

When Medicines Fail

A GLOBAL PUSH TO FIGHT DRUG RESISTANCE

Background on the Drug Resistance Working Group

The Center for Global Development's Drug Resistance Working Group was convened in fall 2007 to identify practical and feasible ways that donors, multilateral organizations, NGOs, the pharmaceutical industry, and other actors at the global level could prevent or contain the emergence of drug resistance affecting high-burden diseases in developing countries. The Working Group's recommendations encourage actions that help balance society's current and future health care needs with the drugs and technologies available.

Given the depth and breadth of the issue, and the myriad interrelated factors that play a role in drug resistance, Working Group membership needed to be equally as comprehensive to adequately address the problem. To ensure that all perspectives were given an equal voice, membership consisted of experts from every relevant background and sector. The group included health economists, medical doctors, pharmacists, microbiologists, public health practitioners, global health policy experts and lawyers representing academia, industry, governments (both donor and recipient), nonprofits, multilateral organizations, NGOs and foundations. Equally as important, we included members from developing countries in order to always stay firmly grounded in the realities faced by resource poor nations and health systems. A complete list of Working Group members is below.

Members participated in a personal capacity and on a voluntary basis. This report reflects a consensus of the Working Group members and does not necessarily represent the views of the organizations with which the members are affiliated.

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