

APHA's International Health Section

2010 Advocacy and Policy Committee Goals*

The International Health Section's Advocacy and Policy Committee works to leverage APHA's capacity to improve global health delivery and foreign aid effectiveness by advancing advocacy efforts and rights-based US policy to: (1) rebuild and strengthen the public health infrastructure and workforce; (2) improve quality of care and eliminate health disparities; and (3) ensure equitable and maximum access to health.

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Rebuild and Strengthen Public Health Infrastructure and Health Workforce Worldwide

Activities include:

- Support efforts to strengthen health systems and build health workforce capacity in resource-poor countries, including development of laws and regulations to curtail recruitment from developing countries suffering health worker shortages
- Support efforts to reconstruct health systems and reduce threats posed to health workers as a result of armed conflict, natural disaster, humanitarian emergencies, or political repression

Improve Quality of Care and Eliminate Health Disparities

Activities include:

- Prioritize maternal, newborn and child health, within an integrated global health strategy for strengthening integrated primary care systems
- Support universal coverage with effective interventions, including efforts to expand prevention, care and treatment for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria; and food security improvement programs

Ensure Equitable and Maximum Access to Care

Activities include:

- Promote a comprehensive US approach to global health oriented towards fulfilling commitments of the Millennium Development Goals, with an emphasis on strengthening health systems to deliver integrated services with community level involvement
- Support proportionate, consistent, predictable and robust funding for all global health agencies, policies and programs
- Contribute to conflict prevention efforts as a proactive measure to preserve health infrastructure and workforce and protect population health

**note that this is still in progress. Final agenda to be released during 2009 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.*