



Film and Photography Exhibition "Health in the Millennium"

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Film exhibition. Verdi Park Cinema (C/Torrijos, 49. Barcelona)

Farmacéuticos Mundi and Medicus Mundi Catalunya present, in the framework of the awareness raising campaign **"Health in the Millennium: Signature pending"**, a film exhibition which will take place on **Thursday 10, 17, 24 and 31 May in the Verdi Park Cinema, Barcelona at 22.15h**

The film exhibition will attempt to raise awareness - the progress, the difficulties - of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) relating to health, by offering a critical vision of the state of health in the world's poorest countries.

The Millennium Development Goals were set in 2000 by the 191 countries of the United Nations to end poverty, guarantee Human Rights and to improve the living conditions for humanity within 15 years.

The exhibition will show 4 documentaries that tackle the issues related to the four MDGs dealing with health: infant mortality, maternal health, AIDS, malaria or Chagas disease, and access to medicines. Those involved in the making of the films and specialists in the field will also be participating.

The final objective of the "Health in the Millennium: signature pending" campaign is to influence public policy in Spain and Catalonia. With this in mind, we will present a series of recommendations and proposals at the end of the campaign to the government to fulfil their commitments and direct the necessary means to cooperate better and more fully. We will also deliver the signatures of people and organisations that have joined the campaign through the Manifesto, which can be signed online at the campaign's webpage.

Photographic Exhibition. Verdi Cinema (C/Verdi, 32. Barcelona)

Medicus Mundi Catalunya and Farmacéuticos Mundi are development NGOs specialising in cooperation in medical care. Together, they have more than 50 years of experience in medical care interventions in developing nations and in training and raising awareness at home.

The cooperation and humanitarian action projects are to improve access to health for the poorest populations from a comprehensive point of view, with objectives that coincide with the Millennium Development Goals.

In Mozambique, Medicus Mundi Catalunya collaborate with the national health system in projects such as: construction, maintenance and equipping of hospitals and health centres, training health personnel, and the fight against preventable and infectious diseases, making a special impact in the prevention of AIDS.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Farmacéuticos Mundi work with two local organisations to help victims of sexual violence. The project includes medical and psycho-social care, raising awareness of sexual violence and HIV/AIDs within communities, and the economic and social re-integration of those affected with activities that generate resources.

Through this photographic exhibition, which you can visit in the foyer of the Verdi cinema throughout the month of May, Medicus Mundi Cataluña and Farmacéuticos Mundi invite you to reflect on the problematic issues surrounding health in the world.

10 May 2007. Goal 4: REDUCTION OF INFANT MORTALITY

En el mundo a cada rato

Patricia Ferreira, Pere Joan Ventura, Chus Gutiérrez,
Javier Corcuera, Javier Fesser. Spain, 2004. 116 minutes

Synopsis

In its commitment to the comprehensive development of infancy, UNICEF cites five priorities: integrated child development during early childhood, immunisation, education, the prevention of the spread of HIV/AIDS and the protection of children from violence, exploitation and discrimination. Five Spanish directors offer their personal vision of the commitment to the fundamental rights of children. In *El secreto mejor guardado* (The Best Kept Secret), *Ravi and his friend Krishnaveni*, two children that live in a village in the south of India don't understand why the people in their village ostracise them.

La vida efímera (Ephemeral Life) explains the journey of Vicenta to Guinea, the country where she was born and where she fights against illnesses like malaria.

Maca is a three year old girl who lives in las Villas Miseria de Córdoba (Argentina), who explains her happiness in *Las siete alcantarillas*. (The Seven Sewers).

In *Hijas de Belén* (Daughters of Belen), the situation of the children of Belen (in los Iquitos, an area of the Peruvian Amazon) is explained.

Binta y la gran idea (Binta and the big idea) has Binta, a seven year old Senegalese girl as its protagonist. She has decided to produce a child's play to show her cousin's desire to go to school.

