

BE-CAUSE HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2014



BE-CAUSE HEALTH 2014 IN PICTURES



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1. Minister Alexander De Croo
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3. 10 Years Be-cause Health
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6. Bruno Dujardin
(In memoriam, † 10.03.2015)
7. Thank you note. From left to right: Martine Vandermeulen, Lut Joris, Karel Blondeel and Karel Gyselincx



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ABOUT BE-CAUSE HEALTH

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Be-cause health is an informal and pluralistic platform which is open to institutional and individual members committed to the right to health for all. The main goal of Be-cause health is to strengthen the role and the effectiveness of all actors in the Belgian development cooperation to make quality health care accessible worldwide.



Be-cause health reaches **300** people in **50** organisations

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2014-2016

1.

BE-CAUSE HEALTH IS AN EFFICIENT AND DYNAMIC NETWORK, REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIAN ACTORS ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH.

2.

THE BELGIAN ACTORS CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO THE INTERNATIONAL POLICY OF BELGIUM AND TO INTERNATIONAL POLICIES RELATED TO HEALTH.

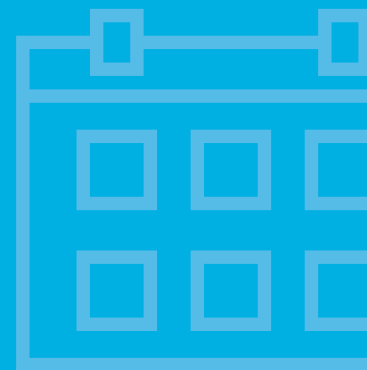
3.

BE-CAUSE HEALTH NOT ONLY ASSURES A GOOD DIFFUSION AND EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND GOOD PRACTICES AMONG ITS MEMBERS, BUT ALSO ASSURES A CAPITALISATION OF EXPERIENCES IN THE FIELD.

4.

BE-CAUSE HEALTH PROMOTES COMPLEMENTARITY, SYNERGY AND COLLABORATION AMONG BELGIAN ACTORS INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND OTHER NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HEALTH NETWORKS.

NETWORK EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



June - October

Evaluation Be-cause health

by Barbara Simaey (South Research)

Be-cause health carried out a thorough evaluation of the network. The result was positive - BCH can be seen as a unique and successful networking experience, both at national and international level - but one of the main challenges will be to avoid fragmentation and keep the dynamics going. 12 recommendations were formulated on improvement of communication, clarification of membership, efforts to increase visibility etc. Members and partners of Be-cause health participated in various ways (interviews, questionnaires, group discussions) in the evaluation of the network. Thank you to everyone who got involved! (full report available on www.be-causehealth.be)

16 June

Debate

Intermediary Cooperation Programme
DRC - Belgium

An information session was held in Brussels on the content of the intermediary programme with Dr. Martinus Desmet, DGD, followed by a discussion and short presentation of the strategic note on support to the public sector.

8 October

Network meeting

Ebola

Experts gave information on the status of Ebola in Guinea, Niger and Sierra Leone and different initiatives taken by Belgian organisations during the network meeting on Ebola in Brussels.

16 October

Focus day & 10th anniversary

The network celebrated its anniversary with this focus day to look back and reflect on the past 10 years, but also to map out the future of the network.



28 November

Annual seminar

Putting People at the Heart of Development.
Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
in the post-2015 era.

220 participants from all over the world gathered in Brussels to discuss progress made on sexual and reproductive health and rights and options for future progress in implementation. Parallel sessions focused on health system strengthening, youth, gender equality, male involvement, sustainable development, rights and a multi-sectoral approach (full report available on www.be-causehealth.be)



" Be-cause health is an excellent playground to gain experience to work in a complex, changing environment and to engage and adapt ourselves through a flexible, continuous learning process. "

- Karel Gyselinck, President

HIGHLIGHTS

working groups

The bulk of the reflection on health in development cooperation and the organisation of activities is taking place in the working groups of Be-cause health. Thanks to the many active members and the voluntary contribution of many experts. Some highlights:

Access to quality medicines

Chair: Tine Demeulenaere, Damiaanactie

Secretary: Leila Bodeux, Oxfam Solidarity

The Working Group meets on a regular basis to discuss medicine and pharmaceutical related topics. It aims at influencing the pharmaceutical policies in Belgium, both at government and organisation level. Last year the group addressed issues of quality of medicines from two perspectives:

1. A regulatory perspective, with a focus on pharmaceutical export regulations of European countries and its consequences for access to quality medicines in developing countries.

