Human Rights in Global Health Governance

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Human Rights in Global Health

- Health & Human Rights Movement
  - Human Rights Matter
  - Human Rights Evolve
  - Human Rights Frame Policy
- Global Governance Implements Rights-Based Policy
1. Global Health Governance – What is Global Health Governance?

2. Human Rights Law – How has Human Rights Law Developed to Address Global Health?

3. Implementing Rights through Governance – How are Human Rights Implemented through Global Health Governance?
Global Health Governance

Global Health is Public Health

• From International Health to Global Health
• From Global Health to Global Health Governance
Institutions of Global Health Governance

**Institutions**

- Intergovernmental organizations
- Funding agencies
- International bureaucracies

**Functions**

- Multi-level
- Multi-sectoral
Global Health Governance in Transition

Global Health Policy Architecture
Proliferating, Decentralized & Fragmented
(but crucial)

• Developing Norms
• Implementing Norms
• Supervising Global Health
• Responsible for Human Rights?
Implementing Health-Related Human Rights through Global Governance

Assessing Implementation
- Policies
- Programs
- Practices

Assisting States

- International Law
- Public Health
- Human Rights
- Health & Human Rights

Global Health Governance

HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Human Rights in Global Health
Human Rights Development

WHO Constitution (1946)

UDHR (1948)

ICESCR (1966)

Declaration of Alma-Ata (1978)

General Comment 14 (2000)
From Development to Implementation

“The cause of human rights has entered a new era. For much of the past 60 years, our focus has been on articulating, codifying and enshrining rights. That effort produced a remarkable framework of laws, standards and mechanisms – the Universal Declaration, the international covenants, and much else. Such work needs to continue in some areas. But the era of declaration is now giving way, as it should, to an era of implementation.”

- UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan (2005).
Mainstreaming Rights in Global Health Governance

Mandate for Mainstreaming

• Cross-Cutting Approach
• Rights-Based Approach to Development
• Inconsistent Approach

Approaches to Mainstreaming

• UNDG’s Human Rights Working Group
• Shared Approach

Kofi Annan, UN Secretary-General

Benjamin Mason Meier & Lawrence O. Gostin, We Teach Stuff

Coordination of Independent Approaches ➔ Mainstreaming of Integrated Practices
An Edited Volume?

I. Global Health & Human Rights

II. World Health Organization

III. Inter-Governmental Organizations

IV. Global Economic Governance

V. Global Health in Human Rights Governance
Comparative Research on Human Rights in Global Health Governance

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