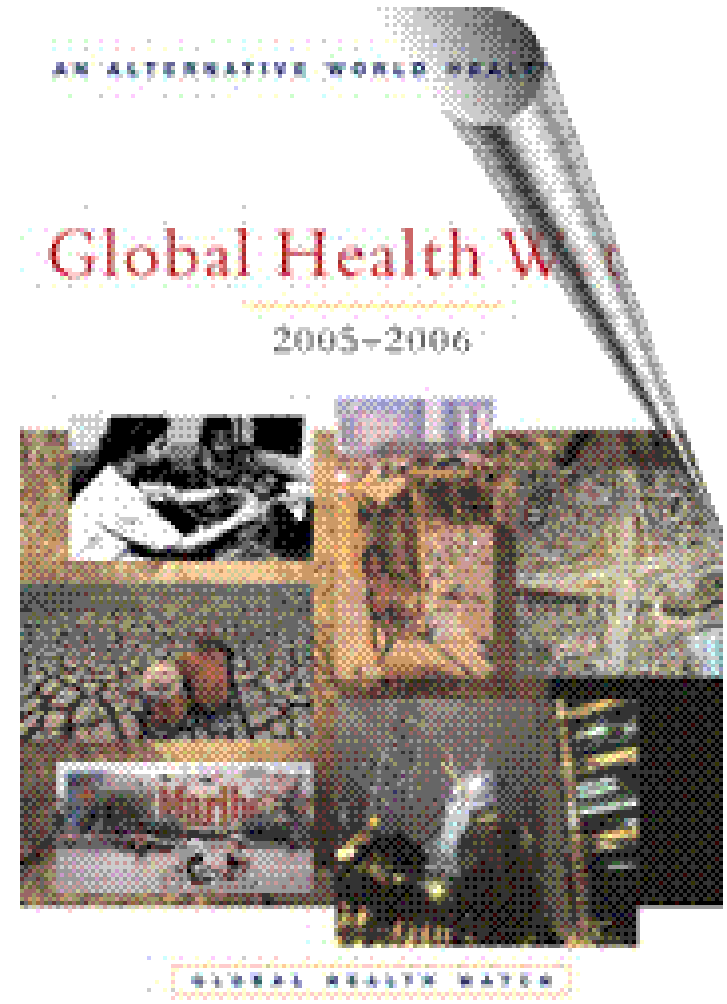


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*an alternative
world health report*

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“For the first time the institutions charged with improving global health are held accountable by the collective view of a coalition of civil society organisations reporting a clear message: the crisis in global health is not a crisis of disease, it is a crisis of governance”

Prof. Ilona Kickbusch on the Global Health Watch
British Medical Journal editorial July 2005

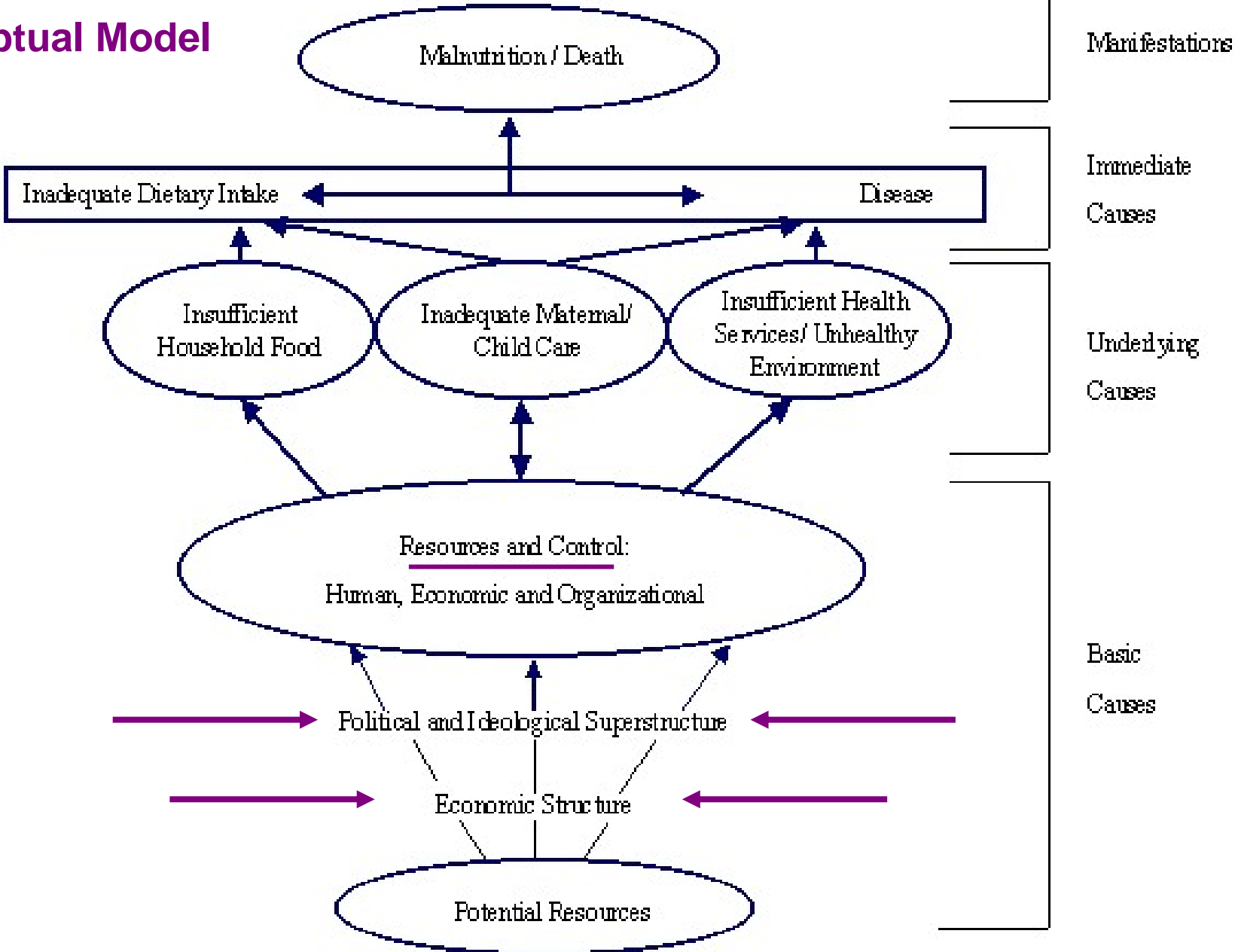
Poverty ... the biggest epidemic?

