

C – 20 India Working Group [IWG] Engagement in India



INTRODUCTION OF IWG

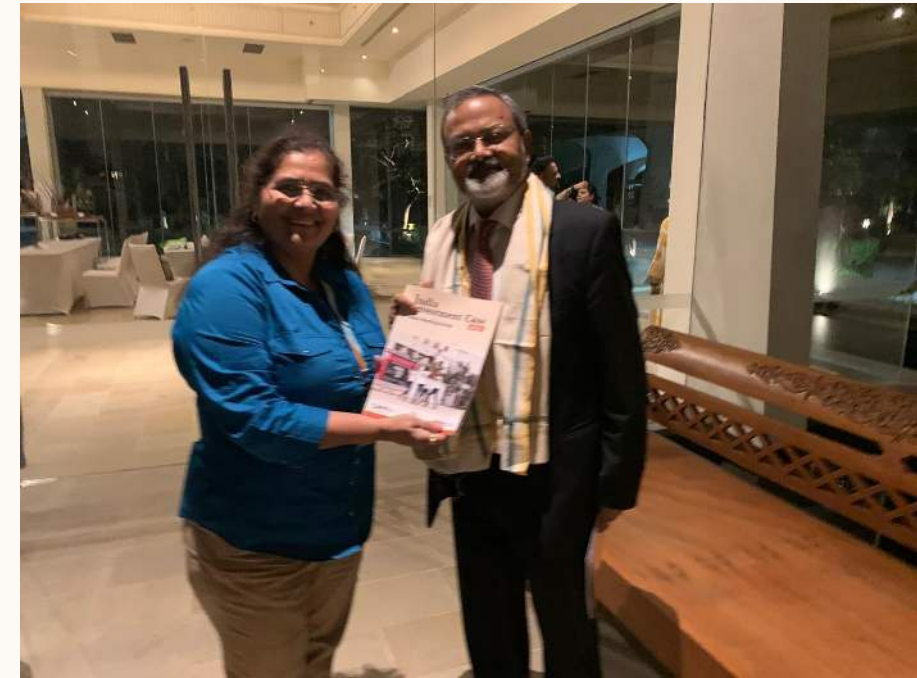
- **Core goal:** Strengthening civil society movement for sustainable health financing
- Established in **December 2018** with GFAN-AP support
- IWG has the equal representation from people with/Affected by HIV, TB, Malaria and other Key and Vulnerable Populations.
- Advocates for increased **domestic health expenditure** and **Global Fund investments**



C20 Handover in Bali to India and Investment Case Shared

IWG had the opportunity to share the India Investment Case with the Indian First Secretary to Indonesia, Mr. Ashok Kumar.

Indian representatives attended the final C20 meeting in Bali for the official handover to India. However, instead of CSO representatives, the baton was handed over to a consultant to the Government of India.



IWG & C20 INDIA SECRETARIAT ENGAGEMENT

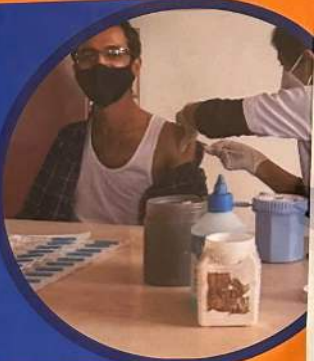
- Initially IWG partnered with VANI for C20 engagement
- Developed India-specific C20/G20 briefing paper
- Later VANI was replaced by Maa Amratnandmaiye Math as nodal agency

India Working Group for Health Advocacy
India Investment Case 2021

Background



India has achieved significant economic growth. However, its investment in health and improvement in health outcomes does not commensurate with this progress. The government of India spent 1.3% of its total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on health in 2018-19, amounting to 40% of its total health expenditure. The rest 60% was spent as an out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE). Additionally, the Covid-19 pandemic affected health investment and health interventions, especially in diseases like HIV, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, affecting marginalised communities the most.

The India Working Group for Health Advocacy (IWG) worked on the development of the India Investment Case (IIC) to address the widening of the resource gap between the commitment and its achievement in the investment in HIV, TB, and Malaria. This document aimed to engage the stakeholders in influencing decision-making to help India reach the goal of ending the epidemic of HIV, TB, and Malaria. The IIC document also reflects the deficiencies in India's health financing system and further shows the low proportion of public spending on health; reflecting a low priority accorded to the health sector by the government.



