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THE IMPACT OF GLOBALISATION ON HEALTH SERVICES

in *UN*developing countries

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GLOBALISATION AND HEALTH

What do we want to do today ?



to understand the impact of economic globalisation
on the organization of health services
in developing countries...

Warning ! We are not developing countries.

“Developing” means becoming more developed.
We are not !

Every day we are more dependent:
with more poverty and fewer oportunities.

We are pheripheral, dependant, 3rd world countries

WHAT DOES GLOBALISATION MEANS ??

- Total dominance of the market and “free” trade
 - Imposition of the “American way of life”
- this is what Berlusconi called the “occidental culture”

Wealth is concentrated in a few huge corporations

**20 multinational corporations control
70% of the world’s trade and wealth**

**The 3 richest individuals in the world have
more wealth than 50 countries where
600 million people lived !**

- **External Debt is one of our main problems It has doubled in 150 countries in the last 10 years !**
- **Almost 50% of their national budgets goes to service external debt.**

**GLOBALISATION has increased the wealth
in a few sectors and increased poverty in
the rest of he world.**

**95% of economic activity
is financial speculation**

**One day on the NY stock exchange
is greater than the Mexican GNP !**

**The logic of the financial sector
dominates and substitutes
for the logic of production**

**Worldwide 500 million inhabitants
live like you and me,
the other 5,500 million survive in abject poverty**

**As a consequence
there has been a rise in conflicts,
a lack of governability,
and a rise of fundamentalism,
racism and neo fascist groups.**

What is Neoliberalism ?



It is a way of thinking and understanding the economy, production and social life

**Health and social security
are private goods
that must be traded in the market.**

Main goal in the Health Sector:

- ☑ Decreasing the role of the state and allowing the market to play a central role



PRIVATISATION

Neoliberal proposals for Health



**To reduce the role of government in the
organisation and provision of health
services**

Main idea

- ↪ Health is a private good, an individual responsibility and belongs to the private sector
- ↪ Health problems must be solved in the context of the market.

HEALTH SERVICES PRIVATISATION

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**Multilateral institutions
are promoting “Health Reform”
in order to privatise the health sector**

**This process has led to a huge deterioration
of public health services**



**The goal of “Reform”
is to privatise “retirement funds”
that are an important attraction
for the financial sector**

**ARE PENSIONS FUNDS SOCIAL PROGRAMS
OR FINANCIAL BUSINESS ?**

IMPACT OF GLOBALISATION ON HEALTH

**PRIVATISATION OF
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

INCREASE OF INEQUITIES

**HIGH MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY RATES AND INCREASE
OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES EASILY PREVENTABLE**

**MIGRATION OF SKILLED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
FROM POORER TO WEALTHIER COUNTRIES**

IMPACT OF GLOBALISATION ON HEALTH

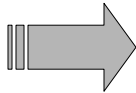
Do you know that

**less developed countries have 84%
of the world's population**

**consume less than 11% of the world's
health expenditures**

**and account for 93% of
the illness and disease burden**

Alternative proposals



**Health is a human and social right
that should be guaranteed by the state**

Main ideas:

- ↪ Health is not merely an individual concern.**
- ↪ Health is a collective process determined by the quality of life. Health is part of collective wellbeing.**
- ↪ The State must guarantee and regulate social security and health**

WARNING

**Be careful...
In most industrialized countries
Public Health Systems
are under attack !!!!!**


**These attacks are the first step.
Afterwards the financial sector
and multinational medical corporations
will try to convince every one
that the health sector may be privatised**

CONCLUSIONS

**OUR MAIN TASK IS DESIGN POLICIES TO CONFRONT
NEOLIBERAL PROPOSALS IN HEALTH**

**In the health sector we should avoid privatisation
and defend the role of State in the stewardship and
Provision of health services**

**We should affirm HEALTH as a social and
human right, instead of a “market private good”**



**WE MUST GENERATE
A PUBLIC HEALTH AGENDA
CENTRED IN LIFE,
EQUITY,
AND SOCIAL WELL BEING**

**The only way of getting human sustainable development
on world wide scale
DEMANDS a global effort for redistribution of wealth**