

# 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 \*

Reversing US imperialism in global 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?

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

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

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Tons of examples of activism around global public goods, vaccines for COVID-19.

Several groups are working on governance issues.

PHM-US and North American has an obligation to focus on the position of US administration

Canada has good positions re vaccines

Global health governance needs to be reformed. PHM global should connect with other networks

PHM has a long history of watching and engaging with WHO as a part of WHO Watch.

WHO watch used to have several statements on certain topics during the WHA in collaboration with other networks

We should focus on other global structures, e.g. GAVI. There is a room of stepping back from WHO and focus on other global structures. Maybe

Gates foundation established not only governance structure but also a knowledge structure for global health.

We need to focus on developing a narrative that can reach wider audiences

WHO is problematic itself. It is not only WHO by all multi-lateral institutions. A hybrid mix of powers of different donors. WHO has been royalled by all of these actors.

Neoliberalism shrinkage fiscal space of state in countries

The US administration has been weakening systematically.....

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A narrative that can reach a wider audience

County-level work

Widen the scope to include other organizations, e.g. GAVI

Give attention to the role of US administration in weakening the multilateralism

Widen the scope of work of PHM to include other global structures

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Identify and reach out to different groups: Poor people campaign, Doctors without borders, Partners in Health

Widening the circle: awareness-raising.

Set of outreach activities. Poor People Campaign would be a good platform to help us

Use the IPHU as a vehicle for focused training for health activism on global governance for health and linking it the at-country level activism.

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**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

Use the opportunity of the upcoming presidential elections to raise awareness and educate the public on PHM vision

Main partners:

Poor People Campaign, National Association (NAACP)

Issues to focus on:

Medicare for all

Multilateralism (especially the withdrawal of USA from WHO)

Lessons learned from COVID-19 - the level of collaboration with other countries/international institutes

Policing as public health issues, especially the linkage with other countries like using Israelis to training our police on anti-terrorism techniques

Racism as public Health issue

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### Activity 2

Further engagement with the WHO-Watch and Global Health Watch

Contribute to the analysis,

Mobilize young people to get engaged with these processes

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### Activity 3

Organize a virtual IPHU focusing on the issues related to:

global governance and multilateralism

The response to the pandemic, especially to ensure equitable access to the vaccine

Engage with PHM global activities related to campaigns on universal access to COVID-19 vaccine

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#### Activity 4

Develop more accessible narrative on the role of US administration in the global governance for health

Partners:

PIH

Doctors for Global Health

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