4 Challenges India faces	4 Asks by IWG
Inadequate investment in Community Systems	Invest in Community System Strengthening
India's public health expenditure is abysmally low	Double the domestic funding for health to 2.5% of the GDP
During COVID-19 and other crises, communities affected by HIV, Tuberculosis (TB), and Malaria are prone to more risk	Sustain and increase efforts to prevent HIV, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
India does not have a voice on global health issues	Indian government must show leadership in health during G20 and beyond

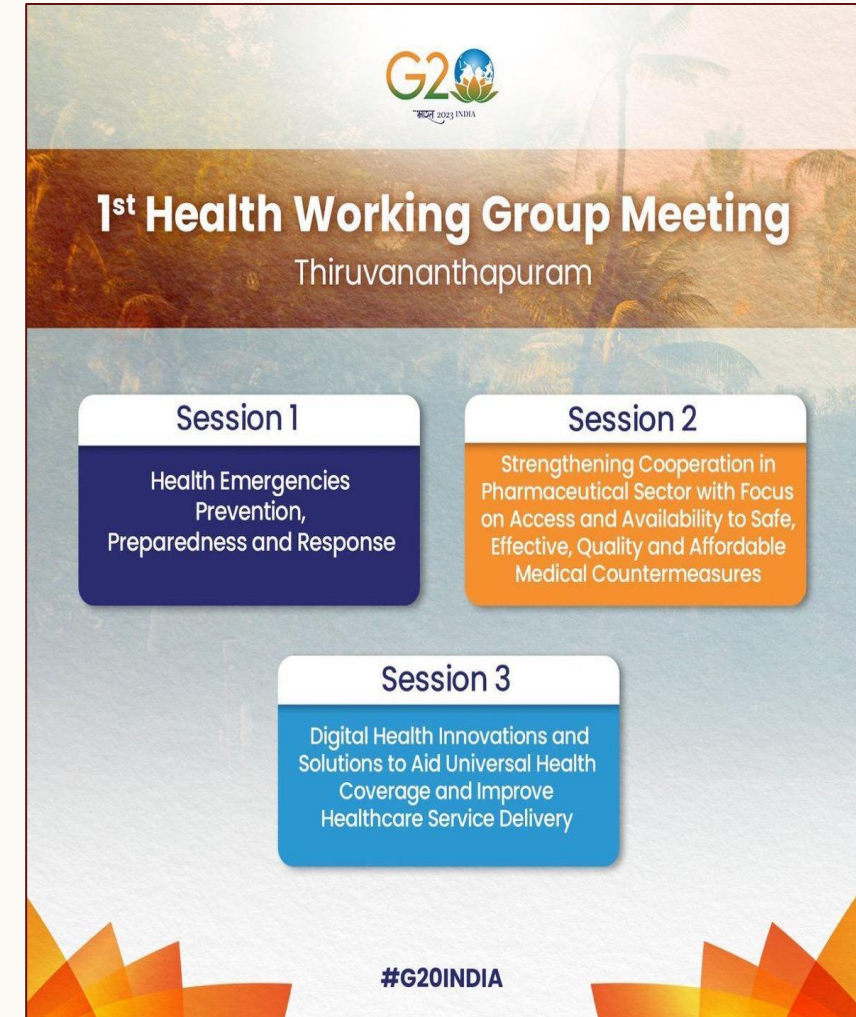
The Global Fund, which invests robustly in community systems, had earlier planned to leave India by 2026, jeopardizing years of progress for communities. Thanks to the interventions by communities and members of the India Working Group, the Global Fund plans to stay and invest in India beyond 2026. #PowerToCommunities

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IWG'S ENGAGEMENT IN WORKING GROUP OF C20





Working Group [WG] details

1. WG - Diversity, Inclusion & Mutual Respect
2. WG – Integrated Holistic Health: Mind, Body and the Environment
3. WG - Sustainable & Resilient Communities: Climate, Environment, and Net Zero
4. WG- Gender Equality and Disability (GED)




CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES & COMMUNITY CONSULTATION


Activity 1 : On International Women's Day IWG organized a capacity building workshop cum Community consultation on Challenges for women in TB response to highlight in C20/G20 event


  **C20 CHAUPAL PROGRAM**   India Working Group for Health Advocacy


Celebrating International Women's Week!

