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Executive Summary

Established in 2004, The Irish Global Health Network is comprised of a diverse network of individuals and organisations, including students, academic institutions, NGOs, the HSE, private sector, government, donors, and the general public. Their interests are spread across a wide range of sectors and fields relating to global health and development including: nutrition; emergencies; non-communicable diseases; maternal and child health; water, sanitation, and hygiene; communicable disease; environmental health; and refugee health.

Our vision: Maximising Ireland's contribution to a world in which all people of all ages have the opportunity to achieve and sustain good health and wellbeing.

Our mission: Our mission as a network is to facilitate learning, connecting, influencing and engaging for individuals and institutions within the global health community in Ireland and worldwide.

Our current strategy 'Working Together for Global Health and Wellbeing: 2018 – 2023' guides our work, while an operational workplan and strategic framework based on our Theory of Change (ToC) supports yearly implementation. The foundation of our ToC lies in building and sustaining an efficient and effective network, paired with high quality communications, on the basis of which all strategic focal areas and actions are built upon. In order to achieve these strategic goals, we engage in activities including communications, events, training, and outreach, within our three strategic focal areas: Area 1) Facilitate networking and learning through high quality events and sharing information; Area 2) Facilitate engagement in global health through partnerships and linking individuals and organisations, and Area 3) Ensure an efficient, effective and resourced network.



We adopted as our Annual theme for 2020: Healthy People on a Healthy Planet, and planned to deliver our events, including our flagship event, the Global Health Conference around that theme.

In March, when the COVID-19 outbreak took hold, it became evident that as the sole global health network in Ireland, the onus was on the IGHN to maximise our value to members both in Ireland and in the Global South. The IGHN Secretariat quickly pivoted to launch the COVID-Conversations webinar series, an initiative which delivered 20 COVID-related webinars in 2020 involving 120 global health expert speakers, several institutional partners, over 13,000 views and participants from 70 countries worldwide. We also developed and maintained a dedicated online resource portal for COVID-19. The Secretariat capacity was increased for a period of three months – March to June 2020 to support the additional work as a result of COVID-19.

In addition to our online webinars, our annual calendar events of which there were a further six in 2020, were successfully hosted online, in some cases with more than double the attendance of our physical events.

Our primary means of engaging with members on a day-to-day basis is via our weekly newsletters and through daily broadcasts on our social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Linkedin](#), [Youtube](#) and [Instagram](#)). In parallel, we work in partnership with other organisations to organise events such as webinars, conferences, lectures, training, workshops, seminars, and other learning opportunities.

This report is structured to highlight key updates in a number of focal areas of the M&E Framework by strategic area and should be read together with the Annexes listed in the table of contents as referenced throughout the report.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- In 2020, we recorded the organisation's activities on a monthly basis via the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework, which was generated as part of the strategic plan completed in 2018. The framework details our activities in a systematic format, from our communications activities to the attendance and feedback received at our online and offline events. Our M&E reporting was regular and systematic in 2020 allowing us to report quarterly on activities throughout the year via the operations updates at our Board meetings and as outlined in Annex 1: IGHN 2020 Activities Summary and in the individual M&E Event Summaries outlined in the subsequent annexes of this report.

Governance and Finance

Five finance committee meetings were held throughout 2020 (February, May, July, September and November) and focused on funding and financial management.

Narrative report

Area 1: Facilitate networking and learning through high-quality events and sharing information

Area 1 focuses on our ability to connect individuals and institutions across disciplines to innovate, coordinate, and learn from each other. *To achieve this goal, we provided high quality learning opportunities and facilitated a number of events and conferences. We are also a unique conduit for information via our weekly mailers and social media platforms, within the global health community in Ireland, accessed by our members, Irish Aid and the wider global health community.*

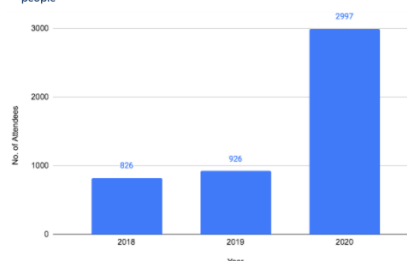
We disseminated focused communications around specific global health topics for dedicated issues, and also continued to produce our weekly newsletters.



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IGHN Events

Our events were expanded and became more complex in 2020 reflecting our ability to meet the demands of the growing size of our network over the course of the year. Events were extremely well attended with an overall increase of 2071 people



+100

2018 - 2019

From 2018 to 2019, the event attendees increased from 826 to 926 (+100).

+2071

2019 - 2020

From 2019 to 2020, the event attendees increased from 926 to 2997 (+2071).

27 IGHN events and co-hosted events 2020				
Month	IGHN Events Hosted and Co-Hosted 2019	Live Participants	Recorded views	online Events
14 Jan	A Better World – Policy Dialogue	56	235	1
20 Mar- Nov (ongoing)	COVID-Conversations Webinar Series (Total of 20 Webinars)	1577	11,316	20
7 April	Access to Medicines Ireland (AMI) Conference	191	511	1
2 June	Film Preview: The Martyrs of Khartoum	569	3067	1
24 Sept	Global Health Conference: Healthy People on a Healthy Planet	350	755	1
13 Oct	Global Fund Strategy Development – Open Consultation	21	n/a	1
1 Dec	Father Michael Kelly (FMK) Lecture on HIV/AIDS (World Aids Day)	144	209	1
11 Dec	Lancet Countdown Report Launch – Ireland	89	213	1
	Total (Does not include ESTHER and SOT events)	2997	16,306	27

IGHN Conferences and Events:

Our events in 2020 were extremely well received with strong attendance and very high live participation levels. It came as a pleasant realisation to us to learn that once we posted the events to our YouTube channel after the event, and continued to promote it online via our newsletter and social media channels, we were able to double and in some cases triple the level of event views. See illustration to the right, demonstrating the growth in this area.

