

October 2011

The next edition of the e-newsletter will cover the month of November until mid-December, and will be published the week of 16 December 2011.

Upcoming events

1 - 3 November
[Special Session of the WHO Executive Board on WHO Reform, Geneva, Switzerland](#)

2 - 4 November
[G20 Summit 2011, Cannes, France](#)

8 - 10 November
6th Global Meeting of Heads of WHO Offices with the Director General and Regional Directors

9 - 11 November
[6th AAAH Annual Conference, Cebu, The Philippines](#)

8 November - 16 December
[Regional workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of Population, Health and Nutrition Programs, Bangkok, Thailand](#)

14 - 19 November
[Health Financing and Social Protection: Moving forward towards Universal Coverage, Rabat, Morocco](#)

29 November - 1 December
[4th High Level Forum on AIDS Effectiveness, Busan, Korea](#)

4 - 8 December
[16th International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa \(ICASA\), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia](#)

⇒ [More events](#)

New resources

NEWS



New era for philanthropists to focus on the health workforce

The Alliance partnered with the New York University College of Nursing Global and other institutions to host **Strengthening 21st Century Global Health Systems: Investing Strategically in the Health Care Workforce** in New York on 13 October. Foundation presidents, board members, leaders of public and private organizations participated at the day long Summit which addressed the scarcity of global investment in Human Resources for Health (HRH) and articulated a range of strategic investments that have the potential to efficiently strengthen the global health care workforce. The three panel sessions focused what foundations have experienced with and how they are engaged in HRH programmes, and also addressed areas such as collaboration, sustainability and accountability in HRH. [Read more](#)

HIGHLIGHTS



Engaging at the World Health Summit in Berlin

The Alliance engaged at the recently concluded **World Health Summit**, which took place under the patronage of the German Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel and the French President Nicolas Sarkozy. The Summit mobilized significant national and international scientific institutions and prominent players from the fields of science, medicine, health economics and civil society, as well as high-ranking politicians. In the context of the programme, health systems strengthening featured prominently among the topics, and the global health workforce crisis was an area of specific focus. **The Global Health Workforce Crisis: an Unfinished Agenda** - was the title of a working session organized by the Alliance and BMZ, on 24 October. The session sensitized the audience about the wide-ranging impact of the health workforce crisis; shared information and best practices on evidence-based and sustainable policy solutions, and advocated for their adoption and also highlighted the contributions of stakeholders from Germany (both Government and non-government) in addressing the challenges. Chaired by Professor Keizo Takemi, the session was moderated by Dr. Mubashar Sheikh. Panelists included Frank Nyonator, Director General Ghana Health Service; Bridgit Wendling, German government; Mareike Haase, Terres des Hommes Germany and Ulrika Rehnstrom, UNFPA. A report of the session will be made available shortly. The Summit was organized by the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, together with the M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers and Medical Universities. [Read more.](#)

New HRH plan for Afghanistan

The Alliance Secretariat intensified its efforts in the implementation of the *Country Coordination and Facilitation (CCF) process*, which aims at creating the necessary governance mechanisms to empower

countries to become more effective stewards of their health systems, and in particular to strengthen coordination, planning, monitoring and evaluation of the health workforce at national level. Afghanistan has now finalized its HRH plan, through the CCF process. The plan is currently being validated by the Government. An initial collection of country and regional health workforce strategies, policies and plans are available [here](#). More in-depth country information will be made available shortly.



