Welcome to the first *Global Health Watch Newsletter*. Our aim is to keep you updated on the latest developments of the Watch work and the report production. For any further information please contact us at [ghw@medact.org](mailto:ghw@medact.org).

Please pass on this newsletter to anybody that might be interested in the GHW.

**What is the Global Health Watch?**

The Global Health Watch (GHW) is a new project which articulates civil society's vision for global health. It is a platform for the strengthening of advocacy and campaigns to promote equitable health for all.

The global community has failed to achieve 'Health for All by the Year 2000'. New targets such as the Millennium Development goals look increasingly unachievable. Questions need to be asked about whether current policies in global health are working. The Global Health Watch for 2005 will not only look at some of the most important problems such as commercialisation of health and access to medicines, but also suggest solutions and monitor the efforts of institutions and governments concerned with promoting health world-wide.

*The first Global Health Watch report will be launched at the World Health Assembly in May 2005*

**New!! The GHW launches new Website**

[Www.ghwatch.org](http://www.ghwatch.org)

We are pleased to announce the launch of the GHW Website. It contains all the basic information about this initiative: its origins, aims, co-ordination organisations, as well as an outline of the structure of the 2005 GHW Report and the ways in which individuals and organisations can become involved.

**New!! Most chapters have been commissioned – authors are already working on the GHW 2005 Report!**

All of the main authors have been approached. But there is still a great need for case studies and testimonies from the various regions around the world. Please contact us at [ghw@medact.org](mailto:ghw@medact.org) if you are interested in submitting a local, national or regional successful experiences.

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