

We started 2018 with fresh opportunities for learning, engagement and partnership. This quarter's newsletter will also highlight the top innovations from the 2017 Philippines Innovation Call.

HUBS ATTEND SIHI ORIENTATION & TRAINING WORKSHOP IN CAPE TOWN

roject managers and communications staff of the Malawi, Uganda and Philippines social innovation hubs met on February 5 to 8, 2018 at the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town. The workshop covered the foundations of SIHI, key communications and presentation skills, training in the theory of social innovation, exploring SI labs, hubs and incubators, and planning hubspecific strategies. The participants also went on site visits to inspiring organisations working in the social innovation space in Cape Town. Among the organizations that the group visited were RLabs, Philippi Village, the Solution Space and the Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, based at the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business. Project management and communication meetings were done

collaboratively, with the guidance of TDR technical advisors Lindi van Niekerk and Rachel Hounsell.



PHILIPPINES SI HUB TIES UP WITH PCHRD TO RECOGNIZE SOCIAL INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH

he Philippines Social Innovation Hub, based at the University of the Philippines Manila, worked hand-in-hand with the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) in highlighting social innovation in health research in PCHRD's 36th anniversary celebration on March 16, 2018. PCHRD is one of the three research councils under the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). Officials from the Department of Health (DOH) and DOST expressed support for evidence-based research and social innovation. WHO-TDR scientist and keynote speaker for the event, Dr. Bernadette Ramirez, talked about the importance of identifying the health needs of neglected and most vulnerable communities and their contexts, and the how these communities' capacities can be built through research. (*More on page 2*)

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During the celebration, the top innovations from the Philippines 2017 innovation call were recognized. The awardees were the Inter-island Health Referral System through One Facility, One Health Service Boat Project of the Zumarraga Municipal Health Office, the P6.60 Kada Araw na Hulog Para sa Kalusugan ng Pamilya of the Puerto Princesa Philippine Health Insurance Corporation Office, the National Telehealth System of the National Telehealth Center, and the Seal of Health Governance of the Del Carmen Local Government Unit. Two PCHRD-supported research projects were also acknowledged for their potential for social innovativeness.

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Moreover, PCHRD and DOH launched the Gelia Castillo Award for Social Innovation in Health, inviting researchers to submit solutions that address gaps in health care in the Philippines. The award pays tribute to National Scientist Dr. Gelia T. Castillo, who is recognized for her outstanding contributions to rural sociology and participatory development.

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UGANDA SI HUB JOINS INAUGURAL HEALTH INNOVATIONS CONFERENCE

he Makerere University Social Innovation Hub joined the first health innovation conference in Uganda on March 23, 2018. With the theme, Innovation in Health, the conference tackled four areas: 1) innovation in HIV/TB, 2) innovation in other health conditions, e.g., maternal and neonatal health, 3) data confidentiality, intellectual property and other legal issues, and; 4) Uganda as a supportive hub for innovation.

The conference brought together over 30 organizations involved in promoting innovations in health, as well as representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovations, academic institutions and the media. This was a great opportunity for generating ideas for innovation in health and building partnerships among health innovators. It was also a strategic platform for the Makerere University Social Innovation Hub to introduce SIHI.

The conference was hosted by the Ugandan Academy for Health Innovation and Impact, a programme housed within the Infectious Disease Institute, which is an integral part of the College of Health Sciences at Makerere University. The Academy was formed to improve health outcomes through innovations in clinical care, capacity building, systems strengthening, and research which inform policy and practice, and has a strong emphasis on HIV and TB.



UPCOMING EVENTS

16 APRIL MALAWI INNOVATION CALL MALAWI

The University of Malawi Social Innovation Hub and the Ministry of Health launched its 2018 call for solutions on March 7, 2018 to identify, recognize, study, and scale solutions that are improving access and delivery of health care in Malawi. The call closes on April 16, 2018.

30-31 MAY SIHI STRATEGIC WORKSHOP MALAWI

Co-hosted by the University of Malawi Social Innovation Hub, a two-day workshop with key stakeholders will be held in May to develop a practical guide that fits with the adaptive and immersive nature of social innovation, that encourages the participation of community members and is accessible to the various actors engaged in social innovation, including the innovators and governments.

BERTHA CENTRE HOLDS HSE **WORKSHOP IN UGANDA**

he first quarter of 2018 has been a busy one for both the Bertha Centre and for the Health Systems Entrepreneurship (HSE) project. On March 5 to 8, 2018, the HSE cohort met in Kampala, Uganda, for an interactive workshop to reflect on their experiences in working together to better understand, explore and drive systems change and to learn how the HSE program has supported the journeys of cohort members and to assess key components of the program to understand the relative value and potential impact of each. In addition, the time was used to plan for Phase II of the HSE programme. Specifically, the team is interested in understanding what it means to be an early adopter of mHealth technology, and the importance of influence when it comes to early adopters. Dr. Phyllis Awor as well as Juliet Nabirye from the Makerere University Social Innovation Hub had the pleasure of joining the workshop. It was a great opportunity to bring together the HSE and SIHI networks.

