In an increasingly globalised world with new cross-border threats to health, widening disparities in health and access to health care, and an unacceptable level of human suffering and premature mortality in many countries, people across the globe are asking, why is so little progress being made by in promoting health in the world?

The Global Health Watch is designed to seek answers to such questions and also to articulate solutions. It proposes an alternate vision of health located in a vision of equity, rights and empowerment. It is a collaborative civil society initiative, presently co-ordinated by the Peoples Health Movement, Medact, Medicos International, Health Action International and Third World Network. The Global Health Watch is contributed to by researchers, academics and activists from across the globe. Two editions of the Watch have been published: in 2005 as Global Health Watch I and in 2008 as Global Health Watch II. The third edition of the GHW is to be published in mid-2011.

GHW III shall have the following broad sections:

1. Analysis of the global political and economic architecture, within which are located the decisions and choices that impact on health.
2. View of current issues and debates on health systems, to draw appropriate lessons and propose concrete actions for promoting health.
3. Beyond Health Care – a discussion of different determinants of health
4. The Watching Section – dedicated to the scrutiny of global processes and institutions that are crucially important for health and health care in the globe.
5. A section proposing alternatives and highlighting stories of success and resistance that are exemplars of actual actions that have contributed to better you can make a difference!

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We call upon all progressive health and development NGOs to participate in the development of the Global Health Watch. We are looking for authors, contributions and advocates for the Global Health Watch. We are especially interested in receiving case studies of actions, alternatives and struggles that challenge the present global paradigm of health and development. Find out more by visiting: www.ghwatch.org or e-mail asengupta@phmovement.org