2997 attendees

16306 online views

99%

Events extremely useful or useful (Eval forms)

95% From live polls

80%

Very likely to attend again

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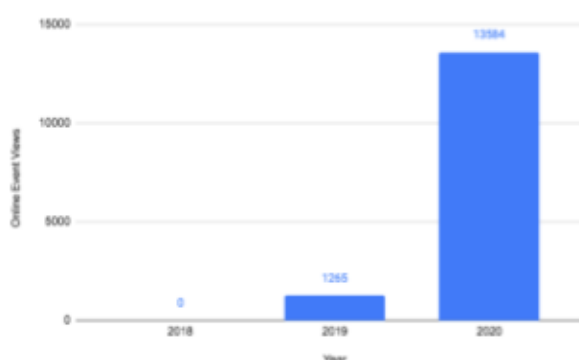
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AREA ONE EVENTS IN 2020 (IGHN)

The events listed below cover the 27 events we held in 2021 under area one of this report. (This includes the 20 webinars in the COVID Conversations webinar series – which is covered as a single item in the M&E Framework for the purposes of reporting, as well as seven further separate events which we held over the course of the year. Just one of the seven was a physical event in RCSI – A Better World – Policy Discussion, held on January 13, 2020 with the remainder hosted online). These events fall into the category of Area 1: Facilitate Networking and Learning Through High-Quality Events and Sharing Information which are now being reported on separately for the purposes of this report, and distinct from Area 2: Facilitate engagement in global health through partnerships and linking individuals and organisations which include ESTHER and SOT events.



Online Event Views



+1265

2018 - 2019

From 2018 to 2019, the online views increased from 0 to 1265 (+1265).

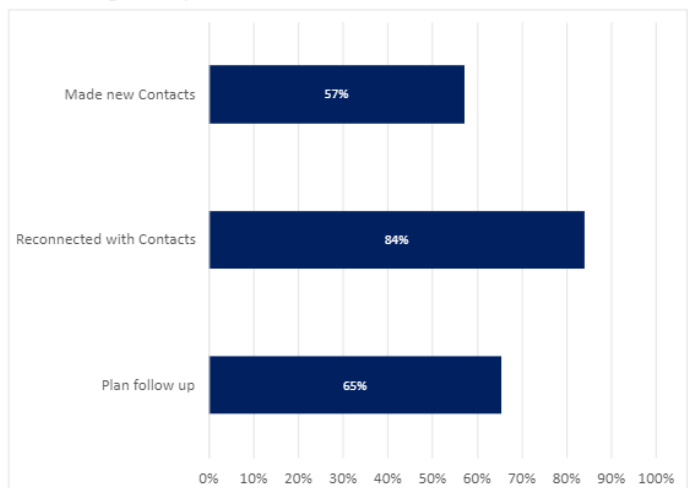
+12319

2019 - 2020

From 2019 to 2020, the online views increased from 1265 to 13584 (+12319).

Over the course of 2020, the live polls conducted during our online events on Zoom scored extremely high with an average of 95% of live participants reporting that they found the events either “useful” or “extremely useful” on all events for which live polls were conducted (16 events). We also posted more in-depth live evaluation forms as links on the chatbox which helped us to tailor content for future events, particularly in the case of the COVID webinar series, but also reinforced to us that we were providing value. In addition to these tools, we used mentimetre at both our Global Health conference and the Global Fund Strategy Consultation to aid engagement for participants – this further encouraged live engagement with moderators and speakers, and served as a live litmus for how the events were being received.

Networking Activity at Events



Events Summary

1. A Better World - Policy Dialogue

Event: On January 14, 2020, together with RCSI and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, we hosted an event to present and discuss [Ireland's new International Development policy: A Better World](#) as it relates to the opportunities and challenges for health. This followed on from a consultation meeting and submission made by IGHN on health during the consultation process. Nearly 60 people participated in the event, which was moderated by Nadine Ferris France, Executive Director of the Irish Global Health Network. Four respondents each covered one of the four priorities highlighted by the policy, outlining the opportunities and challenges for each sector. The discussion of the global health commitments within the policy, the main points of each of the respondents, and the points of interest raised during the Q&A session are summarised in the “A Better World” brief listed in the Annexes under Annex 2.

In an event held in RCSI on the 14th of January, *Nicola Brennan*, Policy Director in the Development Cooperation and Africa Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, outlined the context, vision and priorities of the Ireland's International Development Policy, entitled “**A Better World**”. The policy outlines the new aims and changes in approach adopted in order to deliver on Ireland's commitment of allocating 0.7% GNI to Overseas Development Aid by 2030.

