

HWAI's Goals

A) Secure at key global, regional, and national forums and processes specific commitments to prioritize human resources for health (HRH) and related health systems strengthening (HSS), policies and actions supportive of well-trained, motivated, adequately equipped and supported, and equitably distributed health workforces,



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B) Secure adequate, predictable, and sustainable funding for HRH and related HSS and removal of restraints to spending expanded resources;

C) Build better accountability among all HRH stakeholders, especially governments, on meeting HRH-related commitments and obligations, including for HRH and related health financing, and;

D) Support the development and effectiveness of grassroots movements supporting HRH, especially in developing countries, and link national movements to regional and international networks.

Invitation to Join the Health Workforce Advocacy Initiative



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We invite you to join the Health Workforce Advocacy Initiative (HWAI) network. HWAI (healthworkforce.info) is the civil society-led network of the Global Health Workforce Alliance. This network will be an on-going forum for strategizing, advocacy support, information sharing, and idea and information generation.

HWAI Website

<http://www.healthworkforce.info>

Join HWAI Network

Simply email your name, e-mail address, affiliation, and country to hwainetwork@healthworkforce.info

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is the civil society-led network of
the Global Health Workforce Alliance.

The HWAI Network

The HWAI network is open to anyone who would like to be involved in advocacy for the resources and policies needed to strengthen the health workforce and the accompanying health systems so as to enable countries to achieve the health-related Millennium Development Goals, Universal Access to AIDS treatment, prevention, care, and support by 2010, and other health goals and commitments. HWAI's vision and goals are at the end of this invitation.

To join, please email your name, e-mail address, affiliation, and country to Sharonann Lynch at hwainetwork@healthworkforce.info, who administers the [HCW] listserv, the virtual home of the HWAI network. Please cc Eric Friedman (efriedman@phrusa.org).

Network participants have the opportunity to contribute to the newly launched Campaign for Sustainable Health Workforce Financing. This first campaign of HWAI is aimed at securing the greatly increased funding required to meet health workforce and other health system needs. We hope that this network can become a significant source of information to provide the evidence base needed for an effective campaign, as well as for ideas, solidarity and advocacy power, perspectives, and other support needed for a successful campaign.

While we are focusing heavily on this campaign for sustainable financing for the health workforce, this listserv and network should be a forum for other exchanges to enhance health workforce advocacy, such as around current policy debates on task-shifting – or whatever will support you in your advocacy.

We hope that this network will become an extensive, global community that is civil society-led and open to all – from any sector or institution – who believe that they can contribute to and benefit from the network, the forum for a social movement dedicated to strengthening the health workforce, the systems on which health workers depend, and ultimately – and primarily – the people who will live or die, who will heal or who will suffer, depending on the strength of the health system and the health workforce. Please join.



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HWAI Strategic Vision

We engage in evidence-based advocacy to advance local, regional, and global efforts to enable all people, at the soonest feasible time, to have equitable and sustained access to a skilled, motivated, and well-equipped, informed, and managed health workforce who have decent wages and good working conditions, and are integrated into well-functioning health systems. The health workforce should be in the numbers, skills mix, and distribution with the management and leadership needed to achieve universal access to essential health interventions, the Millennium Development Goals, and to achieve and sustain universal access to comprehensive HIV treatment, prevention, care, and support by 2010.

We operate with the firm conviction that everyone has the right to the highest attainable standard of health and that an effective health workforce is central to fulfilling this right. The right to health places a solemn responsibility upon governments to make the maximum effort to meet all their people's health needs, including those of marginalized populations. We also believe in the need to empower frontline health workers and civil society to engage as active participants in all aspects of national, regional, and global discussions on the health workforce, and to work in partnership with governments and other institutions to realize the right to health.



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