

Doctors for Global Health (DGH) is a private, not-for-profit organization promoting health, education, art and other human rights throughout the world.

DGH's mission is to improve health and foster other human rights with those most in need by **accompanying communities, while educating and inspiring others to action.** We accomplish this by: Funding and carrying out projects in cooperation with local private non-profit, non-governmental organizations and interested communities that promote health, education and social justice

DGH Principles of Action

DGH affirms that every human being regardless of race, gender, class, religion, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, culture, age or other attribute, has the right to a life of dignity, equal treatment and social justice.

- A. DGH works with those who are among the most poor, the most vulnerable and the stigmatized of the world's population, amplifying their voices that they be heard.**
- B. DGH's approach is to accompany communities with small, community oriented health initiatives that also promote human rights, encourage sustainability and respect environmental concerns.**
- C. DGH sets an example for how medicine should be practiced by promoting Liberation Medicine,** which is defined as, "The conscious, conscientious use of health to promote human dignity and social justice."
- D. DGH promotes health equity as more basic and fundamental than private, corporate interests.** Its mandate is to strive for the optimal health and well-being of all members of the human race regardless of ethnicity, sex, sexual preference or religion.
- E. DGH is committed to advocacy and working for social justice both locally and globally.** It encourages its members to take action in their own communities and participate in the accompaniment of communities around the world.
- F. DGH pledges to be active in the struggle to expose and confront the pervasive and destructive nature of racism and classism** (personal and institutionalized, conscious or unconscious) and all other forms of discrimination, both within DGH and in the world at large.
- G. DGH is a volunteer organization that invites and encourages those with a desire to help humanity by providing them with a vehicle to use their unique talents and skills in support of the DGH mission.** Special efforts are made to reach out to youth, students of all ages, and people with the wisdom of experience.
- H. DGH respects and invites those of all backgrounds and beliefs who agree with its mission and principles to join;** proselytizing is contrary to the mission and principles of DGH.
- I. DGH integrates artistic expression that promotes healing and celebrates all life into its activities.** These expressions include literature, music, drama, painting, drawing, sculpture and other art forms.
- J. DGH is vigilant to ensure that its projects, programs, affiliations and fundraising efforts don't involve even subtle compromises of its values.**
- K. DGH participates only in investigations, publications and/or research initiatives that are important to the work of DGH, ethically sound, benefit the involved communities, and are compatible with DGH's mission.** Both the involved local communities and the DGH Board of Directors must approve any such efforts