

Access to Medicines in the Context of the Right to Health

An overview and WHO
Perspective



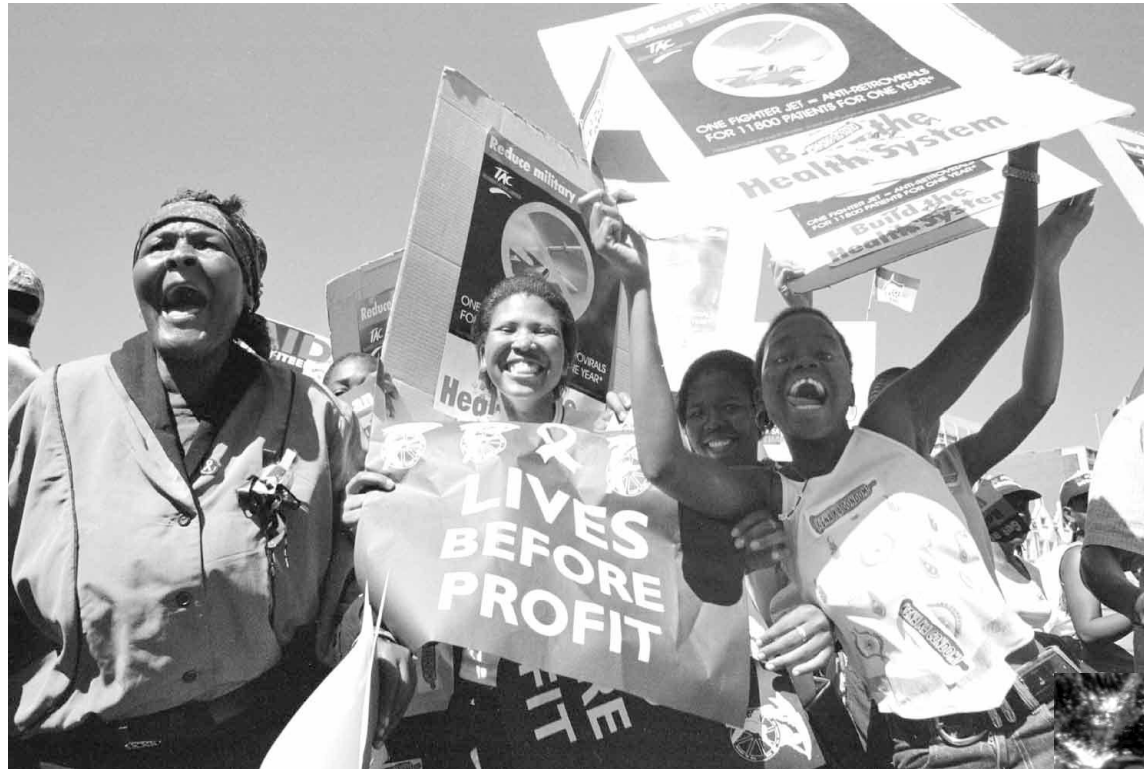
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A GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR ACCESS TO MEDICINES




CUT THE COST

Patent Injustice: How World Trade Rules Threaten the Health of Poor People

**MILLIONS HAVE
A DRUG PROBLEM.
THEY CAN'T GET ANY.**



The Presentation

- 1: UHC and health systems and equitable access to medicines
- 2: Access to medicines and the human right to health
- 3: The complex construct of access to medicines
- 4: Access to *quality* medicines – the role of NRAs
- 5: Issues in access to existing medicines 
 - Generic medicines
 - Patent medicines
- 6: Issues in R&D innovation for new essential medicines
- 7: Issues in access to vulnerable populations:
during emergencies; women, children and elderly; access to controlled medicines;

Universal Health Coverage & Access to medicines



Universal health coverage is one of the most powerful social equalizers among all policy options. It is the ultimate expression of fairness. If public health has something that can help our troubled, out-of-balance world, it is this: growing evidence that well-functioning and inclusive health systems contribute to social cohesion, equity, and stability. They hold societies together and help reduce social tensions.

If health is a basic human right then universal health coverage is imperative which is not possible without equitable access to medicines.