2. An institutional perspective, with a focus on improvement of the quality assurance framework of organisations and institutions involved in the acquisition and distribution of medicines and other medical products.

In 2014 this working group focused on the 'Centrales d'achats' in DRC and its members also participated in Quamed meetings.



“The joint commitment of Belgian development organisations towards the procurement of quality medicines through the signing of the charter is a tool to sensitize the management within one's own organisation.”

- Member of the working group



1 BCH MATTERS & 10 UPDATES



35 MEMBER ORGANISATIONS



237 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Complexity

Chair: Anne Fromont, Ecole de Santé Publique ULB

Co-chair: Vicente Pardo, Aedes

The youngest group of the network, created in December 2013, focusses on three pillars:



Exchanging, sharing and distributing the knowledge on the concepts but especially on the practical aspects of addressing complexity.



Discussing the expertise as to promote a reflection taking into account elements on complexity from different fields.



Linking up with other networks outside the health sector and at the international level.

In 2014 this working group mainly organised a follow up of the Be-cause health seminar of 2013 on Complexity and edited a Be-cause health matters newsletter on this theme. Apart from that they organised conceptual discussions and participated in and contributed to a seminar of architects.



DR Congo

Chair: Ndudi Phasi, Benelux Afrocenter

Secretary: Alice Gentile, Rotary

This working group brings together many different Belgian actors active in the health sector in DRC, as it is a key partner country in Belgian development cooperation. It also strives to promote networking between the Belgo-Belgian health NGOs and to develop links between local NGOs and the Belgian cooperation actors. At the moment, the working group focuses on the follow-up of the recommendations of the workshop dedicated to the financing of the health system in the DRC (2012) as well as on the application of the Charter on Human resources for health by the Working Group Human Resources in the DRC, and on the needs of its

members for specific discussions or meetings on health topics regarding the country. In 2014 this working group organised the meeting on the intermediary cooperation programme Belgium - DRC on June 16, and held a joint meeting with the working groups on medicines and non-communicable diseases on the access to medication for chronic non communicable diseases in DRC.



13 OBSERVER ORGANISATIONS



10 WORKING GROUPS





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Human Resources for Health

Chair & Secretary: Stefaan Van Bastelaere, BTC

This working group wants to be a reference group on human resources for health within the Belgian development and to feed the reflection on this theme. The two main strategic axes of the group are the following:

 To constitute an active pool for common reflection, exchange of experiences and capitalization of good (and bad) practices, to support the Belgian development policy in general in all its forms,

 To reply to specific concerns from Belgian and foreign stakeholders and to assure the follow-up of concrete cases.

In 2014 this working group supported and contributed to the seminar of HW4all, Health Workers for All, an EU-project to sensitise European policy makers and other relevant stakeholders on the implementation of the WHO Code of practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel (March 25, Brussels). And the group also worked with partners in DRC to develop

