# KCGH, NVTG & OIGT

Uniting for Global Health

The Dutch Society for Tropical Medicine & Global Health (NVTG), the Training Institute Global Health and Tropical Medicine (OIGT), and the Knowledge Centre Global Health (KCGH) have joined forces to bring you a consolidated source of updates and activities in the field of global health in the form of a **joint newsletter.**

We strive to collectively inform you **every month** with the latest news regarding activities, updates, funding opportunities and more.

If you wish to share something via this newsletter, please reach out to communication@kcgh.nl

# News

### E-learning environment coming soon!

Dear colleagues, We are pleased to announce that our new **online learning environment** together with LUMC Groningen. Soon we will present you the first available (free!) courses and how these can be accessed. We would love to further fill our repository. **Do you have a course in mind that you can share outside of the walls of your institution or do you have an idea for an e-learning: please reach out and stay tuned!**

Read the first blog

### Join the campaign for Health Professionals in LICs to be able to study a Master in Public Health, regardless of their means

KIT, in the face of Dutch government reductions, is determined to continue access to training for talented health professionals in countries with fragile or resource-challenged health systems. The current reductions in funding of these talent and potential qualifications, and the impact they can go on to have in improving global health.

Together we can ensure they can still study the Master's, regardless of their financial background, and make real steps towards better quality and access to healthcare worldwide.

You can donate to KIT Fund Scholarships here or make a transfer to: Stichting KIT Fonds, IBAN: NL86 RABO 0300 6600 21, BIC: RABONL2U

### NVTG Column series; Judith Polak #1: 'Learning goals

*"The grandpa that my learning at KIT was among the most applied the I think I received. I have been privileged to apply the concepts learned in my coursework throughout my work at the WHO regional office as well as managing YourEgyptianStudy." Merette Khalil, KIT MPH Graduate*

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# Courses & Events

### Global Health Day | Last chance to register!

Join us at the **Global Health Day 2024** on April 18, hosted by the Netherlands Society for Tropical Medicine and International Health (NVTG) in collaboration with KCGH, at the Social Impact Factory in Utrecht. This year's event features an interactive **Human-Centered Design (HCD) workshop** led by Marco Verduin, Lucas Wesselman, Grace and Bart de Waard, focusing on groundbreaking innovations in global health. The day also includes the **NVTG's General Members' Meeting (ALV)** including NVTG's name change and ends with networking opportunities.

**NB:** NVTG members register via the NVTG website.

Register here

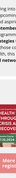
### Global Health Inspiration Day | Apr 20

TROIE is organising an inspiring day for **young medical global health professionals** to gain knowledge on the possibilities for their future career plans. The programme is out and it promises to be an exciting and inspiring day, featuring speakers such as Marco Verduin, Jacob & Carolien van der Ende from **Quincaree**, and many other interesting representatives of a **wide range** of Global Health organisations. You can find the whole programme on Instagram!

The event will take place at De Brakke Grond, Nes 45, Amsterdam.

Get tickets

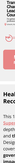
### EuroHealthNet Annual Seminar '24 | Jun 3



Titled **'Navigating Times of Change for Public Health'**, this seminar addresses the crucial intersections of mental health, wellbeing, and health inequalities, underscoring the pressing challenges like the climate crisis and demographic shifts. The seminar will explore the **latest research and policies** supporting better societies, emphasising the **importance of mental well-being and the impact of systemic factors on health behaviours**. This gathering is an essential opportunity for professionals to gain insights and strategies to advance **health equity** in Europe during times of change. You can join in-person in Utrecht or online!

More info & registration

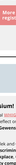
### Transformative Change & Leadership: postponed to September!




You have a **second chance** of diving into the heart of transformative change with our upcoming course, designed to **empower** current and aspiring leaders! Spanning **five sessions from September 3rd to November 5th**, this intensive programme covers crucial topics from **advocacy strategies to stakeholder mapping**. Ideal for those committed to making a difference in global health, this course offers the **tools, knowledge, and network to drive meaningful change**.

More info & registration

### Health Systems through Crisis and Recovery | Oct 7-18




This 14th edition of the course, organised at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa, Italy promises an in-depth exploration into how health systems can adapt and **thrive amidst crises and recovery phases**. Tailoored for professionals navigating these dynamic challenges, the course offers insights into **policy and governance, health system delivery, and the impact of global events like disease outbreaks or climate change on health systems**. We believe this course could significantly benefit those in our network dedicated to enhancing global health outcomes and therefore happily share this course with you!

More info & registration

# Conferences

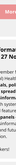
### Report & photos

### Successful WHIG symposium!

On Wednesday, 3 April, the annual WHIG Spring Symposium occurred at KIT. We reflect on a highly successful event themed 'Green Geneesmiddel' (Border Deserved?).

