

HOW TO ADVANCE COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY WITHIN AND BEYOND AID? CIVIL SOCIETY WORKSHOP IN KAMPALA, 15-16 NOVEMBER 2019



For many countries and societies struggling with access to health and health equity, aid is still a challenging reality, and this reality needs to be examined and acted on: What's wrong with "health aid" and its actors, structures, paradigms and policies, methods and processes, and how can the failures and shortcomings of aid be challenged and addressed? How do we achieve real cooperation and solidarity within and beyond aid?

It is quite a challenge to find attention and traction for a critical civil society analysis and proposals on how to advance cooperation and solidarity within and beyond aid. Critical and independent civil society, i.e. groups that are not funded by or beholden to powerful global health actors and donors, are too often crowded out by well-funded NGOs that support the dominant narrative.

The Kampala workshop on "How to advance cooperation and solidarity within and beyond aid?" will create a space for critical society groups for sharing, strategizing and hopefully initiating joint action. A core group of organizations and people will be inspired by the workshop and committed to carry the "Kampala Initiative" forward in a continued democratic and transparent interaction, and allowing newcomers to join in anytime.

The Kampala workshop will take place on 15- 16 November 2019. It will provide a space for intensive debate and work. The workshop is not training session, but a gathering of a small group of 20-25 experts, practitioners and activists who have the potential of developing civil society critiques and solutions to the challenges of health aid and being the initial core of a team and process that advances sharing and joint action beyond the workshop.

Confirmed participants will form four working groups, each of them focusing on a challenging subtopic/theme and a particular case selected by the group. The groups will organize themselves and begin their work in October.

Four public webinars (mid-October to mid-November) will extend our reach to a broader civil society audience. Prepared by the thematic working groups, the webinars shall allow them to start their work and to collect input by other civil society colleagues who are interested in the topic. These webinars will be announced by separate communications.

CONTACTS, ENQUIRIES

Ravi Ram, People's Health Movement, phm.esafrica@phmovement.org
Thomas Schwarz, MMI Network, schwarz@medicmundi.org

KAMPALA INITIATIVE: CORE GROUP

African Centre for Global Health and Social Transformation (ACHEST), CEHURD, Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network (EPN), Foundation for Integrated Rural Development (FIRD), Health Poverty Action, Medicus Mundi International Network (MMI), People's Health Movement (PHM), SEATINI

Status: 20 September. List to be completed. The workshop is financially supported by the Open Society Foundations (OSF).

ENGAGE!



Read the concept note with full information on the background and objectives of the Kampala workshop and initiative and how to engage.

DOWNLOAD PDF



Use our online form to submit your expression of interest for attending the Kampala workshop (strict deadline: 30 September) or for getting informed on the workshop outcomes.

ONLINE FORM



Get updates on the workshop and related webinars via the website of the Kampala Initiative and/or follow us on Twitter!

KAMPALA WORKSHOP: WEBSITE
#KAMPALAINITIATIVE #BEYONDAID