



Moving Beyond
Solidarity Rhetoric
in Global Health

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NAVIGATING SOLIDARITY IN A CHANGING GLOBAL HEALTH LANDSCAPE

A WORD FROM THE PROJECT LEAD



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Recent developments highlight pressing challenges that continue to shape the future of global health. The withdrawal of the United States from the World Health Organisation and the withholding of funding for critical global health projects have raised serious questions about the feasibility of solidarity in global health. Is it an achievable goal, or merely an aspirational ideal detached from practice? The core motivation to ensure health equity for all in global health is at stake.

Our research, however, offers hope and a way forward. Rather than looking for answers from those who, up to now, have charted the global health agenda, we should learn from communities and individuals who have long thrived in resource-constrained environments. From the Himalayan region to Central America, the Pacific Islands, Igboland in Nigeria, and rural women in Southern Africa—we have learned that solidarity, when understood and practiced authentically, is a powerful driver of change.

These communities remind us that when we come together, our collective power far exceeds the sum of our individual capacities. Like the West African broom (igbale in Yoruba), made of fragile straws but strong enough to sweep away what is unwanted, we too can achieve transformative change. This newsletter shares some of the lessons we have learned—and unlearned—from inspiring community leaders, activists, and scholars. We hope their stories inspire you as much as they have inspired us.

Warm regards,

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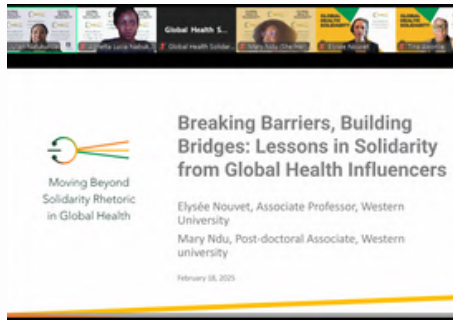
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SOLIDARITY IN THE IGBO COMMUNITY

How do Igbo communities understand and practice solidarity? We highlight key insights from a recent workshop that explored Indigenous understandings and practices of solidarity and their implications for global health.

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GH- WEBINAR

Our first bi-monthly dialogue shared insights from global health influencers who took part in our qualitative research on the concept of solidarity - including their understanding of solidarity, barriers and enablers to its practice.

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SUMMER SCHOOL

Meet the women in Southern Africa who are transforming communities through collective action. Their stories, and seed research journey in the region highlights how their agency is brought to life through acts of solidarity.

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SOLIDARITY WORKSHOP IN MESOAMERICA

Discussions focused on reimagining solidarity in the face of colonial legacies, capitalist structures, and systemic inequities that shape health outcomes. Women in Central America and Mexico are building solidarity networks to defend their fundamental rights.

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ADVANCING YOUTH-LED SOLIDARITY

Youth voices in global governance are often marginalised, yet decisions made today have a lasting impact on their lives. The GH-Solidarity Project initiated discussions at the 2025 International Student Festival in Trondheim, Norway on how young people can drive change in global health.

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Sex work, Solidarity, and the struggle for Rights, Safety, Health and Well-Being. A Journey Through Advocacy

Written by Dame Catherine Healy



Lessons Learned and Reflected: Echoes from the Mesoamerican Workshop on Solidarity and Global Health

Written by Francisco Mendina



Human Rights, Ethics and the Movement towards a Right to International Solidarity

Written by Dr. Marlise Richter



Can solidarity help us navigate global health outbreaks more effectively?

[Read the paper here](#)



At the Global Health Solidarity workshop in Nsukka, Nigeria, Prof. Bonaventure N. Nwokeoma shared insights on how solidarity manifests in Igbo communities and why it is a crucial principle in global health. He explores the deep-rooted cultural values that drive collective well-being and support.

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Prof. Simisola Akintola shares her expectations of and experience at the Anglophone Regional Global Health Solidarity workshop in Accra. She offers her perspective on the need to move beyond solidarity rhetoric in global health and the challenges that stand in the way.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8TH
APRIL

"Solidarity and Adjacent Concepts, Practices and Lessons from the Pacific Region" - Webinar

We invite you to join the second bi-monthly GH Solidarity webinar, which will explore how solidarity manifests across diverse and marginalised communities in the Pacific region—including Indigenous populations, refugees, migrants, and sex workers.

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