



“Health for Development”

Round Table Discussion

Film and documentary festival

May - June 2009

Venues:

Pati Manning. C/Montalegre, 7. Barcelona

Verdi Park Cinema. C/Torrijos, 49. Barcelona

Centro de Cultura de Mujeres Francesca Bonnemaison. C/Sant Pere més Baix, 7.
Barcelona

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Campaign “Health for Development ”

Within the framework of the awareness raising campaign “Health for Development”, Farmacéuticos Mundi and Medicus Mundi Catalunya invite you to participate in the round table discussion and film and documentary festival which will take place in May and June at different venues in Barcelona.

This year we are tackling the issue of the constraints of gender in access to healthcare, and the initiatives that are being successfully carried out locally and internationally.

With the first round table discussion of 2009 we want to introduce the issue of gender and health, conceptualize it and share some experiences of the problems with access to healthcare. We will therefore try to make it an introductory discussion, in which we will identify the different concepts and components that must be taken into account when evaluating the right to healthcare from the perspective of gender.

In addition to this, with the film and documentary festival, we hope to tackle different aspects of the gender and health issue: problems associated with childbirth, pregnancy, HIV and AIDS, the process of making decisions about illnesses, the empowerment of women, surgical sterilizations, traditional medicine compared with institutional medicine and also womens’ struggle to enjoy access and the right to healthcare.

The final objective of the campaign is to improve quantitative as well as qualitative Catalan health cooperation policies, and make concrete proposals about the issues that we deal with each year.

2008

Access to medicines

2009

Constraints of gender in the access to healthcare.

2010

Avoidable Deaths

Therefore during the activities that are taking place, we will gather recommendations and conclusions to later present in a proposal to the Catalan Parliament.

And what can you do? With your signature on the petition that you will find on our webpage, we can push for an improvement in healthcare cooperation policies in the name of Catalan society. Not only this, but we can also demand that other policies (economic, commercial, research, health...) are compatible with these cooperation policies.

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Salón de actos. Pati Manning
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Tuesday 12th May at 18.30h

**Round Table Discussion.
Gender and Health Conceptual
Framework.**

Presenter and moderator:

Sara Cuentas, member of the NGO Intered, member of FCONGD and member of the campaign advisory board.

Gender and Health

Carme Valls-Llobet, doctor, president of Centro de Análisis y Programas Sanitarios (CAPS) and member of the campaign advisory board.

**Experience from Peru
Of Access to healthcare**

Giulia Tamayo, Staff Lawyer for Amnesty International's Department of Research and Policy, and author of different research papers for the Latin American & Caribbean Committee for the Defence of Women's Rights (CLADEM).



Thursday 21st May at 22.15 h

**Silêncio da mulher
(The silence of Women)**

Gabriel Mondlane

Mozambique - Spain 2008. 45 min. Subtitles in Spanish.
A Medicus Mundi Catalunya Production.



Synopsis

Marta is a young woman living with her husband and family in a rural area in the South of Mozambique. When she becomes pregnant for the first time, she discovers that she is HIV positive. From this point, Marta will have to fight against the obstacles and taboos that surround the issue of HIV and AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa, and prevent the transmission of the virus to her baby. The film is the result of an interactive process between social researchers, the director, the actors and the audience that creates a vehicle for debate and reflection.

Presentation and debate led by:

Gabriel Mondlane, director of *Silencio de mujer*.

Cristina Álvarez, doctor and anthropologist. Coordinator of the social-healthcare research project that has arisen from the documentary, and member of the campaign advisory board.

Thursday 28th May at 22.15h

**At Highest Risk
(En Peligro Extremo)**

Rebecca Rivas

United States, 2006. 45 min. Subtitles in Spanish.



Synopsis

Peru has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in South America. In the most inaccessible regions to the South of the Andes the pressure from international politics to reduce maternal and child mortality is high, and often goes against Andean traditions.

Through Judyth, a 27 year old Andean pregnant woman, the film asks: Is it possible to establish bridges between traditional and modern childbirth, between modern medicine and the ancient traditions of the Andes?

Presentation and debate led by:

Raquel Cuentas, researcher for the study into surgical sterilisations that has emerged from the documentary *Nada personal*.

Sara Cuentas, member of the NGO Intered, member of FCONGD and member of the campaign advisory board.

**Nada personal
(Nothing Personal)**

Giulia Tamayo-Carlos Cárdenas

Peru, 1999. 21 minutes. Subtitles in Spanish



Synopsis

Based on an investigation into irregularities in the application of the National Reproductive and Family Planning Programme in Peru (1996-2000), *Nada Personal* gathers some of the testimonies of the hundreds of women in rural Peru subjected to surgical sterilizations. With abusive practices, without previous consent, post operative complications, deaths caused by negligence, precarious hygiene conditions, the film shows how these operations were carried out, points to the responsibility of Fujimori's government and notes the factors that brought about these acts.

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**Centro de Cultura de Mujeres
Francesca Bonnemaison**
(C/Sant Pere més Baix, 7. Barcelona)

Thursday 4th June at 22.15h

**Dead mums don't cry
(Las mamás muertas no lloran)**

Steve Bradshaw

United Kingdom, 2005. 50 minutes.
Subtitles in Spanish.



Synopsis

Grace Kondino is an obstetrician in Chad, a country where women have a one in eleven risk of dying during pregnancy or childbirth. A BBC team follows Kondino in her daily work, in which a lack of resources presents the greatest problem when trying to guarantee the health of mothers.

Although this situation is the same in many countries, the film also shows how Honduras has drastically reduced maternal mortality.

Presentation and debate led by:

Steve Bradshaw, director of the documentary *Las mamás muertas no lloran* (to be confirmed)

Vicenç Cararach, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Barcelona and senior consultant at Hospital Clinic, Barcelona. Member of campaign advisory board.

Thursday 18th June at 19h

Tapólogo

Gabriela y Sally Gutiérrez

Spain – South Africa, 2008. 98 min.
Subtitles in Spanish.



Synopsis

At Freedom Park, a settlement of huts in South Africa, a network of women - many of them ex-sex workers and HIV carriers- have set up Tapólogo, a programme of help and intervention. It is a community project that mobilises a collective network in which retired nurses, social workers, medical staff, and religious leaders marginalised by the official church participate alongside sex workers.

A local story of global interest, which instead of portraying women as victims makes them protagonists in their own fight for change.

Presentation and debate led by:

Ana Rubio, editor of *Tapólogo*.

Joan Muela, anthropologist, member of the NGO PASS, and member of the campaign advisory board.