

Engaging communities in sickness and health

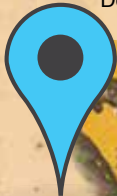


De Rode Hoed, Amsterdam

Wednesday October 22nd 2014

Organisers

Netherlands Society of Tropical
Medicine and International
Health (NVTG) · Uniting Streams
(US) · Netherlands Red Cross
(NLRC) · Share-Net · Tropical
Doctors in Training (TROIE)



Background and aim

Ever since Alma Ata, health care professionals have engaged communities, aiming to improve health care at a local level. Such interaction extends from recruiting lay citizens as community health workers (CHWs) to involving communities in the prioritization of health needs and the allocation of funding.

Almost 40 years on, this symposium critically examines the achievements of such programmes: which strategies failed to live up to expectations and what are promising new approaches? This state-of-the-art appraisal covers various facets of community health:

Something Old: Community Health Workers have historically formed the spearhead of community health programmes. What is the evidence on their efficacy and cost-effectiveness?

Something New: Community Resilience is the new buzz-word. Is it really a novel formula or simply a recombination of strategies derived from previous public health programmes? How does it tie into other concepts such as community-led approaches?

Something Borrowed: Community Participation, in defining & prioritizing local health needs and in planning & managing health care delivery, is a concept borrowed from politics. Is a fully 'democratic' health care system an achievable goal?

Plenary morning programme

David Sanders, Emeritus Professor School of Public Health University of the Western Cape, will critically portray the role of CHWs in health care systems in low- and middle-income countries, reviewing recent evidence on their impact.

Ayham Alomari, Senior Health Officer Community Health, Non Communicable Diseases at the

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, will sketch the contours of the community-based health and first aid approach and community resilience. How are these relatively new approaches implemented in low- and middle-income countries and in emergency settings?

Colin Baynes, Programme Manager/Research Scientist Columbia University/Ikafara Health Institute in Tanzania, will challenge the cost effectiveness of CHWs by presenting results on maternal and child health outcomes in Tanzania.

Ineke Petter, Project Manager of the Primary Health Care Project Ulanga District Tanzania, will discuss the deployment of CHWs: what is needed, what are the challenges?

Afternoon programme:

- Short scientific presentations selected from submitted abstracts (**Uniting Streams**)
- **Share-Net:** sexual and reproductive health and rights - linking PhD research and practice
- Dutch community health programmes in international perspective (chairs **Koos van der Velden/University of Nijmegen & Karien Stronks/University of Amsterdam**)
- Case studies on community involvement in Performance-based Financing (**Peter Bob Peerenboom/Tangram Zorgadviseurs & Jennie van de Weerd/Cordaid**) and on UNICEF's experience with Community Case Management (**Rien Gotink**)
- New technology and diagnostics in community health presented by **Philips**
- **TROIE** will host a speed date session between new doctors IH&TM and old tropical doctors

Registration

Early online registration (until October 15th):

www.nvtg.org. Note that the early registration fee is only valid for participants who have completed payment before October 15th; after that date the late registration fee will be charged.

Late registration (after October 15th): online at www.nvtg.org or at the symposium information desk on October 22nd, 2014.

Registration Fees (Euros)	Early online registration	Late registration (on-site)
NVTG-members	75	80
Students	50	55
Other participants	85	90

Payment options:

- By transferring the correct amount to the NVTG's account (IBAN: NL30INGB0000125774, BIC: INGBNL2A, Maartensdijk), clearly stating your name and 'Symposium 2014'
- By giving permission to the NVTG to withdraw the correct amount from your account

Call for abstracts

(Uniting Streams and Share-Net sessions)

During the afternoon programme two sets of parallel sessions will be reserved for oral presentations selected from submitted abstracts. Researchers of all seniority, including (PhD) students, are invited to submit abstracts in English describing original field research in any subject of International Health, in-

cluding but not limited to: community health, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), poverty-related diseases (malaria, HIV, TB, etc.), neglected tropical diseases, medical sociology/anthropology, entomology, health economics, health policy and health systems research. Oral presentations will be selected on the basis of abstract quality. An abstract form is available at www.unitingstreams.com and www.share-net.nl. Please send completed forms to unitingstreams@gmail.com before September 22, 2014.

Participants

- NVTG members
- Professionals in the field of global/international health and humanitarian assistance
- Professionals from universities and research/knowledge institutes
- (PhD) students in International/Global Health and/or Medicine, and tropical doctors in training

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www.nvtg.org
www.unitingstreams.com
www.rodekruis.nl
www.share-net.nl
www.tropenopleiding.nl

Directions to 'De Rode Hoed' in the city centre of Amsterdam, 10 minutes walking distance from the Central Station:

See www.rodehoed.nl.



Preliminary programme symposium

October 22nd, 2014 (language: English)

- 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.30 Welcome
- 9.35 Something OLD: David Sanders
- 10.20 Coffee / tea break
- 10.50 Something NEW: Ayham Alomari
- 11.35 CHWs: Colin Baynes and Ineke Petter
- 12.35 Lunch
- 13.30 **Uniting Streams**
Scientific research presentations
- Rien Gotink**
Community case management: the UNICEF experience
- Uniting Streams**
Scientific research presentations
- Koos van der Velden & Karien Stronks**
Dutch community health programmes in international perspective (something BORROWED)
- 14.45 Coffee / tea break & TROIE speeddates for tropical doctors and doctors IH&TM in training
- 15.15 **Uniting Streams**
Scientific research presentations
- Philips**
New technologies and new diagnostics in community health
- Share-Net**
Scientific research presentations
- Peter Bob Peerenboom & Cordaid**
The role of the community in performance-based financing (something BORROWED)
- 16.30 Drinks with something BLUE (music)

