

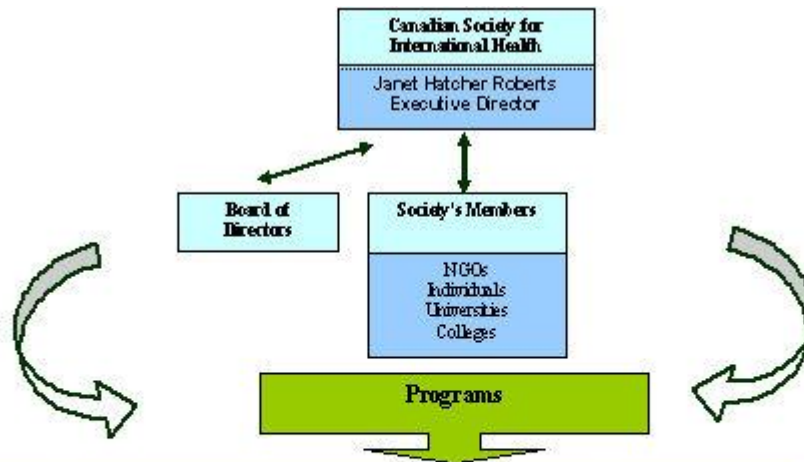
The Partner . . . . .  
The Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH)



National non-governmental organization with members across Canada and internationally committed to the promotion of international health and development through advocacy, knowledge-based action, and research

- Strategic Focus
  - Capacity building for improved governance through equity based health reform
  - Increase awareness of health and development
  - Advocacy in health and development

- What We Do



Special Projects and Development	Central and Eastern Europe	Latin America/ Caribbean	Internships	Asia	Africa
Small Grants Funds: Project Development	Ukraine South Caucasus Russia (Croatia)	Guyana (Bolivia)	Netcorps CIDA DFA	Philippines Cambodia/Laos/ Thailand/Vietnam	Mali

- Current Projects
  - Ukraine: Youth for Health: Inter sectoral Health Policy Development
  - South Caucasus: Health Information Systems Phase II
  - Guyana: Public Health Strengthening
  - Russia: Evaluation and Monitoring of CIDA Health Projects
  - Mali: Review and Evaluation of Local Health Systems
  - Cambodia/Lao/Thailand/Vietnam: Canada South East Asia Regional HIV/AIDS Program
  - Philippines: Equity-Based Health Sector Reform

- Project Themes
  - Good governance and health sector reform
  - Evidence-based decision making and resource allocation
  - Integration of equity and "determinants of health" philosophies into health sector reform initiatives
  - Public health strengthening
  - Capacity building
  
- Raising Awareness and Advocating for Health and Development
  - Broad range of health and development issues
  - Historically CSIH led the consultation for CIDA's Health Strategy
  - Continues to advocate for increased investment in the health sector at CIDA and IDRC

### **HOW?**

- Broad range of health and development issues
  - CSIH mobilizes Canadian expertise for technical assistance and advocacy
  - This allows us to link population, health and nutrition issues to promote health and development and the critical inter sectoral action and policy development which is required to make a difference
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- Networking
 

CSIH has established and strengthened Canadian networks in population, health and nutrition:

    - Synergy On Line every month to highlight key issues
    - Network of experts (300) established of academics from universities and colleges provides timely and appropriate technical assistance, develop background briefing materials on specific advocacy issues, attend meetings and monitor key trends
    - Membership of over 600 members provides technical assistance. This assistance is in-kind and contributes significantly towards the CIDA contribution
    - Partnerships with sister organizations connects us with other networks within and outside the health sector
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- Consultations
 

CSIH often takes a lead role in organizing and facilitating NGO consultations:

    - Population and Reproductive Health with Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD)
    - HIV/AIDS Action Plan Launch and consultation with many health NGOs, international donors and partners
    - Globalization and trade liberalization and health with CCIC: Connecting on the Quebec Summit
    - Coordinated with the Canadian Consortia for Global Health Research to lobby for health research and development support in G8 document: A success story!
    - Canada's new Public Health Agency and its international dimensions
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- Advocacy
    - CSIH has produced proactive position papers and resolutions/letters to key government departments:
      - Peace and Health

- Globalization and Health

Both papers are examples of the promotion of the inter sectoral action which is required to promote global health and well being

- Annual international conference on global health issues: Canadian Conference for International Health October 24-27 2004: The Politics of Health: Whose Reality Counts?
- Research
  - CSIH is a member of the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research and its Executive Director is a member of the Coalition's Board of Directors (October 2004)
  - CSIH's strong foundation of international partners, our ability to negotiate with governments, NGOs and academic institutions, and our wide variety of global health research and development applications offers opportunities for significant adaptation, application and implementation for health and well being with a global reach and impact.

## Opportunities for Collaboration



The Project . . . . .  
 "Strengthening Local Capacity for Health Equity Reform in the Philippines: The HER Project"

- An initiative of the Canadian Society for International Health (Ottawa, Canada) and the Gerry Roxas Foundation (Philippines)

- Funded by the Canadian International Development Agency - Partnership Branch

The project aims to:

- Increase capacity of the GRF to play a leadership training role related to resource allocation decision - making
- Increase resource allocation decision capacities within Filipino organizations (government, NGO and educational)
- Facilitate the development of partnerships among local Filipino government and non -government organizations in their efforts to increase knowledge and influence resource allocation decisions in the context of improved local governance

We want to:

- Strengthen citizen participation and build commitment of LGUs and stakeholders in project implementation and sustainability
- Integrate Health Equity concepts and principles in Participatory Planning and Resource Allocation Decision Making in the pilot sites
- Build a Pool of Local Trainers / Mentors and Coaches
- Standardize a Sourcebook and tool kits for replication and data forms for monitoring and reporting
- Standardize data collection, reporting and monitoring systems to feed into planning and resource allocation decision-making

We started with:

- An Environmental Scan for 16 Municipalities and 1 City in the Province of Capiz that showed planning and resource allocation decision making is not based on data/ evidence or equity principles
- Lack of knowledge about the value and richness of data already available at the barangay (community) level

We have:

- Formalized partnership with the Capiz Provincial Government, CSIH and GRF through a Memorandum of Agreement
- Conducted a series of capacity building workshops on Health Equity, Determinants of Health, Decision Support Tools for Health Planning and Resource Allocation for four Municipalities
- Trained GRF and local Trainers
- A Project Operations Manual and Coaching and Mentoring Guide
- Conducted a pilot run of the Municipal Health Planning Workshop in two municipalities using the Coaching and Mentoring Guide
- Health Equity "sensitive" Municipal Planners in the pilot Inter -local Health Zone, ready for the next planning cycle

Next Steps:

- Ensure future Municipal Health Plans incorporate new knowledge in health equity and existing data
- Strengthen capacity of health service providers and advocates on
  - advocacy and networking
  - data collection and management
  - monitoring and evaluation
- Replication in neighboring pilot municipalities

- Increased data collection and analysis at the barangay level
- Organize health equity reform advocates to build support at the grass roots level for improved health planning
- Advocate for improved local governance and national policy reform for health equity and its integration in the National Government's Health Sector Reform Agenda to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals
- Provide mechanisms to institutionalize good governance and equity in resource allocation decision - making in the pilot site and its replication areas
- Create an environment for national and international resource/information exchange

Recent Activities:

- Participatory Municipal Health Planning Workshop (Maayon and Pilar)
- Participatory Municipal Health Planning Workshop (Pontevedra and President Roxas)
- Training On Decision Support Tools