Six African organizations are being supported by HSE in using mHealth technology to improve healthcare delivery and community health outcomes.

BERTHA CENTRE BIDS GOODBYE TO DR. BONNICI

uring this quarter, the Bertha Centre bid farewell to its director, Francois Bonnici. Through his work with the Bertha Centre, and its team, Francois helped to introduce social innovation into the core identity and curriculum of the UCT Graduate School of Business, and explicitly extended the scope of management education and research into areas of social purpose. He will be deeply missed and we look forward to seeing what the next chapter holds!

SIHI WELCOMES NEW STAFF

arwani Msiska, Dr. Harroun Wong and Dr. Diana Maria Castro are recent additions to the growing SIHI team and are enriching their respective country hubs with their own experience and expertise.

Barwani Msiska has over seven years' experience in coordinating development programs, health systems strengthening for adolescent and reproductive health/family planning programs in the public health sector in academia settings in Malawi and USA. She has experience in project start-up and localization of initiatives, as well as health systems and implementation science research. She has joined the Malawi Hub in January 2018 as their project manager.

Harroun Wong, who joined the Philippines Hub as a research associate in December 2017, is a newly minted medical doctor who has a keen interest in public health. He believes that social innovation plays a big role in keeping populations healthy.

Diana Maria Castro, a Colombian psychologist with a doctorate degree in social science, has experience in project formulation, design of socio-educational intervention processes and social research. Dr. Castro will support the LAC Hub team in the strategic planning and building research capacity in social innovation for health.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

17-21 SEPTEMBER RESEARCH WORKSHOP LAC

A course on Community Based Participatory Research will be given by Dr. Nina Wallerstein and Dr. Laura Chanchien Parajón and hosted by the LAC Hub from September 17th to September 20th in Cali, Colombia. Dr. Wallerstein is a professor of the School of Public Health and the director of the Center for Participatory Research of the University of New Mexico. Dr. Parajón is the medical director of AMOS Health and Hope.

TBA PHILIPPINES PARTNERS' ROADSHOW PHILIPPINES

In the coming months, SIHI-PH will be visiting partners from the regional consortia of the Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS) in three strategic locations around the country to discuss the concept of social innovation in health and build partnerships with its members.

TOP SOCIAL INNOVATIONS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Inter-island Health Referral System through One Facility, One Health Service Boat Project (Zumarraga, Samar)

o address the problem of access for the island municipality's pregnant mothers, the Zumarraga Municipal Health Office set up a boat referral system that connects remote barangay health stations to the municipality's main birthing facility. It also ensures that a designated boat driver and fuel are always available and accessible for timely referral. The birthing facility is accredited by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to provide basic maternal and newborn package, hence it is entitled with claims reimbursements for every pregnant woman who delivers at the birthing facility, provided she is an eligible member of Philhealth. The project has a unique financial sustainability model where the facility utilizes the reimbursements from PhilHealth to fund the operations and maintenance of the boats.

<u>P6.60 Everyday Family Health Plan</u> (Puerto Princesa City, Palawan)

he PhilHealth Palawan Local Health Insurance Office started a special project that aimed to increase the health coverage of informal sector workers, specifically the members of the tricycle operators and drivers' associations (TODAs) in Puerto Princesa City. Using a savings mobilization scheme, TODA members are required to save a minimum amount of P6.60 per day or any available amount until it reaches P600.00, which is the required quarterly PhilHealth premium, for it to be remitted to PhilHealth as their health insurance contribution. Two transport associations with 107 covered members are currently part of the project. A local ordinance has been passed by the city in support of the project.

National Telehealth System

he National Telehealth System (NTS) uses a secure referral network that the project created, linking rural health physicians to clinical specialists in selected regional hospitals nationwide. At the core of NTS is a training program that inculcates the value of ethico-legal frameworks in the practice of telemedicine and the use of locally available resources such as papel de japon (Japanese paper) and paper bills to calibrate lighting in capturing images for teledermatology. NTS serves as a platform of patients in remote and disadvantaged communities to access specialist and subspecialist care and support.

Seal of Health Governance (Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte)

he Seal of Health Governance (SOHG) is a monitoring and evaluation program developed by the Local Government Unit of Del Carmen. It aims to ensure the implementation and sustainability of health programs at the municipal, barangay and purok levels. Accomplishments of each barangay are visualized through a Seal of Health Governance Board, a summary table of the barangay's score for each health indicator collaboratively identified. The program provides annual financial and in-kind incentives to the best performing barangays of the municipality. The Municipal Health Office perform their assessment on a quarterly basis and scores are consolidated annually.







