



RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE NGO'S

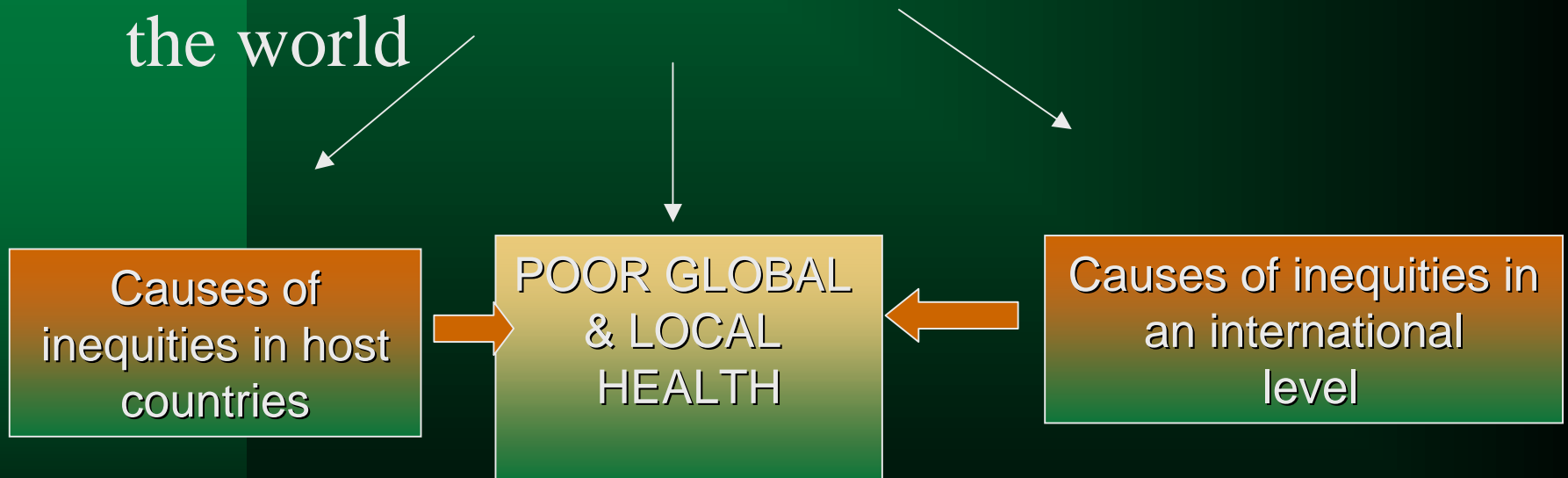
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¿WHY?

- ✓ **Medicusmundi**: NGO that works in health cooperation since 1963 → act only in South in not enough to change health inequities in the world





¿WHAT FOR?

INVESTIGATION

Advocacy in
public
institutions



Advocacy/lobby
in private
institutions

- IMPROVE HEALTH COOPERATION
- IMPROVE HEALTH IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

WHAT

- ✓ Research focused to the action not to knowledge
- ✓ Health is multidimensional: social, politics and economic factors, gender,....
- ✓ Selection the object of research :
 - “New”
 - Relevant
 - We must have ability of influence
 - Experience in the field (interest)

