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Health Innovation in Practice | HIP

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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The nongovernmental organisation Health Innovation in Practice/ Health Innovation Pathways/ Health Innovation for People (subsequently called HIP), registered in Geneva, Switzerland, is a not for profit association dedicated to the promotion and good utilisation of innovation in public health. HIP seeks to promote and facilitate policy action around needs-driven innovation for health at the country and regional level, as well as across countries. In recent years, the international community has yielded new frameworks and strategies for governments to deal with essential health innovation. Yet these policies – the harvest of long and painstaking negotiations – still remain largely under-utilized because hardly any efforts have been made so far to translate them into concrete experiences and practices in countries. We would like to bridge this gap.

We believe that, well beyond the global producers of knowledge and global initiatives, it is local and national communities and policymakers that need to be informed and directly involved in designing their solutions to the health needs they are confronted with. That is why HIP's main concern is to operate in a spirit of knowledge sharing and mutual learning, convinced as we are that innovation actors in countries are self-determining and autonomous partners, and that innovation entails an ampler spectrum of approaches and concerns than generally recognised in international circles. Connecting researchers and other relevant actors, facilitating collaborations and interaction among people, especially from the south, is HIP's aim. This endeavour presupposes a socio-political vision of a different and more just world. Work on needs-driven innovation in countries is our main social action approach, advocating for democracy, social justice and respect for human rights, and health for all.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Health innovation
- Access to health
- Knowledge sharing

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

HIP is currently involved in:

- Facilitating and promoting the emergence of new processes and tools at country level for needs-driven health innovation;

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- Promoting and enhancing the role and contributions of civil society in strengthening needsdriven innovation for health;

- Facilitating the development of knowledge-sharing tools for health innovation, aimed at promoting the emergence of experiences and competences from countries

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

HIP board is composed of 5 members, and James Nyikal is the current president while Suresh Jadhav is the Secretary. Its work is supported by the Advisory board, composed of 16 members, and the HIP Staff, Martine Berger as the director and Nicoletta Dentico as codirector. The General Assembly meets once a year in ordinary session.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

All salary expenses have been offered on pro-bono basis (total: CHF 224'138), and all other expenses have been advanced from personal funds of director and co-director (total CHF 10'186). No external funds have been received for HIP activities.

PUBLICATIONS

HIP reference documents and publications can be accessed at http://www.hip3.org/spip.php?rubrique4

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