- Individuals and households
- Health care systems

\$350 billion annually

A social vaccine for the biggest epidemic?

UNICEF Conceptual Model



**Rudolf Virchow
(1821-1902)**



‘politics is nothing
more than
medicine on a
larger scale’

“Should medicine ever fulfill its great ends, it must enter into the larger political and social life... it must indicate the barriers which obstruct the normal completion of the life cycle and remove them...”

Meet the need to ensure active civil society monitoring of ...

- ***That governments are upholding their roles and responsibilities***
- ***That the major international health agencies such as WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS and the Global Fund are performing effectively and efficiently***
- ***That the corporate sector is held to account***
- ***That public health and social objectives take precedence over the narrow economic and trade-related aims of the current pattern of globalisation***

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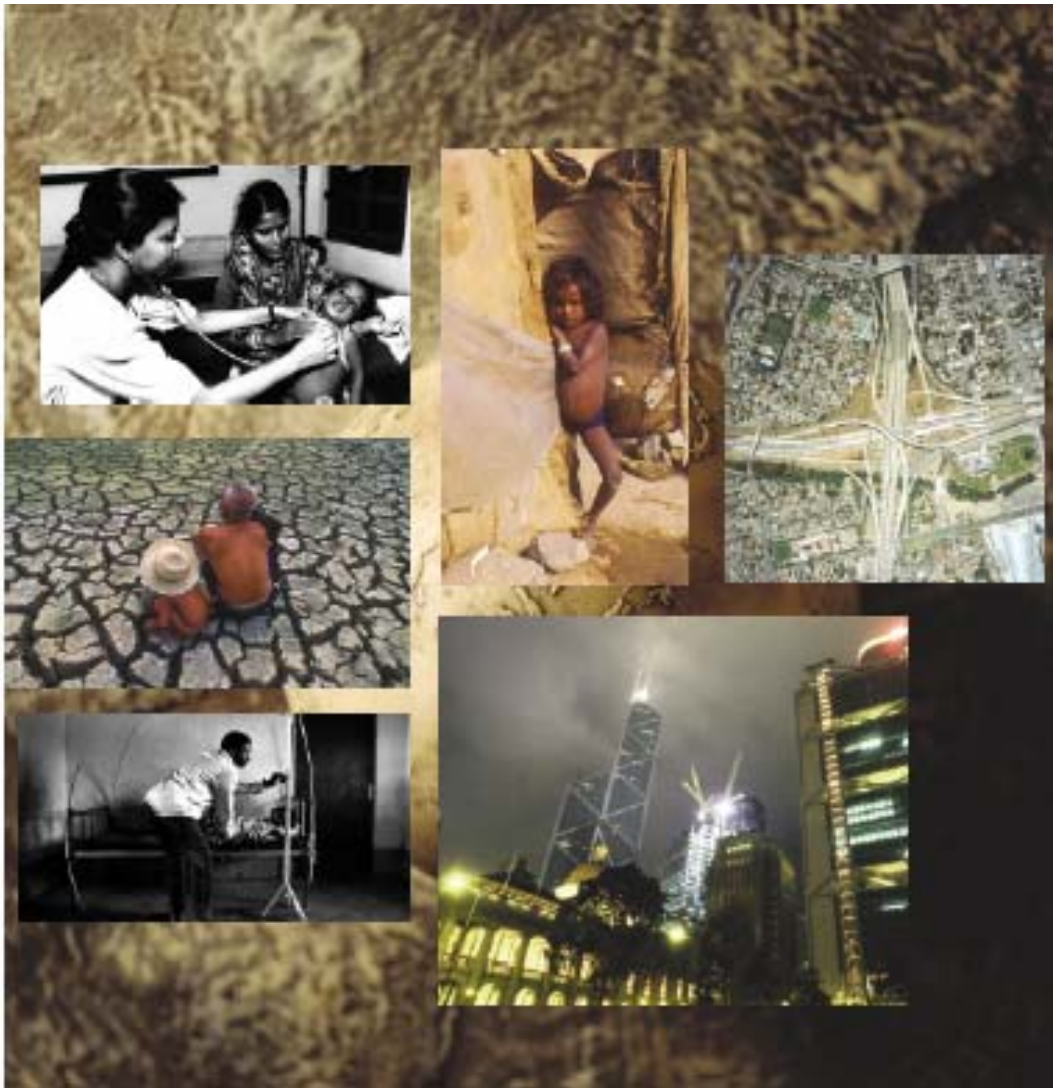
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Moving from words to action