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“**A Better World**” is a whole Government policy, not just the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Though Irish Aid manages over 70% of the foreign aid funds, 30% are covered by other departments representative of a government wide commitment and effort.” *Nicola Brennan, Irish Aid.*

Nicola Brennan - Policy Director in the Development Cooperation and Africa Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Global Health Commitments within ABW

1. Health System Strengthening (HSS)
2. Improvements in the quality and availability of health services with a strong focus on maternal and child health
3. Equitable access to basic health care services by working closely with global partners in support of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2030
4. Focusing on education, health and social protection in emergency settings as basic elements of a functioning system
5. Strengthening work on hunger and nutrition in

New Global Health Commitments within ABW

1. Help to better fight the epidemics of HIV, TB and malaria by supporting global ambitions towards ending the epidemics by 2030
2. Develop a new initiative on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)
3. Improve health care access especially SRH, in humanitarian emergencies
4. Develop an integrated approach to health and nutrition

2. Webinar Series: Conversations on COVID:

On March 20, we launched a new *Conversations on COVID* webinar series. The webinar series was aimed at healthcare and development workers, serving to educate, inform, share best practice and evidence-based responses around COVID-19 in LMICs. Most topics directly or indirectly addressed the challenges of maintaining health services in the context of the pandemic. The relevant M&E Event Summary is listed in the Annexes at the end of this report under Annex 8.

The series was by nature very participatory and developed in an informal conversation style format with a regular anchor and an average of five speakers each week. Speakers came from a varied range of expertise, sharing best practices, experiences and learning across multidisciplinary teams. The series was instrumental in achieving the following:

- Striking gender, geographical and local-global balance
- Serving as online connection for those working in rural areas in global South
- Responding with flexibility and responsiveness to rapidly changing situation
- Constantly striving for increased interaction with audience and prioritising participation from global South

Monitoring and Evaluation submission forms were used to collate participant feedback on content gaps in order to plan topics for future webinars. In advance of the series, templates were set up to facilitate partners to co-host and to develop content. These were shared with those who expressed an interest in partnering on webinars, but also streamlined the production of webinars

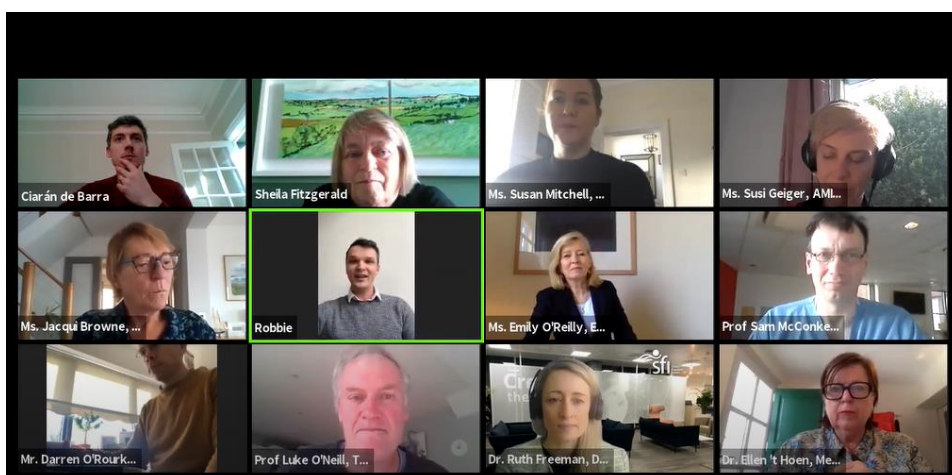


for the secretariat. More on the partnership component of the webinars is detailed in Area 3. In broad terms, 12 different organisations co-hosted with us on individual webinars, participants from 28 NGO and health and global organisations directly partnered in terms of their participation and engagement with content, in addition representatives from a further 14 educational institutes were also involved. Finally, we had the live participation of representatives from the Sudanese, Ethiopian and Mozambique ministries of health over the course of the series.

Given the scale of the *Conversations on COVID* series, a separate report is being prepared to detail the varied elements of the initiative, along with an analysis of the M&E information collated during the year.

The use of our social media platforms and broadcast channels, along with our website, meant that we were able to promote the series and top line speakers to drive engagement for the webinars.

3. Access to Medicines: On April 17, 2020, we supported a conference on Access to Medicines “Adapting to COVID-19: Defending the Public Interest in Vaccine Production”, held online as part of a live webcast with partners Access to Medicines Ireland (AMI), Comhlámh, UAEM, MSF Ireland/UK and RCSI.



A total of 289 guests attended the live event, with a further 505 views recorded on the AMI youtube channel. Over a three-hour period, a panel of leading international experts including: **the EU Ombudsman**, Ms. Emily O'Reilly; **Trinity College Dublin Professor**, Luke O'Neill; **International Patent Law Lawyer**, Dr Ellen 't Hoen; Head of Policy MSF, Dr Gaëlle Kirkorian; **University of Liverpool's**, Dr. Andrew Hill; patient advocate; Kay Curtin; **Just Treatment Founder**, Mr Diarmaid McDonald; TD and PhD Scholar, Mr Darren O'Rourke; **Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission** representative, Jacqui Browne; **RCSI Professor and Head of Department of International Health and Tropical Medicine**, Dr Sam McConkey and industry representatives focused on questions surrounding COVID-19 in terms of access to medicine.

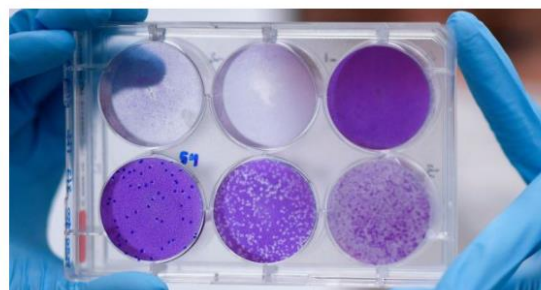
Coronavirus: Vaccines need scientific scrutiny despite global rush, warns expert

Already many 'stupid studies being published' without peer review, says Luke O'Neill

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A researcher works on virus replication in order to develop a vaccine for Covid-19, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Photograph: Douglas Magno/Getty

f The global rush to produce vaccines and treatments against Covid-19 cannot be allowed proceed without adequate scientific scrutiny, according to leading immunologist Prof Luke O'Neill.

t He was all in favour of "get as many shots on goal as possible" but already there were "stupid studies being published" without being peer reviewed, which was not in the best interests of global public health.

