Interested in Forming a WGH Chapter?

It is wonderful to hear about your interest. We look forward to working with you and your community to spread the Women in Global Health (WGH) movement for greater gender equality in global health leadership. WGH was launched as an informal virtual network in 2015. However, within two years, the founders decided to formalize the movement to provide a firm foundation for a fast growing global movement. In particular, we listened to women all over the world who wanted to form national level chapters linking global advocacy with national experience and establishing a network to share knowledge from South/South and South/North to strengthen global health. It is our ambition to launch 50 WGH chapters by 2020, giving greater visibility to women in global health and bringing to global level, the perspectives and experiences of those whose voices are underrepresented, particularly women from low-income countries. We know we are stronger and more effective working in solidarity with women in global health committed to our cause. In November 2017, WGH registered as a non-profit in USA and in 2018, launched our first national chapters. WGH was founded as a volunteer led movement and remains staffed by volunteers, achieving global impact on a very small budget.

Why create a WGH Chapter?
Creating a WGH Chapter has many benefits, as you become a member of an established global organization and a growing global networking.

These include:
1. An opportunity, as part of a vibrant global movement, to influence health decision making at national and global levels
2. A platform to connect women in global health in your community and identify opportunities to advance women’s leadership
3. An opportunity to bring visibility to women shaping global health programming, policy and advocacy in your community
4. The support of like-minded women committed to working for positive change in health
5. New connections across issues and organizations working in global health in your community and globally, in particular, sharing knowledge and what works with sister chapters
6. Bringing to global health decision-making the ground realities for women in global health from your context
7. Advancing gender transformative leadership in global health organizations in your community
8. Contributing with other WGH chapters to building the global WGH movement to achieve gender equality in global health leadership and therefore, better global health

Background

In 2018 WGH selected five chapters from three regions for Phase 1, the pilot phase. In this phase, chapter governance, structure, guidelines; support are being developed to ensure our network is coherent and strong. Meanwhile, we are launching a call in 2019 for chapter affiliates. This will be Phase 2 and those selected will enroll in an accreditation process to become an official chapter. In Phase 3, we will launch the WGH Chapter model, scheduled to be completed by the end of 2019.

Check out our [website](#) for information about the chapters launched in 2018 and early 2019.

The Process

We encourage you to take the following steps:

1. Learn more about Women in Global Health and follow [our work](#)
   - Review information about Women in Global Health in our [About Us](#)
   - Check out our activities in the [WGH Year in Review 2019](#)
   - Review our “Women in Global Health Context PowerPoint” - [Toolkit](#)

2. Begin the ground work
   - Read about our First Chapter - [WGH Germany](#)
   - Read the “Boilerplate” - [Toolkit](#)
   - Read the “Gender Transformative Leadership” article - [Toolkit](#)
   - Identify like-minded women and men in your community who are interested in forming a chapter and begin early discussions on your local context.
   - Form your chapter core team
   - Read the “WGH Business and Industry Guidelines” [Toolkit](#)
   - Read the “Chapter Development FAQs” form - [Toolkit](#)
   - Complete the “Chapter Interest Survey” [Chapter Survey](#)
   - Fill out the “WGH Chapter Application” form - [Toolkit](#) (by August 12th, 2019)
● Once you have completed all the above, schedule an appointment with us for support, guidance, and to determine when to sign the MoU at https://calendly.com/membership-wgh

3. Other useful resources to assist in developing your chapter include:
   ● “Chapter Development Process Form” which includes a needs assessment and stakeholder mapping exercise - Toolkit

Further Questions? Contact us at:

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