Human Rights in Global Health Governance

- Human Rights Matter
- Human Rights Evolve
- WHO is Instrumental to the Evolution of Health-Related Rights
  - Development in Law
  - Implementation through Policies and Programs
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The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being.

Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

Governments have a responsibility for the health of their peoples which can be fulfilled only by the provision of adequate health and social measures.
WHO Neglect for Human Rights

Avoidance of “Legal Rights”

M.G. Candau
WHO
Director-General
(1953-1973)

International Covenant

- Abandonment of “complete” health & underlying determinants of Health

the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.
WHO Adopts a Norm-Driven Approach to Global Health

WHO Turns to Social Justice

• Health for All
  – Primary Health Care to Address Underlying Determinants of Health

Halfdan Mahler
WHO Director-General (1973-1988)

health—which is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity—is a fundamental human right [that] requires the action of many other social and economic sectors in addition to the health sector.
HIV/AIDS Operationalizes Human Rights for Global Health

Global Programme on AIDS

Linking Health & Human Rights

- Tripartite Framework
  - Public Health & Human Rights are interdependent
  - Human rights violations result in adverse health effects
  - Public Health Methods can violate human rights
Mainstreaming Human Rights

WHO as “the World’s Health Conscience”

- Human Rights Officer
- Strategy on Health & Human Rights
- Development of the Right to Health

Gro Harlem Bruntland
WHO
Director-General
Mainstreaming . . . Again

Gender, Equity & Rights Mainstreaming Unit

Margaret Chan
WHO
Director-General

“The right to health

HIV
STAND UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

“A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO HEALTH

“to achieve a WHO in which each staff member has the core value of gender, equity and human right in his or her DNA”
The Future of Human Rights in Global Health Governance