With 41 potential vaccines, 23 anti-inflammatories and six antivirals in trial "all rushing forward . . . let's not lose our scientific rigour and the standards we have to apply," he told a web conference hosted by Access to Medicines

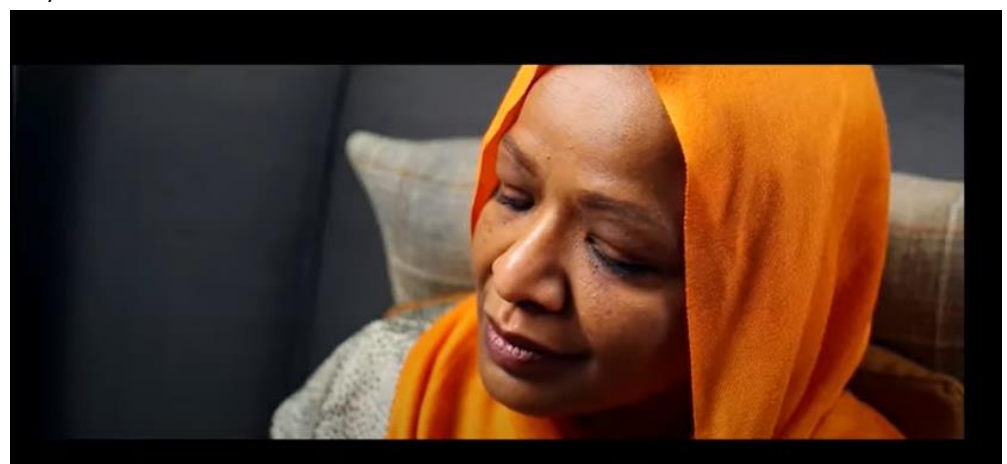
This year, there was a specific focus on the profit-driven drugs model used to develop life-saving vaccines and medicines and the monopolies that drive the profits of pharmaceutical companies. Speaker topics centred on who would get access to medicines with the group demanding that public health rather than financial gain drive the R&D agenda. The high attendance of the event, in addition to the high volume of recorded views speak volumes about the success and engagement of the first online conference by the group.

Press Coverage: The IGHN helped to secure media placements for the conference in a number of media outlets, including: an Irish Times piece (by Kevin O’Sullivan); a Medical Independent piece interviewing Dr Kieran Harkin; a piece in The Journal on vaccine research; two Radio Kerry slots with Dr Kieran Harkin and Sheila Fitzgerald; a piece on Echolive’s news section; a piece in the Irish Examiner on vaccines, and an op-ed by Morgane Clarke from the AMI group in the UK Times. The event enjoyed a further three conference news reports generated by our Key Correspondent’s team which were published widely through our newsletter and on social media.

Unfortunately, no qualitative data was captured in part because the group was new to online hosting and was consumed with the other tasks of executing a live online event. However, feedback to the chatbox was overwhelmingly positive and the high attendance numbers from start to finish indicate that it was a very well received event.

3. Short Film Launch - The Martyrs of Khartoum: On June 2, The Irish Global Health Network hosted the online preview of a short film by independent film-makers Simon Murtagh and Mark Murphy entitled: The Martyrs of Khartoum. (The relevant M&E Event Summary is listed in the Annexes at the end of this report under Annex 3.)

The film details the story of three Irish-based Sudanese doctors, Sara Massawi, Sarah Khalifa and Rania Ahmed, and the roles they played to treat the injured during what has become known as the Khartoum Massacre in Sudan on 3rd June, 2019.

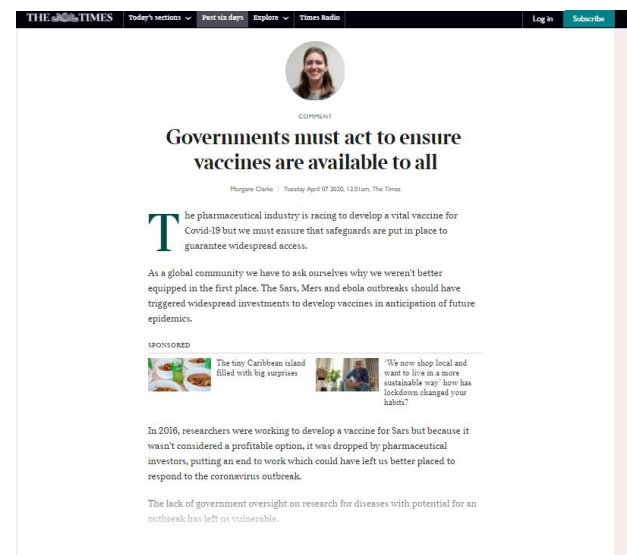


Hoarding drug supplies

Dr Andrew Hill of the University of Liverpool said insular actions of states had caused bidding wars and meant some countries were hoarding drug supplies at a time when collective action on a global scale was required. This was because supply chains were failing, which meant hospitals in Italy and elsewhere were running out of drugs. “It’s a lesson we have got to learn.”

Covid-19 demonstrated “it’s high time we stop relying on the market mechanism”, said Dr Gaelle Kirkorian, who is leading Médecins Sans Frontières’ campaign for effective drugs, tests and vaccines to be made available and affordable to people who need them most around the world.