HIV & AIDS

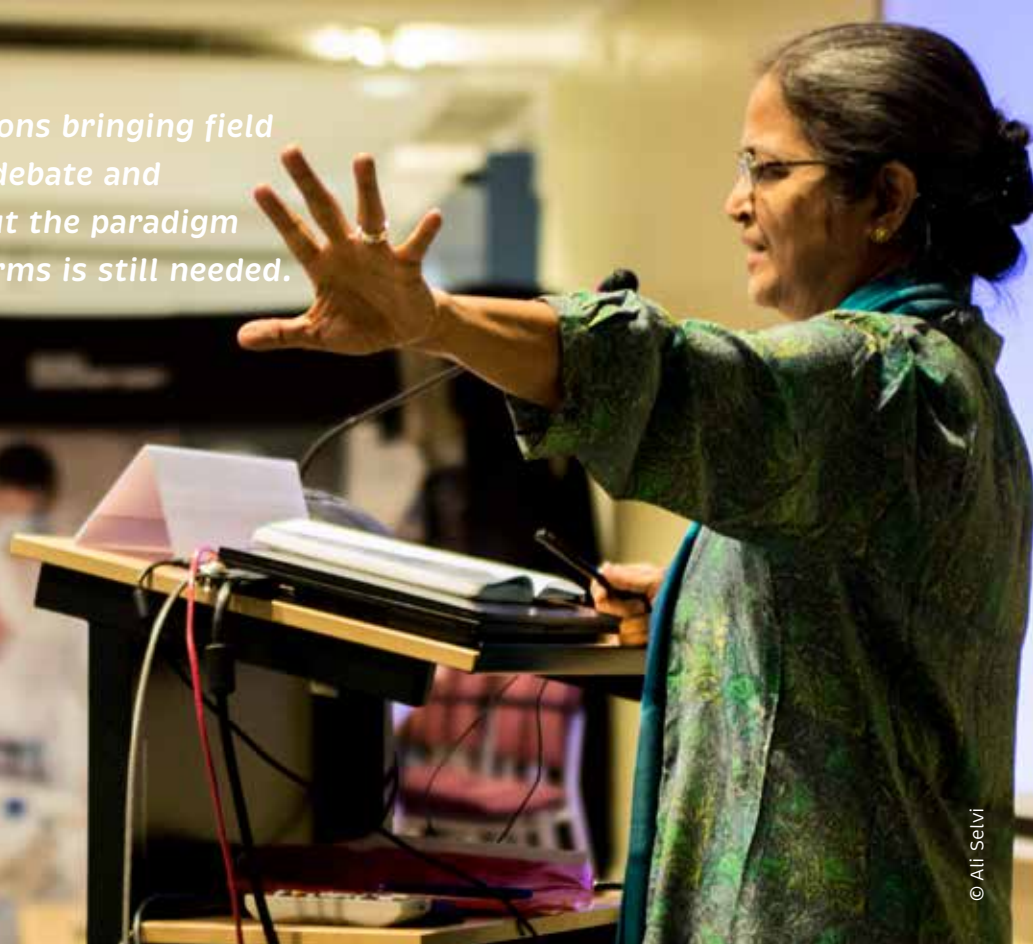
Chair & Secretary: Wim Van de Voorde, Sensoa

The working group on HIV & AIDS was created out of the need to exchange more structurally information and experiences on AIDS in development cooperation. Its members want to mobilize the various Belgian actors so that Belgium would implement an AIDS policy contributing to the reduction of the impact of AIDS in the world. The working group wishes to do this through intensified cooperation and exchange of knowledge, information and experiences in the field of HIV/AIDS and through lobbying.

In 2014 the working group HIV & AIDS started to work more closely with the working group on sexual and reproductive health and rights, but focused also on specific events related to HIV/AIDS like the preparation of UNAIDS meetings and input and advice on the Belgian policy note on HIV/AIDS.

" It was women's organisations bringing field experience into the SRHR debate and making change happen. But the paradigm shift, the translation in norms is still needed. Let's implement! "

Gita Sen



Non Communicable Diseases

Chair: Paul Demunck, *Return to Care*

Secretary & co-chair: Jessica Martini, *Ecole de Santé Publique ULB*

The working group started its activities in September 2012 and till 2014 mainly focused on diabetes in Sub-Saharan Africa. The group wishes to take the actual problems in the field as their starting point and to share interventions that are being developed at different levels. One of the goals of the group is to aim for integration of these illnesses in more and more health care services and at all levels of the health care pyramid.

In 2014 this group organised several thematic meetings with diabetes in DRC being the main denominator. They notably participated in the joint meeting on medicines and chronic non communicable diseases in DRC. The group also met with representatives of the International Diabetes Foundation.



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People Centred Care

Chair & Secretary: Valéria Campos da Silveira, *ITM*

Under the umbrella of 'People-Centred Care' this working group aims to bring together different concepts like 'Patient-Oriented Care', 'Patient-Centred Care', 'Community Participation', 'Community-Oriented Care' and linked themes such as the human dimension in health care services and the capacity to meet the existing needs. Its objectives are:

-  Mapping of the initiatives of the Belgian actors in the field of People-Centred Care
-  Identify relevant sources and documents
-  Bringing people together and exchanging experiences about People-Centred Care by means of seminars, workshops, ...
-  Producing manuscripts and or policy tools.

