making more explicit connections between enviro justice and food justice PHM working groups. Needing to get more of this out into the popular press, doing more public education campaigns, especially around COVID (ie, supply chains), digital trade and health (digitizing genome etc)

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We have a unique place living in the country with potentially the most power in negotiating trade agreements. Lots of expertise available in (WFTC, Public Citizen, other trade experts) with issues around trade agreements, COVID supply chain,

1.4 How does activism around these issues link to PHM's over-arching goals of confronting racism and challenging capitalism?

Trying to keep capitalism under wraps. :) Some things just shouldn't be for profit - including and esp health care!
Thinking on a global scale, entire countries of color are exploited.

1.5 What types of actions are most feasible and/or effective for addressing each of these issues?

Public education campaigns (ie, COVID and supply chains) - writing op-eds, content for website, sharing with other networks, harnessing university students
Outreach to health worker unions - solidarity oriented work/discussion on trade and health

1.6 What is PHM-USA or individual group members/organizations present already doing on these issues?

Public education, WTO event in December, Town Hall webinar, op-ed

1.7 With whom can PHM-USA collaborate with on activism on these issues? Whose efforts can we join or support?

California Trade Justice Coalition - Will Willtschko (Hillary has contact info). Alliance for Retired Americans (Jackie from WFTC), MSF Access to Medicines Campaign.

Session 2: Planning the work

For each issue the group identified in Session 1, please respond to the following:

- 2.1 What are the key activities we envision?
- 2.2 Who are the key allies we want to involve/ work with?
- 2.3 What do we want to achieve in 6 months?
- 2.4 What do we want to achieve in 12 months?
- 2.5 What are the concrete steps we will do in the next 3 months?

Activity 1

Public Education Activities (town halls, webinars, writing content for websites/newspaper op eds/blogs etc, public speaking when safe to do so)
Action concerning specific trade agreements (ex US Kenya trade agreement)
Widening the Trade and Health Circle participants/activists
Book/film clubs
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Activity 2

Washington Fair Trade Coalition
California Trade Justice Coalition
Citizens Trade Campaign - Global Trade Watch
Lori Wallach (?)
Alliance for Retired Americans
Global groups (PHM Australia, PHM Europe, PHM East Africa)
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Activity 3

In the next 6 months : Book/film club - first selection will be the book Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies by Seth Holmes. (Reach out to author, organize real time online event for discussion, build in about 2 months for people to access and read the book)
In the next 12 months: Organize a mini-IPHU on trade and health
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Activity 4

In the next 3 months: Reach out to PHM East Africa on the US-Kenya trade agreement. Set up a timeline for action/engagement.

In the next 3 months: Reach out to allies listed above and connect via work we're doing and plan to do.
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