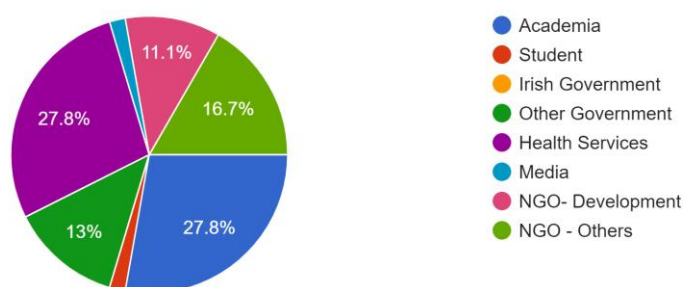
The scenario of “no medication, no vaccine and no ventilators is a disaster for society”, she believed, while the pandemic was causing other product shortages, notably in antibiotics, insulin and reagents, which were also being sold to the highest bidder. This was exacerbated by a limited number of companies controlling the market.



Sudan Film Preview Fig 1

The film was followed by a discussion with the doctors in the film and the filmmakers. Simon Murtagh, also a member of Access to Medicines Ireland, requested the assistance of the IGHN in hosting the preview.

Which sector do you primarily work in?
54 responses

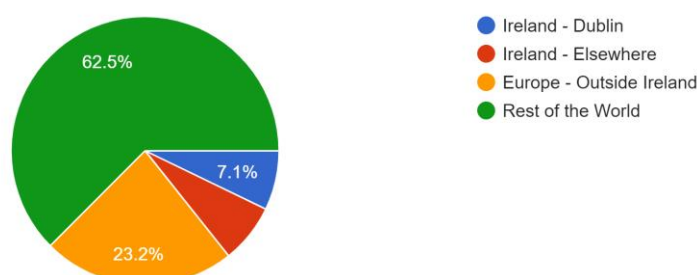


A total of 569 participants joined the live web event, with a further 3,067 views recorded on the YouTube channel. Some 57 participants completed post event evaluation forms with 100% reporting that the event was extremely useful or useful. More than 66% said they were very likely to attend future IGHN events, with a further 33% saying they were somewhat likely to attend in the future. Of those who gave feedback, 92% had never attended an IGHN event in the past, with the bulk of views (65%) coming from “Rest of the World” - and Sudan in particular. In qualitative feedback captured, participants commended the importance of the film and their eagerness to have the film shared widely.

Sudan Film Preview Fig 2

In relation to planned actions after the conference, several expressed the desire to raise awareness of the issues inherent in the film, for example: “share with as many people as possible globally”, “to share the information with all the Sudanese people”, “to support Sudanese revolution more and more”, “to encourage all those who witnessed the massacre to participate as reliable sources of information”.

Where are you based?
56 responses



In results illustrated above, just 14% of participants came from Ireland with the bulk of participants working in either the health services or in academia (54%), with the remainder working in either international government or NGOs and lastly students who represented under 2% of the total.

4. Global Health Live Web Conference - Healthy People on a Healthy Planet:

In the first cross-border collaboration of its kind, global health North-South Ireland partners came together to co-host this year's Global Health conference, 2020. The live web event was convened under the theme: Healthy People on a Healthy Planet Five Years on from the SDGs in the era of COVID-19. (The relevant M&E Event Summary is listed in the Annexes at the end of this report under Annex 4.)

Partners included: The Irish Global Health Network (IGHN) ; Queen's University Belfast; the Department of Health Northern Ireland; the Coalition of Aid and Development Agencies in Northern Ireland; the Environmental Health Association of Ireland and the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.

In the context of the major global health challenges facing populations, the conference tracked progress five years on from the SDGs and examined areas of concern in the era of COVID-19. The conference brought together 28 leading international speakers and more than 350 live participants.

The two-day 2020 programme was consolidated under the following streams: Migration, Non-Communicable Diseases, Climate and Environment, Global Food Supply, Eye Health and Vision 2020, Nursing and Midwifery in the WHO Designated International Year of the Nurse and Midwife and COVID-19.

A total of 350 participants attended the live event, which was live streamed on YouTube earning a further 737 views.

A Key Correspondents' workshop held the night before trained 11 students of global health to write written pieces. A resulting four articles were published on the IGHN website and distributed via the newsletter, while also feeding into the Global Health Summary document published in November. The summary document was distributed widely in a dedicated mailout to all attendees and more than 1800 subscribers to the newsletter. It gathered international speakers and participants from



LIVE WEB CONFERENCE
Healthy People on a Healthy Planet
 FIVE YEARS ON FROM THE SDGS IN THE ERA OF COVID-19

