


UNACOH-
Uganda National Association of
Community and Occupational
Health -
A NPHA, member AFPHA & WFPHA

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- Genesis – Rooted in Alma Ata Declaration
- Motto – Health for All and By All
- Thrust – Community Empowerment and mobilization for Health
- Advocacy for healthy public policies
- Advocacy for a positive Health Culture (Needs vs Demands)



UNACOH Dialogue

- ▶ 4 Levels
 - ▶ Witin Membership
 - ▶ Within Scientific Community
 - ▶ Government and Other Policy Makers
 - ▶ Public



Dialogue among Membership

- Multi-disciplinary, multi-sector – so while professional UNACOH is not about members but about the public
- So more of CSO, while also professional- registered with Uganda NNGO Board
- Democratic governance- elections every two years
- Open minded – no health issue is off the agenda, with CPHA support we had a number of consultations leading to Position Papers particularly on Health Sector Reforms at the turn of the Century/Millennium
- ASC (since 1993), DMLML (since 2002), JASH Conference (MakCHS) since 2010



Scientific Community

- ASC – to share knowledge and influence policy debates
- Research – especially intervention research
- Policy Discussion – sometimes with UHCA
- Other Health Discussion Forums (eg JISSC yesterday)



Policy Makers

- Consultations with Government –eg Tobacco Control, Alcohol Control, SPIP, VHT Strategy
- ASC
- Participating in Health Forums and Media Discussions, and publications
- Part of continental and International Discussions through AFPHA and WFPHA
- Worked closely with ECSCA-HC on developing documents for establishing ECSCA-CHS and now challenged on formation of ECSCA_College of PH



Public

- UNACOH is open membership (Health for All and by All)
- Community Based Projects – as demonstration of policies that work
 - Health as a Human Right
 - NECDP(GoU/WB)
 - Tobacco Control (CPHA),
 - Alcohol Control (IOGT)
 - Immunisation (CIII2)
 - Pesticides and Health (Dialogos)
- Proponents and supporters of VHT and OSH Committees in the workplace as part of Community Empowerment and Mobilisation for Health (Health is made at home -----)



Challenges

- National Negative Health Culture
- Fragmentation of National Health agenda (Silos within and external to Health Sector)
- Government and other key actors not yet coming out to support indigenous Health CSOs



Recommendation

- ▶ Promote Health in All Policies practically
- ▶ Encourage Whole Government in support of Health
- ▶ Community should be the Centre of the Health System, not a customer
- ▶ More Government support for local CSOs especially in promoting the Think Tank Function
- ▶ (Think about this: As Governments change policies change but for PHAs there is a permanent agenda of Health for All and by All – it is not about to change- only to adapt to leverage situations to favour communities)



**➤ Thank you very much
for your attention!**

