

NEWSLETTER

This quarter, the SIHI Network has been active. The emerging country hubs in the Philippines, Malawi, Uganda and Colombia, continued to strengthen their internal capacities to serve their country actors better. TDR, WHO and selected partners are embarking on a process of developing a research guidance on social innovation. SESH, in collaboration with TDR, has launched a crowdsourcing guide.

SIHI PARTNERS AND OTHER ACTORS GATHER IN BLANTYRE, MALAWI

With the growing interest in social innovation in various parts of the globe, the Social Innovation in Health Initiative (SIHI) brought together its partners, social innovation organizations, academia, the Ministries of Health of Uganda and Malawi, and international agencies to advance the conversation on embedding research in social innovation. The “Co-Creating a Research Guidance on Social Innovation” Workshop was held on 30 & 31 May 2018 in Blantyre and had 46 people represented from 11 countries.

“Implementers need a basic toolbox to help them embed research in social innovation projects from the start. Research can identify health delivery problems and how to solve them, and then assess the results to see if the approach can be transferred or scaled to other health settings,” said Professor John Reeder, the Director of TDR, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, who participated in the workshop. TDR is co-sponsored by UNDP, UNICEF, the World Bank, and WHO.

Innovators Nyembezi Kayira of Kaunda Health Centre in Malawi, Fiona Beckerlegge of Kyaninga Child Development Centre in Uganda, Dr. Alinafe Kasiye of VillageReach, Malawi, pioneering Chipatala Cha Pa Foni, and Grace Loumo AWARE Uganda also shared their innovation stories and their inputs on working with the government and other stakeholders. Contributions from participants will be used to inform a research guidance development. The intended vision of the guidance is to help aid all social innovation actors in their efforts towards sustainability and informing policy towards universal health coverage.

Earlier on 28 - 29 May, a SIHI partner strategy-development workshop took place followed by the annual SIHI partner network meeting. The SIHI representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean, Malawi, the Philippines, and Uganda attended the strategy refinement workshop and received technical advice in the development of their three-year strategic plans.

The meetings were hosted by SIHI Malawi - College of Medicine and co-organized by TDR, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and the SIHI hubs.



SIHI MALAWI LAUNCHES 2018 INNOVATION CALL & HOLDS STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS

In March 2018, SIHI Malawi hosted at the College of Medicine, launched its second call for innovations that improve health care delivery. A total of 25 solutions were received from across Malawi, of which 20 were eligible and 11 were shortlisted. The diverse group of submissions covered various thematic areas such as HIV and AIDS, cancer, TB, mental health, quality improvement and patient care, health insurance, rural sustainable health care with school-based to eHealth approaches, among others. SIHI Malawi is now in the process of conducting case study research including site visits, data collection, and filming some of the solution call finalists to better understand their breadth and nuances in improving the delivery of health services.

A series of stakeholder consultations on SIHI Malawi's objectives and medium-term activities were conducted between April and June as part of their strategy development process. This was done to make sure that the strategy is reflective and responsive to the ecosystem gaps and opportunities to improve health care and catalyze innovative and creative thinking in health amongst Malawians.



SIHI PHILIPPINES DEVELOPS INTRODUCTORY MODULE ON SOCIAL INNOVATION

To introduce the concept of social innovation in health as a lens to identify, analyze and provide appropriate solutions in addressing gaps in health care delivery, SIHI Philippines partnered with curriculum consultants to design and develop a three-hour, three-unit introductory module for the health sciences students of the University of the Philippines Manila.

A module validation activity, which also served as a training of trainers workshop, was conducted on March 19, 2018 among 15 graduate students and researchers. In addition, a co-creation and design session with a group of medical interns was held on May 7 to ensure the module's relevance in their six-week field immersion activities. The module could potentially be integrated in the immersion and service activities under the Community Health and Development Program of the university. Subsequent SIH modules focusing on scaling-up and sustainability models are already being considered.



SIHI UGANDA HOLDS INNOVATORS FELLOWSHIP & A NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

In April 2018, SIHI Uganda hosted by Makerere University, organized the first phase of the Uganda Social Innovators Fellowship and hosted the first ever national stakeholder workshop on social innovation in health in Uganda. The first phase of the innovators fellowship was on social entrepreneurship and ran from 10th to 11th of April 2018. Rebecca Namatovu, a senior lecturer from Makerere University Business School, conducted engaging sessions to empower the social innovators with knowledge and skills in social entrepreneurship. Other sessions covered topics such as design thinking, leadership and teamwork. On the 12th of April, the national stakeholder workshop on social innovation was held at Kabira Country Club in Kampala, Uganda. It convened government officials, innovators, academics, students, and partners from non-government organizations and the media. WHO-TDR Senior Technical Advisor, Dr. Lindi Van Niekerk, and SIHI Uganda Director, Dr. Phyllis Awor, briefed the participants on SIHI and the Uganda Social Innovation Hub. During the workshop, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation Undersecretary Emmanuel Mugunga and Ms. Amanda Ottosson, the community health technical adviser of the Ministry of Health Uganda, helped recognize the five selected social innovations from the 2017 SIHI Uganda innovation call.