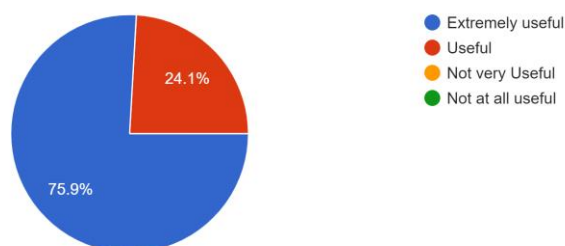
CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
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Morning Panel	Afternoon Panel	Evening Panel
Five Years on from the SDGs: Challenges and Successes Keynote Address: Emilia Aragon De Leon Technical Officer, WHO Regional Office for Europe Moderated by Lorna Gold 11:00 - 13:00 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fran McConville - Midwifery Advisor, WHO • Nick Watts - Executive Director, Lancet Countdown • Dara McNulty - Naturalist Campaigner, Ireland • Soorej Jose Puthoopparambil - Senior Lecturer, Uppsala University 	Five Years on from the SDGs: A Way Forward Moderated by Claran Mooney Queen's University Belfast 13:30 - 15:00 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy Khanyola- Nurse and Africa Representative - Nursing Now • Clare Gilbert - Clinical Ophthalmologist, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine • Vanessa Nakate - Climate Justice Activist, Uganda • Renzo Guinto - Chief Planetary Doctor, PH Lab 	Five Years on from the SDGs: The New Reality For Young Professionals Keynote Address: Danielle Agnello Non-Communicable Diseases Consultant at WHO and Director of Global Health Mentorships Moderated by Chris Jenkins Queen's University Belfast 17:00 - 19:00 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakira Choonara - Public Health Specialist, South Africa • Kim Van Daalen - Cambridge Gates Scholar • Eamonn Fallier - Specialist Registrar in Infectious Diseases, Cork University Hospital • Eden Baker - Nursing Graduate, Queen's University Belfast

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How useful did you find the conference?
83 responses



across the global health sphere including advocates, health workers, social justice campaigners, students and academics. The conference itself featured two plenary (morning and afternoon) sessions and an evening session for young professionals, with keynote speakers: Emilia Aragon De Leon Technical Officer, WHO Regional Office for Europe; Danielle Agnello Non-Communicable Diseases Consultant at WHO and Director of Global Health Mentorships; and Anthony Costello Professor of International Child Health, University College London.

A dedicated web roundup of the event was made available on the website, see link:

<https://globalhealth.ie/events/healthy-people-on-a-healthy-planet/> featuring

videos of the plenaries and sessions as well as links to presentations, the video playlist, a photo competition, a key messages summary, the event summary and key correspondent articles.

A total of 83 participants (35%) completed post event evaluation forms with 100% reporting that the event was extremely useful or useful. 85% reported that they were likely to attend future IGHN events, with a further 14% reporting that it was somewhat likely.

Results revealed that more than 60% of attendees came from the island of Ireland, with 20% from Europe and a further 18% from the rest of the world. Students made up nearly half of the overall participants of the conference, according to these figures, with the next greatest portion coming from the health services and academic staff. A further 10% worked in the health services, it was revealed.



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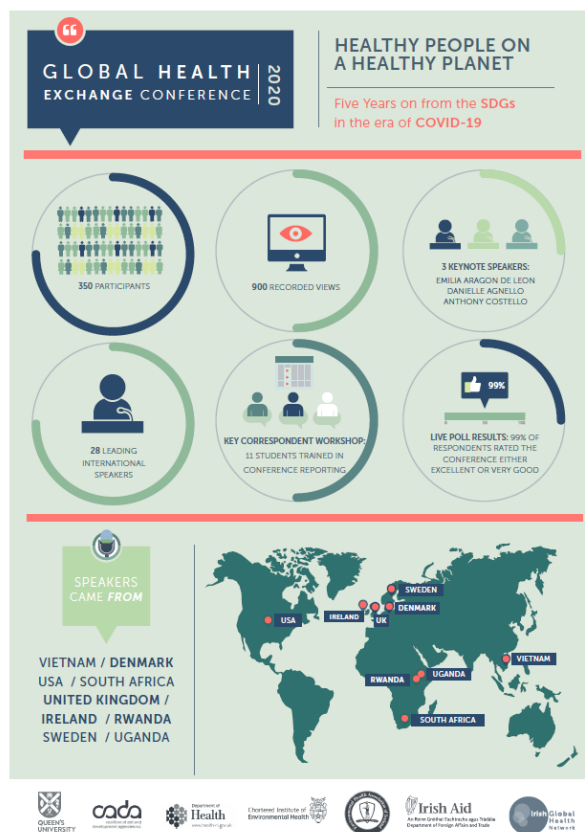
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Scroll down to see speaker recordings and presentations



In qualitative feedback captured, participants commended the organisation of the event and the varied programme. In relation to planned actions after the conference, several expressed the desire to initiate new linkages, for example: “Follow up talk at QUB regarding planetary health and actions that we can take in NI”, “Educate oneself and others and advocate at a local level”, “Do more research and learn more about public health and health of the planet.”, “to plan to join IGHN and research potential opportunities to become involved.”, “Look into Climate Action some more”, “to link planetary health more to healthcare even as a public health message”, “to become more informed on the issues around Sustainable Development”, “to read more around strengthening community systems, to advocate for pro-public health strengthening over short-term epidemic response”. The themes of interest in future events included: Climate change/planetary health, and the role of women in global health; the future of global health(careers); physical health and wellbeing; population growth; reproductive rights; more migration based themes; maternal health and Midwifery.



5. The Global Fund – New Strategy

Development Open Consultation:

On October 13, the IGHN hosted an online live web event on behalf of Irish Aid to discuss with the global health community in Ireland the new strategy of the Global Fund. In weeks previous to the live web

event, the IGHN offered other channels of contribution to the new strategy via an online form. (The relevant M&E Event Summary is listed in the Annexes at the end of this report under Annex 5.)

Executive Director Nadine Ferris France moderated the event and all feedback by participants both via the online form and the live event was submitted to the Global Fund. Speakers included, Dianne Stewart, Head of the Global Fund’s Donor Relations Department who spoke about the global landscape of the three diseases and set the overall scene; Jessica Kraus, Global Fund Strategy, Impact, and Investment Division who spoke about the strategy development process; and Irish Aid

reps, Emma Warwick, Development Specialist and Fergal Horgan, Global Health and Nutrition Advisor – Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations, Geneva. A total of 22 people joined the event, and since the event was closed to stakeholders, the recording was not made public. Feedback was strong with 100% of respondents reporting that they found the event either “extremely useful” or “useful”.