Topic: Challenges for women in response to TB

 **4th March**

 **3.00 -4.00 PM**

 **Janhit Society for Social Welfare, New Delhi**

 **#EmbraceEquity**



Activity 2 : In the following week we organized a Virtual Webinar on Challenges & Lessons learnt in HIV Care for Women in their diversity

Winning with HIV: Challenges & Lessons Learnt in HIV Care for Women

SPEAKERS:

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Celebrating
International
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MARCH 6TH 2023 | 11 AM - 1 PM | JOIN US ON



Activity 3 : The India Working Group (IWG) conducted a workshop focused on strengthening young advocates' advocacy skills, with an emphasis on engaging in domestic health financing advocacy and effectively participating in G20 and C20 processes. The capacity-building session empowered 30 young individuals from HIV, TB, Malaria, and other key vulnerable populations (KVPs).



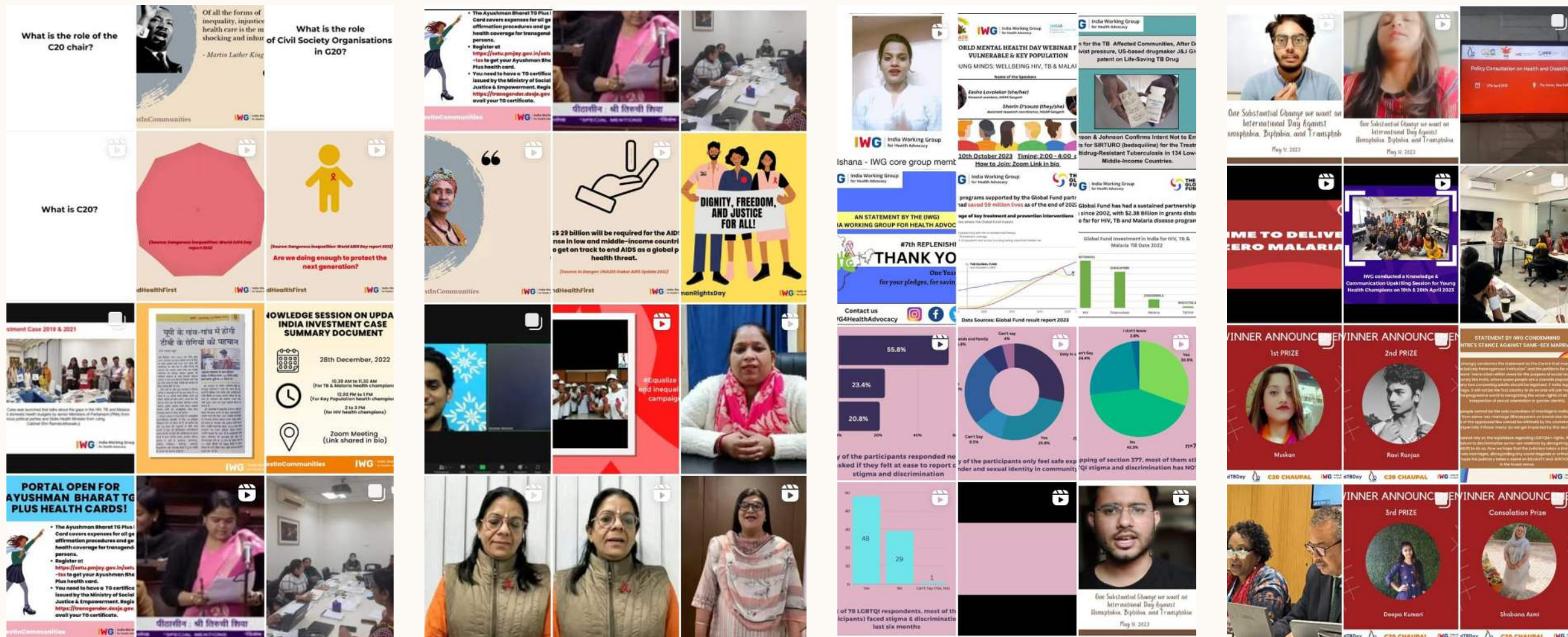
IWG MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN C20 HEALTH SUMMIT