SIHI LAC HUB BEGINS RESEARCH INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The internship programme on research in social innovation in health started successfully with the arrival of the SIHI Latin America and the Caribbean (SIHI LAC) Hub's first intern, Luisa Fernanda Duque on June 18, 2018. Luisa is a political scientist and student of the master's in management of social innovation programme of Universidad Icesi, Cali. With her background in political sciences, Luisa brings a valuable new perspective for the development of the activities of hub. Currently, Luisa is developing the findings brief, a document which aims to communicate to the local government key points of the three innovations selected in the SIHI LAC 2017 innovation call. Luisa is also doing a documentary research about the SIHI LAC Hub for her thesis.

BERTHA CENTRE APPOINTS BULELWA MAKALIMA-NGEWANA AS INTERIM DIRECTOR

Bulelwa Makalima-Ngewana has been appointed as the interim director of the Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The former CEO of the Cape Town Partnership, Bulelwa is a town planner with extensive experience in managing and coordinating public-private partnerships for area-based management. An urban revivalist at heart, she has spent the last 12 years with the Cape Town Partnership managing, developing and promoting Cape Town's Central City as an economically thriving, creative and valued public and private space in which to live, work and play.

Prior to joining the Cape Town Partnership, Bulelwa was the senior manager for Africa programmes at the Centre for Conflict Resolution. In this role, she led teams of conflict resolution and mediation practitioners contracted to assist with peace building efforts in key African countries.

As a practicing urbanist, Bulelwa subscribes to the idea of building cities and communities around places which lead inspired citizens to collectively reimagine and reinvent public spaces as the heart and soul of every community, thus strengthening the connection between people and

the places they share resulting in a collaborative process through which communities can shape their public realm to maximize shared value.

SESH, TDR LAUNCH CROWDSOURCING AND HEALTH RESEARCH GUIDE

We are excited to announce the launch of Crowdsourcing in health and health research: A practical guide. Crowdsourcing tools, such as challenge contests, are increasingly used to improve public health. Crowdsourcing is the process of having a large group, including experts and non-experts, solve a problem and then share the solution with the public. This guide provides practical advice on designing, implementing and evaluating crowdsourcing activities for health and health research – with descriptions and examples of contests collected through a challenge contest. The guide was developed by Social Entrepreneurship to Spur Health (SESH) in collaboration with SIHI and is being tested in collaboration with TDR and TDR Global, the community of TDR affiliated experts, as part of its mobilization on gender equity in health research. Published through TDR, it is available online at: <http://www.who.int/tdr/publications/year/2018/crowdsourcing-practical-guide/en/>. To learn more, watch: <http://bit.ly/CrowdsourcingGuide>.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY-SEPTEMBER // STAKEHOLDER MEETING - SIHI MALAWI

SIHI Malawi will be conducting a stakeholder meeting as part of its strategic partnership and strategy development process.

AUGUST // SOCIAL INNOVATION CASE COMPETITION - SIHI MALAWI

SIHI Malawi will host the first annual social innovation in health case competition which will include University of Malawi - College of Medicine, The Polytechnic, Malawi College of Accountancy, and the Malawi College of Health Sciences.

SEPTEMBER // CONSULTATIONS ON NATIONAL AWARD FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH - SIHI PHILIPPINES

In September, SIHI Philippines will be collaborating with the Philippine National Health Research System in holding subnational consultations to finalize and implement the guidelines of the Gelia Castillo Award for Social Innovation in Health.

SEPTEMBER 17-20 // COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH COURSE - SIHI LAC

The SIHI LAC hub will host the Community Based Participatory Research course, in Cali, Colombia. The course is lectured by Dr. Nina Wallerstein of the University of New Mexico and Laura Parajon of AMOS Health and Hope.

SIHI UPDATED RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

As the SIHI network, we have compiled the cases of social innovations we have identified to date. Read the summaries of the 38 cases that have been studied through the network from 2015 to 2018, presented according to countries in the most recent version of the SIHI case compendium.

The 2017-2018 SIHI booklet, which introduces the network and its implementing partners is also available for download.

We hope that these resources will spark a greater awareness and understanding of social innovation in health in your country.

CASE COMPENDIUM:

<http://bit.ly/CaseCompendium18>

SIHI INTRODUCTORY BOOKLET:

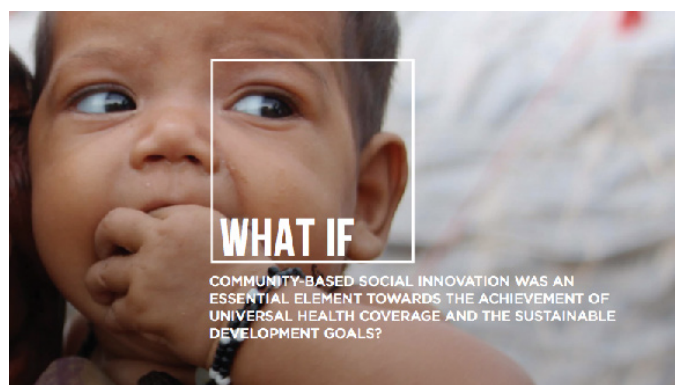
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BMGF SEEKS TECH-ENABLED PRIMARY HEALTH CARE INNOVATIONS

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation issued a request for information to identify innovators who have the ability to combine several critical accelerators to dramatically scale up comprehensive primary health care access in low- and lower-middle income countries through technology-driven solutions. Interested parties may email PHCinnovations@gatesfoundation.org for more information.

