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Module - Introduction to Global Health Policy and Governance

Overview:

This module is intended to provide an overview on global health policy and governance. These resources and discussion questions are meant to inspire your conversations on this important topic – your experience, insight, and unique perspectives will continue the conversation.

Objectives:

- To introduce the topic of global health policy and governance.
- To discuss governance in the context of today's global health issues and policy environment.
- Share your experiences and knowledge of global health policy and governance.

Prior to meeting with your Mentor:

- Review Lee, K. and Kamradt-Scott, A. "*The multiple meanings of global health governance: a call for conceptual clarity*" LINK to downloadable article: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4036464/>
- Read pages 3-8 in Fidler, D. P.'s "*The challenges of global health governance*". LINK to downloadable article: <http://www.cfr.org/global-governance/challenges-global-health-governance/p22202>
- Review "Meet the Global Family: A Cheat Sheet" from the Centre for Global Development: <http://www.cgdev.org/sites/default/files/CGD-Global-Health-Family-Cheat-Sheet-Final.pdf>
- Review the World Health Organization's (WHO) website on *Global Governance*: <http://www.who.int/trade/GHG/en/>
- Watch the video "*Inside the issues 5.19: Global Health Governance*": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cr4NMh_FPjw
- Read the WHO bulletin on "*Foreign policy and global public health: working together towards common goals*": <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/86/7/08-056002/en/>

Optional:

- Scan the websites of the following and familiarize yourself with their governance mechanisms:
 - TDR: <http://www.who.int/tdr/en/>
 - GAVI Alliance: <http://www.gavialliance.org/>

- o Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria: <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/>
- o UNITAID: <https://unitaid.eu/#en>
- o World Health Organization: <http://www.who.int/governance/en/>
- o World Bank: www.worldbank.org

Discussion Points:

- What is global health governance? What would good global health governance look like?
- Considering the historical context of global health governance, what are your thoughts on the shift from humanitarian objectives to a more political focus? Why do you think this is?
- What are your thoughts on the “three gaps” in governance?
- Reflecting on Dr. Orbinski’s discussion on global health governance, do you agree with the key issues in governing global health issues? Can you think of some pros and cons to private sector involvement in global health governance? What are some advantages and challenges to global health governance between multiple players and sectors?
- Margaret Chan et al.’s bulletin on foreign policy and global health was written in 2008. The article speaks to a window of opportunity - can you think of strides in global health and policy since this time? What do you see as existing issues that global institutions are still lacking attention to?
- Can you identify some successes and challenges within the context of globalization and health policy? As a global health worker, what role do/could you play in global health policy and governance?
- If there is a particular global health issue that you work on or are interested in, reflect on how it is governed at various levels. What are the institutions and initiatives in place to address this issue? How are they governed?

Supplemental information:

- “Towards a common definition of global health”: <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/d275/59c390a05e9a3f440fc96703034873e333b9.pdf>
- “Framing health and foreign policy: lessons for global health diplomacy”: <http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/content/pdf/1744-8603-6-14.pdf>
- “How private companies are transforming the global public health agenda”: <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/136654/sonia-shah/how-private-companies-are-transforming-the-global-public-health>
- “WHO’s role in global health governance”: http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB132/B132_5Add5-en.pdf

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