Health in Post-Conflict and Fragile States: Challenges for the Next Decade

Thursday, June 9, 2011
U.S. Institute of Peace Headquarters
2301 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20037

8:00 – 8:45am Registration

9:00 – 9:15am Welcome and Introductions

Welcome:
• Richard Solomon
  President, U.S. Institute of Peace

Introductions:
• Stephen Commins
  Adviser on Fragile States, International Medical Corps

• Leonard Rubenstein
  Chair, USIP Health and Peacebuilding Working Group
  Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

9:15 – 10:00am Liberia and Post-Conflict Health Reconstruction

Keynote Address: “Liberia and Post-Conflict Health Reconstruction”

• The Honorable Dr. Walter T. Gwenigale
  Minister of Health & Social Welfare of the Republic of Liberia

10:00 – 10:30am Health Service Delivery in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States: Contributions to Stability?

Speaker:
• Derick W. Brinkerhoff
  Distinguished Fellow in International Public Management, RTI International

10:30am – 12:00pm What have we learned about the reconstruction of health systems?

Discussants:
• William Newbrander  
  Senior Technical Adviser, Management Sciences for Health

• Egbert Sondorp  
  Senior Lecturer in Conflict and Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

12:00 – 1:30pm Luncheon

1:30 – 3:00pm Panel discussion highlighting case studies of country experiences

  Moderator:
  • Steven Morrison  
    Director, Global Health Policy Center, Center for Strategic and International Studies

  Panelists:
  • The Honorable Dr. Walter T. Gwenigale  
    Minister of Health & Social Welfare of the Republic of Liberia
  • Ann Claxton (Somalia)  
    Senior Technical Adviser for Global Health, World Vision
  • Hedayatullah Stanekzai (Afghanistan)  
    Management Sciences for Health and former Director General, Ministry of Public Health in Afghanistan
  • Farooq Mujadidi (Afghanistan)  
    Senior Technical Advisor, Management Sciences for Health
  • John Rumunu (South Sudan)  
    Health Sector Transformation Project
  • Thomas Adams (Haiti) (invited)  
    Haiti Coordinator, U.S. Department of State

3:00 – 3:30pm Conference Break

3:30 – 5:00pm Plenary: Human rights, governance, and vulnerable populations

  Part I: Assaults on health in armed conflict
  • Representative from International Committee of the Red Cross (invited)

  Part II: Governance and health
  • Paul Wise  
    Richard E. Behrman Professor of Child Health and Society, Stanford Medical School

  Part III: Health and education
• Rebecca Winthrop  
  Director, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

5:00 – 7:00pm Reception

Remarks by:
  • Lois Quam  
    Executive Director, Global Health Initiative

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9:00 – 9:45am: Policy Questions for Donors

• Where does health reconstruction in post-conflict and unstable states “belong”? As part of a global health strategy? As an element of an integrated development, diplomacy, and/or security strategy? What are the implications of each?

• How should donors address health development needs in poorly governed states?

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Keynote Address: “The USAID Experience in Fragile States”
  • Donald K. Steinberg  
    Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development

A moderated discussion will follow Donald K. Steinberg’s speech

Moderator:
  • Jonathan D. Quick  
    President and CEO, Management Sciences for Health
Discussants:

- Andre Griekspoor
  World Health Organization

- Ronald Waldman
  Professor of Epidemiology and Population and Family Health, Columbia University

11:00-11:30am: Health consequences of conflict and instability, current knowledge and debates about mortality and morbidity

- Richard Garfield
  Henrik H. Bendixen Professor of Clinical International Nursing, Columbia University

11:30am-12:45pm Plenary: Dealing with Insecurity and Transitions to Systems Development

  Part I: Health Professionals working in Insecure Environments
  - Sonal Singh
    Assistant Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University

  Part II: Humanitarian aid and transition to development
  - Emmanuel D’Harcourt
    Senior Health Director, International Rescue Committee

  Part III: Insecure environments and military roles
  - Anne Peterson
    Professor, George Washington University

  Part IV: Funding transitions
  - Jacob Hughes
    Adviser to Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Liberia

12:45-2:00pm Luncheon and Dialogue on Human Rights, Governance and Health Development

- Michael Posner
  Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor

2:00 – 3:30pm Health Reconstruction: Engaging and Serving Women

Moderator:
- TBA

Discussants:

- Representative Niki Tsongas (D-MA) (invited)
• Diana Silimperi  
  VP, Management Sciences for Health

• Carla Koppell  
  Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, USAID

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