**Investigation
Spanish health
cooperation**

**Impact of petrol
extractions in health**



Previous questions/problems

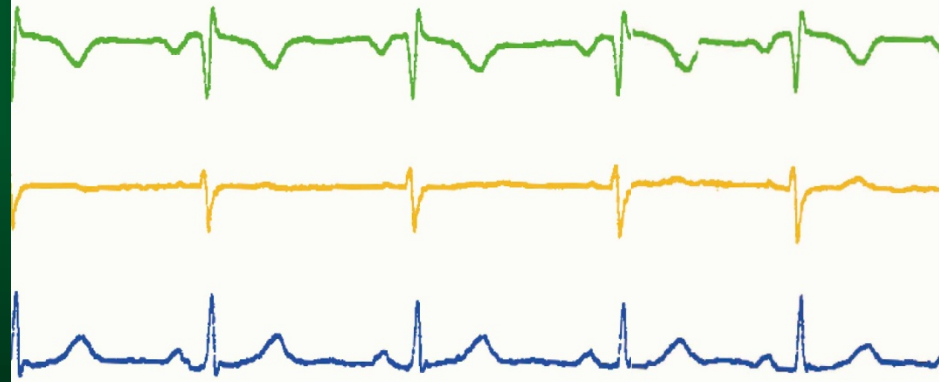
- ✓ CHOOSE the object of research
- ✓ Investment in technical & economic studies of uncertain results
- ✓ Choose partners
- ✓ Create an advocacy strategy: What are we going to do with the investigation?
- ✓ Who will do the “field work” ?

HEALTH IN SPANISH COOPERATION REPORT

- Network of health NGO
- Annual Rapport (8° years)
- Goals: Have influence in health cooperation policies + to know what Spanish cooperation was doing in health

La salud en la cooperación al desarrollo
y la acción humanitaria

Informe 2005



Informe 2005



Colabora :





HEALTH IN SPANISH COOP. REPORT: Contents

- 1: Overall health in the world and international commitments
- 2: Comparison DAC and EU vs Spain.
- 3: Analysis of the Spanish health cooperation (policies, who, where, what)
- 4: Analysis of the decentralized cooperation .
- 5: Humanitarian aid
- Conclusions and recommendations



HEALTH IN SPANISH COOP. REPORT: Problems

- No references in health cooperation → we had to decide our position (PHC & strength public sector)
- Who will do the data collection? 4 years ICEI, after consultants
- Various partners (NGO & ICEI → consensus problems: MSF leaves the report in the 3rd year
- Data differ depending on the sources (DAC , DGPOLDE, CCAA) → controversial results
- Data are not in time and technical staff of NGO's have more tasks → delays that affect the utility of the report



HEALTH IN SPANISH COOP. REPORT: Use

- Low impact in general public & media
- Used in Development Cooperation Courses
- Reference in the sector: participation in different meetings (NGO, public institutions)
- Influence in Spanish policies:
 - Named in Spanish Health Strategy (DGPOLDE): PHC & strengthening health public system
 - We have presented the report in the Committee of Cooperation of Spanish Congress



PETROLEUM AND HEALTH

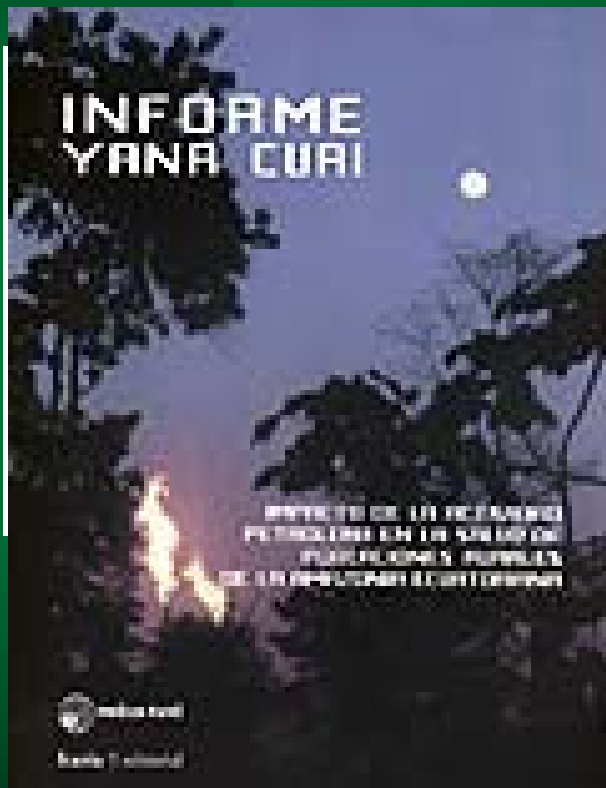
- ✔ Our first important “health determinants research”
- ✔ Goal: to introduce in the health agenda the relation between petroleum extraction and health
- ✔ analysis of water + population-based surveys + interviews health staff