A Health Systems Development Agenda for Developing Countries

Time to be clear and visionary

A discussion document for civil society and NGOs
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What is the issue?

Health care systems in many low-income countries are in a state of collapse. Many others remain incapable of providing effective and equitable essential health care.

In spite of the importance of adequately resourced and

Making WHO Work Better

An Advocacy Agenda for Civil Society and NGOs

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Introduction

Every year at the World Health Assembly, civil society and non-government organisations gather to promote various health agendas by lobbying governments, WHO officials and other stakeholders. These agendas cover a range of topics and issues: particular diseases or illnesses; access to treatment; pharmaceutical research; development and pricing; the health of children and other neglected population groups; human resources for health; vaccines; and many others.

The benefits and importance of civil society and NGOs participating in the advancement of health through global health governance structures is well-recognised, and includes providing a counter-weight to the indifference of many governments towards the social justice and health rights of the poor; corporate greed and self-interest; and the institutions that preside over the preservation of a world economic order that is unjust and harmful to health.

Progress made in the areas of tobacco control, the promotion of breastfeeding and access to treatment would not have been great without the involvement NGOs and civil society action.

However, one topic that does not receive the dedicated attention of civil society and NGOs is the World Health Organisation itself. While WHO is often the target audience of advocacy messages, it is not itself the subject matter of advocacy efforts.

This document is intended to promote a discussion amongst civil society and the NGO community on the need for a strategy and campaign to strengthen the role, authority, capacity and accountability of WHO to improve global health and health equity.

Why WHO is important

WHO is important for several reasons, particularly for the poorest regions of the world. One is that global and supranational determinants of health have become increasingly important, making the performance of global public health institutions of greater significance. While there are many global health institutions, there is only one multilateral institution with the legitimacy and dedicated mandate to specifically promote and protect health - WHO. As the UN's specialist health agency governed by an assembly of all nations, WHO is also important within the broader landscape of emerging structures and systems for global governance. Its role at the global level is analogous to that of Ministries of Health within countries.

Lack of concerted public health action to make WHO
more effective, responsive to the health needs of the
poorest and accountable

An advocacy agenda for civil society

For consultation

Why we need an advocacy agenda about WHO

- The challenge of globalisation
- The governance of WHO
 - Transparency and accountability
 - Inequity
 - Inadequate and tied funding
 - Reliance on public-private ‘partnerships’
- A chaotic global health governance landscape
- The influence of the World Bank and IMF
- Management and administrative weaknesses
- Weak regional and country offices

Be part of the consultation and discussion about developing a more coherent civil society and public health advocacy agenda aimed at:

- strengthening WHO
- repairing and developing health care systems (complimentary to principles of Alma Ata)

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- Funders
 - Fill the funding gap
 - Research to assist with monitoring
 - Country and region led processes
- Academics, researchers and policy analysts
 - Contribute to the translation of research and evidence into a better-informed community
 - Write for the Watch
- Advocates and activists
 - Coordinate action
 - Use the Watch as a platform

Thankyou