2014 was a transitional year for the working group where members mainly had an online and e-mail exchange on common interests.

” BCH = an archipelago with islands which are densely populated whereas others are not. Some of the islanders have never visited the entire archipelago or are not even aware of the existence of a number of islands in it. This in itself is not problematic as BCH is a loose network and its output depends very much on the commitment of its inhabitants.”

Participant in evaluation



Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Chair: Dirk Van Braeckel, ICRH

Co-chair: Thérèse Delvaux, ITM

The working group has been founded in May 2009, following the adoption of the Belgian development cooperation policy note on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in 2007. The objectives of the group are the promotion and safeguarding of sexual and reproductive health and rights, the promotion of a multi-sectoral approach to health, the importance of addressing social determinants of health and the dedication to strengthening health systems providing high quality sexual and reproductive health/HIV services. In 2012 the Belgian Platform on Population and Development joint forces with this working group, and in 2014 there was also a close collaboration with the working group on HIV & AIDS.

In 2014 this working group took up, among other tasks, the organisation of Be-cause health's annual seminar, drafting policy briefs as a follow up to the study on the implementation of the Belgian policy note on sexual and reproductive health, and providing advice and feedback to the government on international meetings.

Social Determinants of Health

Chair: Marc Botenga, Third World Health Aid

Secretary: Leila Bodeux, Oxfam Solidarity

This working group works closely together with the action platform Health and Solidarity and focuses on the key concepts related to the social determinants of health. These are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, including the health system. These circumstances are shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources at global, national and local levels, which are themselves influenced by policy choices. The social determinants of health are mostly responsible for health inequities - the unfair and avoidable differences in health status seen within and between countries.

Social Health Protection

Chair: Thomas Rousseau, Riziv/Coopam

Co-chair: Fadhi Dkhimi, ITM

The general objective of the working group is to promote social health protection and universal health coverage at Belgian and international level. The group is specifically working on:



social health protection mechanisms,



universal coverage

(taking into account the aspect of quality of care),



health funding and financing

(various models and innovations).

In 2014 this working group organised a seminar on Universal Health Coverage: Why Health Insurance schemes are leaving the poor behind? (March 27, Brussels), followed by a series of discussions on the con-

In 2014 the working group organised a seminar on decent work (May 28, Brussels), as well as one on social protection (with the working group Social Protection), and on migration of health staff (with the working group Human Resources). This group also prepared a first draft of policy papers on these specific determinants and started the development of a short film on the key concepts of social determinants of health.



REVENUES	2014	2013
DGD	€ 47.680	€ 40.000
Memisa*		€ 8.184,56
Vlaanderen internationaal**	€ 4.079,18	
Participant fees '11 -'13		€ 6.730
Participant fees '14	€ 2.920	
Additional support framework agreement		€ 15.626,20
TOTAL	€ 54.679,18	€ 70.540,76
EXPENSES		
General costs	€ 1.147,05	€ 3.910,27
Focus day & 10th anniversary	€ 5.277,09	
Participation international fora	€ 1.602,17	
Annual seminar	€ 21.609,31	€ 31.516,18
Regional seminar		€ 16.800
Website	€ 3.060,60	€ 4.000
Newsletters	€ 120	€ 127,50
Working groups	€ 1.164,11	€ 184,09
International networks (FESTMIH, MMI, HW4AI)	€ 5.027,84	€ 5.602,72
Belated invoices seminar 2012		€ 8.400
TOTAL	€ 39.008,17	€ 70.540,76
RESULT, TO BE TRANSFERRED TO 2015	€ 15.671,01	
BALANCE 2014	ACTIVA	PASSIVA
Liquid assets	€ 39.869	
Net assets		€ 15.671
Reserve FESTMIH		€ 24.198
	€ 39.869	€ 39.869

*contribution annual seminar 2013 **sponsoring of annual seminar 2014

Steering committee 2014

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