Diferent studies, different use:

- Yana Curi: support local communities
- Mbayeko Tekoronza: Lobby public institutions and petroleum enterprises

PETROLEUM AND HEALTH: YANA CURI

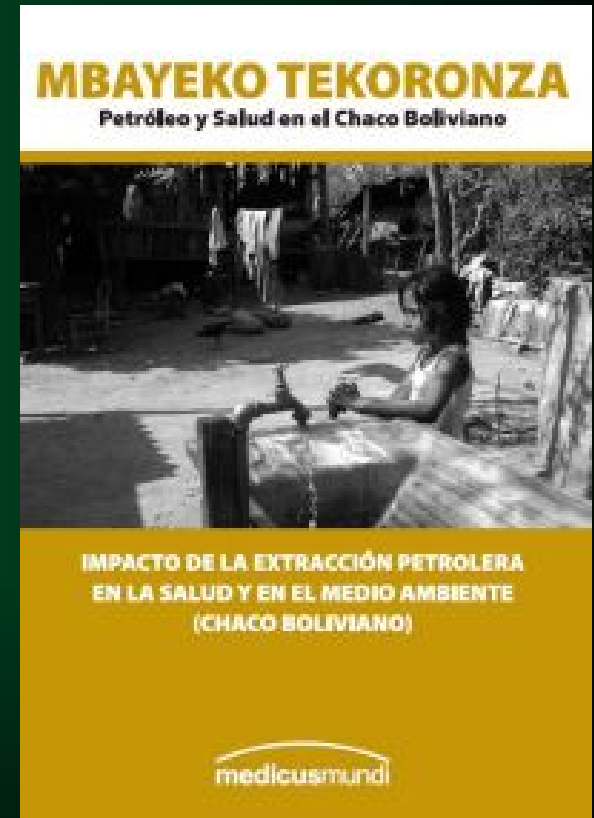
- ✓ 1998-2000: working in rural areas of Ecuador → suspect of health consequences of petroleum contamination
- ✓ 2 investigations in association with a local health Institute
- ✓ Results: increasing risk of abortion (150%), more more cases of cancer than expected





PETROLERAS Y SALUD: Mbayeko tekoronza (advocacy)

- ✔ Use of Yana Curi as reference, but less conclusive results
- ✔ Partner: Department of Health Science (University Rey Juan Carlos)
- ✔ Goal medicusmundi: increase health control in petrol extraction → improve health of population





PETROLEUM EXTRACTION

REPORTS: problems

- Very difficult link environmental determinants with health
- No international common standards about water concentrations of petrol components → results?
- Costly and broad analysis: we need to complete with analysis of ground and air
- Logistic problems: distances for collection of water samples. Analysis can't be done in Bolivia: to send samples to Europe
- There is no a social interest about this subject
- Relationship between institutions (University –NGO): different goals and deadlines



USE PETROLEUM EXTRACTION REPORTS

- ✓ For advocacy: don't need the "scientific excellence"
- ✓ There were not studies of residential impact → we are a reference (petrol enterprises know them)
- ✓ Ecuador: local communities are using the study in a trial against Chevron/Texaco: they present "other studies"
- ✓ Bolivia: Public institutions must be involved in water and health control



CHALLENGES

- ✓ More invest:\$ & qualified staff
- ✓ More relationship between scientific institutions & NGOs:
definiton of common spaces of action → time, interest of
different partners, resources,...
- ✓ What rol must play NGO in investigation?
 - Field experience: aim definition, logistic arrangements
 - Field work
 - Monitoring
 - Financing
 - Spread information
- ✓ USE OF INVESTIGATION → KNOWLEDGE FOR
CHANGE?