



HR-HR Initiative on Human Resources for Health Research

'HR-HR' Human Resources for Health Research: A neglected area of Human Resources for Health

The debate on Human Resources for Health (HRH) is growing in importance in the international development community and was the theme of the WHO 2006 World Health Report. HRH has attracted much attention due to the large numbers of health care workers, medical staff and qualified doctors, trained in developing countries and hired to work in health care systems in the North America and Europe.

This brain drain has been the subject of much debate in the past decade. The WHO's World Health Report and Global Health Watch – the alternative world health report produced by a consortium of civil society organisations, with input from COHRED – both describe the problem and are starting to propose solutions to address it.

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Interview We need to look at HR-HR from new perspectives: the potential of networks, media and communication and the power of communities. There are also practical solutions to the brain drain, says COHRED Director, Carel IJsselmuiden. » [Read Interview](#)