6. The Irish Aid Annual Professor Father Michael Kelly Lecture – 2020

was held online on December 1, under the theme: Solidarity in the Face of HIV at a Time of Global Crisis: The live web event featured a keynote speech from Professor Father Michael Kelly himself which was delivered as a video address. Other speakers included The Minister of Health for Ethiopia, Dr. Lia Tadesse Gebremedhin and Chief of Staff, at The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Marijke Wijnroks. A welcome by the Irish Minister of State for Overseas Development Aid and Diaspora, Colm Brophy, TD set the tone for the event and Ruairí de Búrca, Director General, Irish Aid at Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade participated in the panel discussion. The event was moderated by: Dil Wickremasinghe, Journalist, Podcaster & Activist.

[Read more about Professor Father Michael Kelly's life and work](#)

To pay tribute to Father Michael Kelly's ongoing legacy, the IGHN published a document detailing the trajectory of Father Michael's life and work and his contribution to HIV and AIDS. In further information, a compilation of his lectures and presentations from 2006-2015, entitled HIV & AIDS – A Deep Human Concern were also made available to participants during the live event.

THE IRISH AID ANNUAL PROFESSOR FATHER MICHAEL J. KELLY LECTURE ON
HIV AND AIDS
SOLIDARITY IN THE FACE OF HIV AT A TIME OF GLOBAL CRISIS

DECEMBER 1, 2020
12:00- 14:00 IRISH TIME (GMT)
LIVE WEB EVENT

ATTENDANCE IS FREE OF CHARGE, BUT
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT THIS LINK:
WWW.GLOBALHEALTH.IE/FMK-2020

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY:
Zvandiri Youth Choir, Zimbabwe and
SUSO Youth Choir, Ireland

To view past events, visit:
<http://fathermichaelkellyzambia.org>

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS

MODERATOR: DIL WICKREMASINGHE BROADCASTER, JOURNALIST AND ACTIVIST	FR MICHAEL J. KELLY VIA VIDEO FROM ZAMBIA	DR. LIA TADESSE GEBREMEDHIN MINISTER OF HEALTH ETHIOPIA	SAIDY BROWN HEALTHCARE SOUTH AFRICA
MARUKE WIJNROKS CHIEF OF STAFF THE GLOBAL FUND	RUAIRI DE BURCA DIRECTOR GENERAL, IRISH AID AT DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE		

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The Irish Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The Global Fund
to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria



This year's event also featured a collaboration of youth choirs with the launch of an original music video by Africaid Zvandiri Youth Choir in Zimbabwe and the SpeakUp SingOut SUSO Youth Choir in County Kildare – who collaborated over a period of four weeks, with 42 participants and two choirs across two continents to produce the song.

Such was the success of the music video, that it received more than 2,300 views on our YouTube channel. The original song was by Singer/Songwriter Eimear Crehan who led the collaboration and video production.

In live polls conducted during the event, feedback was strong with 100% of participants reporting that the event was either excellent or very good.

The death of Father Michael - Rest in Peace

It was with great sadness that the IGHN learned of Father Michael's passing on January 15, 2021. Father Michael was a guiding beacon for so many, and will be sadly missed by all at IGHN.

A memoriam complete with funeral notice and details was broadcast both to the annual lecture event list of 250 subscribers and the IGHN's full network of over 2000 subscribers to notify supporters of his death, provide celebratory resources about his life and work, and notify members of his funeral mass, which was held online on the morning of January 18.

In Memoriam & Funeral Details

Click here to attend Father Michael's online funeral: Monday, Jan 18 at 7.30 am Irish Time (9.30 am Zambia Time)

In Memoriam Professor Father Michael J. Kelly, SJ 1929 – 2021



HIV & AIDS ADVOCATE, ACADEMIC, WRITER AND EDUCATOR

"Education is the social vaccine that can combat AIDS"

Irish Global Health Network, the Board of Directors and staff mourn the great loss of Professor Father Michael J Kelly in solidarity with the global HIV and AIDS community. Father Michael passed away peacefully on Friday morning January 15, 2021 at the age of 92 in his adopted country of Zambia.

A funeral mass will take place online tomorrow morning to celebrate his life.

**[Follow this link to attend Father Michael's funeral
Monday, January 18 at 7.30 am Irish time \(9.30 am Zambia Time\)
St Ignatius Parish, Lusaka - Zambia](#)**

[SUBMIT YOUR OWN PERSONAL CONDOLENCE TO FATHER MICHAEL HERE](#)

7. Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change Ireland Launch – Dec 11:

The IGHN co-hosted with the Irish Doctors for the Environment and the Lancet Countdown co-authors, the Irish launch of the 2020 Report of the Lancet Countdown on health and climate change. We invited those working in health (health policy, clinical practice, academia) to join us to explore the key findings from the latest Lancet Countdown Report in an effort to catalyse action and understanding of environmental health in Ireland and internationally. (The relevant M&E Event Summary is listed in the Annexes at the end of this report under Annex 6.)

Speakers included: Dr Tim Collins, CEO of the Irish Heart Foundation who recently led the establishment of the Climate and Health Alliance; Professor Karyn Morrissey, Lancet Countdown – Ireland; Dr Ina Kelly – HSE Consultant in Public Health Medicine; and Dr Maria Guevara – Medecins Sans Frontieres Planetary Health—Geneva. The panel discussion was moderated by Callum Patrick Swift, Irish Doctors for the Environment. A total of 89 people joined the event live, with a further 130 views on the YouTube channel.