Special thanks to Ghislaine Pannefok and Ciar Tolmeer for their workshop on **discrimination and institutional racism in the workplace.** Charlotte Krüger for discussing the **diversity compass** in healthcare, and Gijs Kloos for exploring **early detection** of improvised/serious diseases in the Netherlands. Steven van de Vijver also shared insights into **HealthInvest**, a digital patient record for undocumented individuals. Fleur de Meijer chaired the day. The symposium was co-financed by KCGH.

### Conference "Zorg voor Nieuwkomers" | Oct 9




Utrecht will host a conference on healthcare for newcomers, organised by KCGH and NOTIG together with partners. This event aims to **enhance healthcare for refugees and vulnerable newcomers, including labour migrants** in the Netherlands, focusing on the specific **health risks** and challenges arising from their backgrounds. It offers **an opportunity for knowledge exchange and collaboration** among healthcare professionals and policymakers.

Details on speakers and registration follow soon!

More info

### Conference on Misinformation in (Global) Health | 27 Nov

KCGH a crucial conference in November focusing on Mis- and Disinformation in (Global) Health. This event aims **to unite health professionals, policymakers, and researchers to combat the spread of health-related misinformation and disinformation**, addressing the challenges in vaccines and beyond, and in health. The conference will feature **interdisciplinary keynotes and panels** on current research trends, the impact of disinformation in healthcare, policy interventions, and future challenges in health communication.

Stay tuned for more info on speakers!

More info

### European Conference on Global Surgery | Oct 8-12

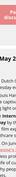
This year's European Conference on Global Surgery, set to take place in Essen, Germany, revolves around the theme **'Shaping the Future of Global Surgery Together'**, offering a platform for crucial discussions. Global surgery is an imperative field, focusing on bridging the **gap** in surgical care across the globe, thus fostering equitable access and enhancing the quality of surgical services in underserved regions.

The event is co-organised by the NVTG working group Netherlands Society for International Surgery and receives support from KCGH.

More info

### Dutch Global Health Film Festival (DGHFF)

### Successful online film event




In March 2024, the Dutch Global Health Film Festival (DGHFF), in collaboration with the Global Health Film Days of Copenhagen, and the European Planetary Health Hub, showcased "10 Billion Mouths" (2022). Directed by Mona Birch Torbensen, this 64-minute documentary offers a comprehensive exploration of Planetary Health. It serves as both a wake-up call and a source of inspiration, spotlighting the innovators striving for a sustainable future.

The film was followed by a panel discussion moderated by **Anouk Nusselder**, featuring insights from **Luke Schuler of Foodshift2030** and **Martine Veenman, a PhD candidate in Planetary Health**, building further on the importance of this topic and recent issues. You can **watch the recording** of the panel discussion on the DGHFF website.

Panel discussion

### Physical film festival | May 28 & June 11

Mark your calendars because the Dutch Global Health Film Festival is back on Tuesday evenings, **May 28th** and **June 11th**, at the Louis Hartkoper Complex in Utrecht. Prepare to be captivated by thought-provoking films shedding light on health equity. On May 28th we celebrate **International Day of Action for Women's Health Day** by the screening of the film "Nessa the Star". The film explores widespread problems in our healthcare systems that disproportionately affect women. On June 11th, the film "Someone's Daughter, Someone's Son" will be screened with the growing homeless problem in mind. Here, we will dive into the life of current and former homeless people about why people are still reduced to living on Britain's streets.

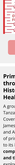
**Whether you're a healthcare professional, a passionate advocate, or simply someone with a curiosity about the world, the Dutch Global Health Film Festival is for everyone.**

Save the dates, spread the word, and stay tuned for updates on ticket information!

More info + trailers

# Recently published

### The first MTDs of this year is out!




The latest edition of the MTD of the NVTG and KCGH, shines a spotlight on the impactful research projects funded by the Dirks Kraanenbeek Foundation (DKF). This edition serves as a testament to the vital research advancements facilitated by the DKF, underscoring their pivotal role in enabling transform health outcomes in under-resourced settings globally. This edition also marks the conclusion of Ed Zijlstra's tenure as editor after an impressive 13 years of unwavering commitment. We extend our deepest gratitude to him for his dedication and significant contributions.

Read here

### Primary Health Care in Tanzania through a Health Systems Lens: A History of the Struggle for Universal Health Coverage

A groundbreaking publication that delves into Tanzania's journey towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Authored by Niall A. Kapologwe, James Tumsifu Kengia, Eric van Fraag, Japhet Kileo, and Albino Kalolo, this book chronicles the evolution of primary health care in Tanzania. Offers insights into its implementation challenges. **Offering a comprehensive analysis of UHC in Tanzania, and the practicalities of health system delivery**, it explores the challenges and triumphs faced in achieving UHC. With an emphasis on lessons applicable to global contexts, this book is an **essential read** for policymakers, global health professionals, and anyone invested in healthcare reform and primary healthcare enhancements, in Tanzania and worldwide.

Learn more

# Save the date



**Mark your calendars for the upcoming events (Follow soon)**

- **TROIE Alumni Day | Oct 5**

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