Presentation and Debate lead by:

- **Patricia Ferreira**, director of *El secreto mejor guardado*
- **Cristina Álvarez**, doctor and anthropologist. Project advisor, *Medicus Mundi Catalunya*.
- **Vicenç Cararach**, Professor of Obstetrics And Gynaecology from the UB. Senior Consultant Obstetrician at Hospital Clinic Barcelona. Member of the advisory board for the "Health in the Millennium: a missing signature" campaign.

17 May 2007. Goal 5: IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH

Mon enfant, ma soeur, songe à la douleur

Violaine de Villers. France, 2005. 53 minutes

Synopsis

A documentary that gives voice to Khadia Diallo, a Senegalese immigrant to Belgium who, like many women from her country, has suffered one of the most serious sexual mutilations, circumcision: an attack on the physical integrity of women, their dignity and on their right to pleasure. GAMS (Group for the Abolition of Female Genital Mutilations) was founded in Brussels to campaign against a practise that can cause death or leave physical side effects that turn the sexual act or child birth into a terrible experience in the life of many women.

Historia de Rosa

Florence Jaugey. Nicaragua, 2005. 30 minutes

Synopsis

During February 2003 Nicaragua lived through the tragic experience of Rosa, a nine year old girl emigrated with her family from Costa Rica, who was raped and became pregnant. Her story produced strong social repercussions from the moment that the Costa Rican authorities organised a campaign to make her go through with an unwanted pregnancy that could put her life in danger, going against Costa Rican law, which permits abortion if the mother's health is at stake.

Presentation and Debate lead by:

- **María López**, author of the book *Historia de Rosa*
- **Violaine de Villers**, Belgian director of *Mon enfant, ma soeur, songe à la douleur*
- **Carme Valls**, doctor and president of the Centro de Análisis y Programas Sanitarios (CAPS). Member of the advisory board of the "Health in the Millennium: a missing signature" campaign.

24 May 2007. Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, MALARIA AND OTHER ILLNESSES

Invisibles

Mariano Barroso, Isabel Coixet, Javier Corcuera, Fernando León de Aranoa, Wim Wenders.
Spain, 2007. 100 minutes

Synopsis

Produced with the support of Medics Sans Frontières, and combining documentary and fiction, *Invisibles* is a project which, from the point of view of well known directors, tells five different stories about forgotten conflicts, such as child soldiers in Uganda, sexual aggression against Congolese women, and the violence of armed groups in Colombia. It also speaks out against the scientific community and governments that have hidden or played down the repercussions of certain illnesses, and the harmful effects that they cause for the most disadvantaged communities, like Chagas disease, or the direct link between an ingredient such as eflornithine in the incidence of sleeping sickness.

Presentation and Debate lead by:

- **Mar Padilla**, Head of Communications, Medics Sans Frontières, Spain.
- **Joaquim Gascón**, Head of Tropical Medicine, Centre for International Health, Hospital Clinic Barcelona.
- **Enric Mayolas**, Head of the Office for International Relations and Cooperation of the Department of Health, Catalan Generalitat. Member of the advisory board for the "Health in the Millennium: a missing signature" Campaign.

31 May 2007. Goal 8: DEVELOP A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT

In cooperation with pharmaceutical companies, to provide access to essential medicines in developing countries at a reasonable cost.

Chagas, un mal escondido

Ricardo Preve. Argentina - USA, 2005. 85 minutes

Synopsis

A journey to the centre of Argentina makes us reflect on the mechanisms of concealment and exclusion around those affected by Chagas disease, or American Trypanosomiasis, a parasitic disease which is common in the most vulnerable communities of Central and South America, and that causes the death of 50,000 people a year. The documentary speaks out against the indifference and disinterest of governments and health authorities in the prevention and cure of Chagas disease, which is a clear example of the need to establish healthcare networks, access to diagnosis and treatment in many countries around the world.

Presentation and debate lead by:

- **Ricardo Preve**, Argentinian Director of *Chagas, un mal escondido*.
- **A Member of the Pharmaceutical Industry**
- **Joan Rovira**, Professor of Economics from the University of Barcelona, specialist in the Economics of Health and ex-advisor to the World Bank. Member of the advisory board for the "Health in the Millennium: a missing signature" campaign.
- **M^a Elena García**, Coordinator of the "Health in the Millennium: a missing signature" campaign.