

Are Politics Impacting World Health Programmes?

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We are almost in 2017, and around the world there is a new series of political movements, which are going to change the status quo we know today.

We can't be sure what the future holds with changing policies in the USA, Brexit, in Europe and the wars in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. Nevertheless, for the majority of the world population priorities are; education, housing, health care and jobs, which are the fundamental principles that can provide the economic resources needed to live a dignified life.

Due to the world's economical crisis some governments, authorities and economists have taken decisions to do their best to solve with limited resources the needs of their people. Unfortunately, some of these decisions have been taken by reducing spending on basic priorities to the detriment of reducing the manufacture and, production of drugs and medicines. This means less funding for medical investigation, the development of new pharmacological drugs and treatments. Priority should be given to invest more in developing treatments and prevention of diseases using the most powerful human self-reproductive micro-organism, stem cells.

In some countries, the manufacture and expenditure on weapons has increased, others have reduced to a minimum military investment, which makes it very difficult to understand why those responsible for these decisions don't want to see the obvious result. By increasing devastation with their weapons the world's economical crisis becomes more acute for the majority of people in the developed and third world countries. Unfortunately, the appearance of new terrorist organizations worldwide makes an acceptable excuse for the arms race.

If we look at countries where the budgets for weapons is highest, the health cover for their citizens is lowest and in some cases minimal, compared with countries where their priorities are different. This demonstrates that the industry of war isn't the solution for human conflicts, which are basically created by injustice, lack of education, poor standards of hygiene and health and above all, the abusive exploitation of countries resources that prevent improving their standard of living and converting them into breeding ground for terrorists, who have no problem in obtaining weapons.

By investing more in education, prevention of diseases, sanitation and health care we will be able to obtain a more productive population capable of solving the economical crisis the world is facing.

The medical profession is responsible for the care of the sick and should be protected in areas of conflict and have a voice in World organizations to denounce the dangerous downward path that humanity is taking that can only destroy the progress of human rights and takes us back to medieval times, where hospitals were targets for destruction and death, instead of a sanctuary for the sick, ill and weak.

We cannot accept a single casualty of doctors, nurses, patients or other health workers during their humanitarian work.

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