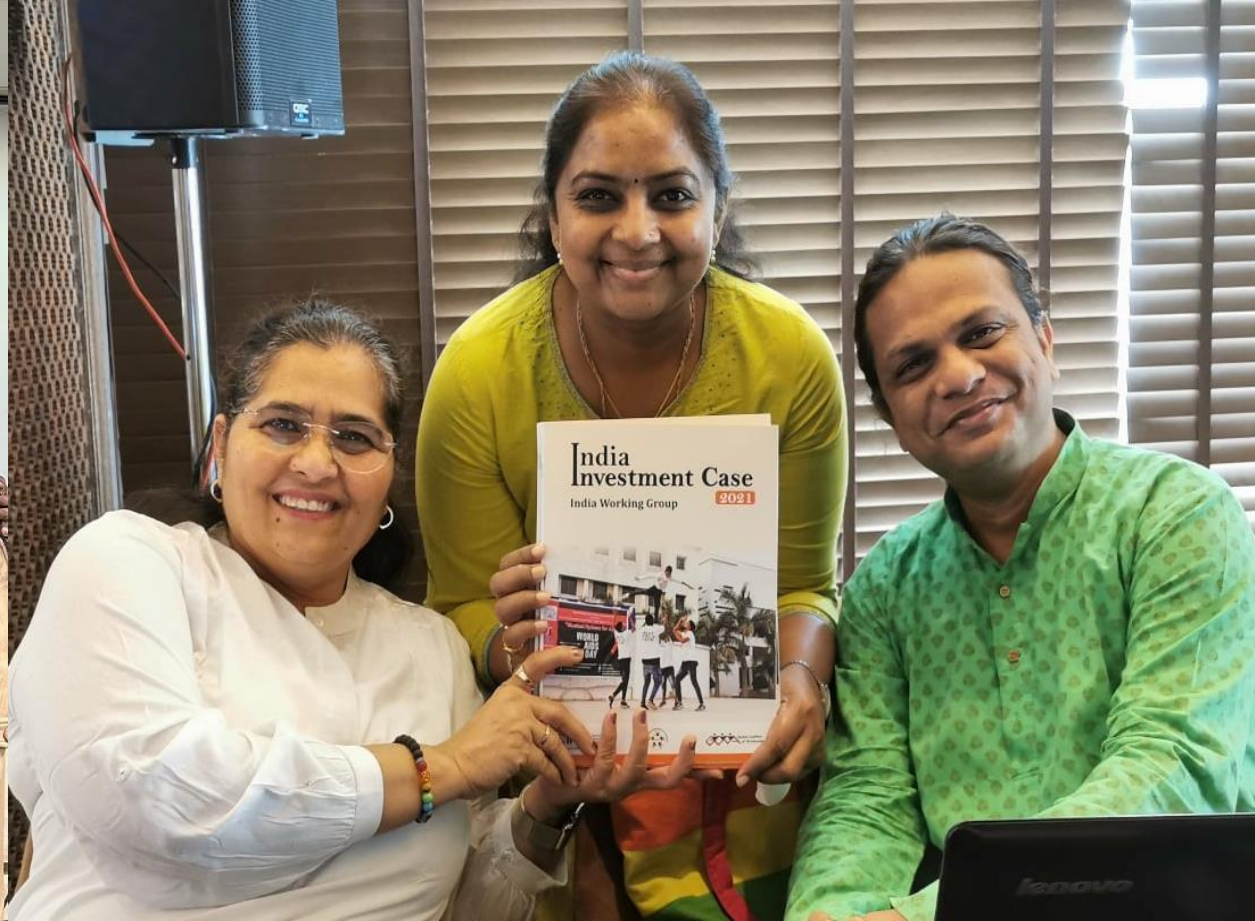


IWG members actively participated in various working group sessions as planned, contributing to the drafting of final recommendations on Health Investments, TB, Mental Health, and Gender. These recommendations were later submitted at the G20's main meeting for discussion and implementation.



SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS AND ACTIVITIES AROUND C20/G20





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