Strengthened African Platform on Human Resources for Health

A strengthened African Platform on Human Resources for Health is now in place. The recent meetings in Kampala and Pretoria, was an opportunity to revamp the institutional mechanism for the African Platform on HRH. The platforms guiding principles, governance arrangements, and business plan with implementation arrangements was revised and a new Governing Board has been announced. [Read more.](#)



2015+: Discussions on the Future of Maternal and Reproductive Health

With the deadline for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2015, and the deadline for the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Program of Action in 2014, fast approaching, **Women Deliver** are requesting those in the maternal and reproductive health field - from policymakers to health workers and advocates around the world - to join in on an online discussion. The discussions will take stock of the progress made, lessons learned, and challenges ahead, and to look at how the landscape around the issue of maternal and reproductive health issue could change in the future. Your recommendations will be submitted to governments, civil society organizations, and UN agencies as they consider plans to move beyond 2015, and your suggestions will inform Women Deliver's future advocacy work and conferences. [Sign up to join the discussions](#)



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Health Services Academy Post Graduate Certificate in HRH management

Alliance member Health Services Academy (HSA), Pakistan conducted a postgraduate course on Human Resources for Health Management enabling students to contribute to shaping national and local policies and organizational practices designed to improve the planning, development and management of HRH. The course was designed in collaboration with the Queen Margaret University (QMU), Edinburgh and German International Cooperation(GIZ). [Read more](#)

Online Orientation for the new *Pre-Service Education Toolkit*

Launched this summer, the Pre-Service Education Toolkit, developed by Jhpiego under the leadership of USAID's flagship Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP), outlines key programmatic steps, highlights lessons learned and identifies relevant resources to assist country programs, donors and governments with pre-service education programs. The toolkit is structured to cover the main components of a high-quality pre-service education system. The toolkit is targeted for midwives, but may be used for other cadres as well. Each section offers evidence-based guidance and includes related resources. The entire content of the toolkit is also available as a printable document, the Pre-Service Education Program Roadmap. On-line orientations, are currently being offered for the month of November. [Read more](#)



HRH IN THE PRESS THIS MONTH

In this section we hope to capture the essence of HRH in the press on a monthly basis.

The Guardian, UK - [Greeks pay for economic crisis with their health](#)

[Analysing Commitments to Advance the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health:](#)

new report by PMNCH analyses 100+ commitments made to the Global Strategy on Women's and Children's Health.

[Health Service Academy Post Graduate certificate in Human Resources for Health Management Summary Report](#)

HRH Management course summary report, 2011

[Educating a New Generation of Doctors to Improve the Health of Populations in Low- and Middle-Income Countries](#)

A new study points out to the pressing need of a transformation of medical education among poor countries.

[FHI 360 Health System Rapid Diagnostic Tool \(RDT\)](#)

"How To Guide" to diagnose the performance of health system functions, 2011



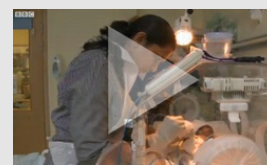
Resource Spotlight:

[Revisiting the Exclusion of Traditional Birth Attendants from Formal Health Systems in Ethiopia](#)

Assessment of the role of trained traditional birth attendants in maternal and newborn health care in Afar Regional State.

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Multimedia



[The Health Show: Sri Lankan scheme to help fight medical brain drain](#)

Global health documentary series on BBC World News



The Guardian, UK- [Campaigners propose radical agenda to tackle ill-health](#)

Human Resources for Health - [Towards the construction of health workforce metrics for Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

British Medical Journal (BMJ) - [Bahraini Doctors are promised civilian trials after protests over harsh sentences](#)

Human Resources for Health - [Thirty years after Alma Ata: a systematic review of the impact of community health workers delivering curative interventions against malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea on child mortality and morbidity in sub-Saharan Africa](#)

The New York Times - [The depreciation of care at home](#)



[Photo gallery of the HSA Post Graduate course](#)



[Photo gallery of the Summit: Strengthening 21st Century Global Health Systems: Investing Strategically in the Health Care Workforce](#)

⇒ [Alliance YouTube Playlist on health workforce crisis](#)

New members

[Sustainable Innovations Inc](#)

[Bioforce Institute](#)

[CORE Group](#)

[New York University College of Nursing Global](#)

[Public health foundation of Bangladesh \(PHFBD\)](#)

[Zambia UK Health Workforce Alliance](#)

[Zamen Salamati co ltd](#)

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