In live polls conducted during the event, feedback was strong with 98% of participants reporting that the event was either excellent or very good.



Area 2: Facilitate engagement in global health through partnerships and linking individuals and organisations

Area 2 emphasises the facilitatory nature of IGHN as we seek to promote engagement in global health across disciplines. We will continue to collaborate with our core partners

To achieve this goal, we continued to collaborate with our core partners across the health and development sectors who are central to our ability to deliver value to our members. We continued to host the ESTHER Ireland and implemented a workplan to provide technical support and manage a grant fund for health partnerships. We used our Secretariat capacity to provide operational, logistics and communication support to our partners. We capitalised on the ideas, expertise and in-kind contributions such as time, venue space and finances which are contributed by our partners.

AREA 2: Networking and learning events– 2020 2 ESTHER Ireland events and 2 Student Outreach Activities			
Month	IGHN SOT Events Hosted and Participated in 2019	Number of Participants	Recorded views on Youtube channel
September 23	Key Correspondent Training, RCSI – SOT Event	11	n/a
November 11	Esther Ireland Partnership Forum	50	16
November 14	Global Health Simulation – SOT Event	25	n/a
December 2	Improving Health Service Quality Through Health Partnerships	87	84
	Total	173	100

ESTHER Ireland 2020 – A Summary



ESTHER Ireland: A core component of our work towards the IGHN Secretariat's additional function as the ESTHER Ireland Secretariat. (For more details, please see the ESTHER Ireland Annual report for 2020). In brief, we took the following actions to facilitate high-quality partnerships:

- 20 Partnership Panorama Newsletters circulated to the ESTHER network with partnership updates, courses, reports and announcements, as well as grant information.
- Organised and hosted the 5th ESTHER Partnership Forum online
- Co-hosted eight webinars of Conversations on COVID-19 Webinar Series
- Co-organised an web learning event with the ESTHER Alliance members and the WHO twinning partnerships for improvement
- Increase of 215 new subscribers in 2020 to total 905 subscribers
- Coordinated Video Series with Gorey Malawi Health partnership which received over two million views on Facebook
- Received 13 grant applications in 2019-2020 funding cycle, awarding six new partnerships
- Developed, administered and disbursed grants under a new COVID-19 Response Fund, awarding five new COVID partnerships
- Developed and launched ESTHER Ireland Grant 2020-2021
- Actively participated in the HSE Programme Management Group
- Provided ongoing technical support to ESTHER Partners
- Contributed to development of WHO Health Action briefs
- Administered the ESTHER Ireland Unsung Hero award 2020 and awarded two ESTHER Ireland partners

*A Bright Future for Health Partnerships
5th ESTHER Partnership Forum
11 November 2020, Online
3 – 5 pm Irish Time*

3:00 – 3:05	Welcome Nadine Ferris France, Executive Director, ESTHER Ireland
3:05 – 3:12	Introduction David Weakliam, Global Health Programme Director, Health Service Executive
3:12 – 3:14	A changing role for health partnerships in a changed world
3:14 – 3:24	Keynote Ben Simms, Chief Executive Officer, THET Partnerships for Global Health
3:24 – 3:35	Needs of the partnerships from developing countries Working Omeima Salih, Ahfad University for Women, Sudan
3:35 – 3:46	ESTHER Switzerland's new strategy and its connection to health system strengthening Dörte Petit, Project Manager, ESTHER Switzerland
3:46 – 4:00	Q&A
4:00 – 4:15	Unsung Hero Award
4:15 – 4:17	Irish partnerships - New Links & New Approaches
4:17 – 4:25	APC Microbiome Institute - National Ribat University, Khartoum, Sudan
4:25 – 4:33	Global Brain Health Institute - Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College, Bogura, Bangladesh
4:33 – 4:40	TBC: Mayo University Hospital - Brighter Communities Worldwide, Kenya
4:40 – 4:45	TBC: Gorey – Malawi Health Partnership video
4:45 – 4:55	Q & As
4:55 – 5:00	Closing

ESTHER Membership:

- 1) An analysis of those who subscribed to our ESTHER Panorama Newsletters highlights that the majority of ESTHER membership base are Ireland-based.

ESTHER Ireland Events

1. On November 11 2020, ESTHER Ireland and the HSE Global Health Programme co-hosted the **5th ESTHER Ireland Partnership Forum online**. This two-hour event brought together ESTHER Ireland Partners, grantees and those interested in learning more about health partnerships with the theme “A Bright Future for Health Partnerships”. The event was launched by an opening speech from David Weakliam, Global Health Programme Director, Health Service Executive (HSE), followed by Ben Simms, Chief Executive Officer, THET Partnerships for Global Health who delivered the keynote address. Other speakers included: Omeima Salih, Ahfad University for Women, Sudan, Dörte Petit, Head of programme, ESTHER Switzerland.

Featured Partnerships in 2020 included: **APC Microbiome Institute/Sudan Partnership, The Global Brain Health Institute/Bangladesh** and the **Gorey-Malawi Health Partnership**:

The Gorey Malawi Partnership is working with Health Service Executive’s Global Health programme, Irish College of General Practitioners and ESTHER Ireland to produce 14 accessible learning videos to help healthcare practitioners in lower income countries with their COVID-19 response. The videos have received an overwhelmingly positive response with more than two million views worldwide to date.



A changing role for health partnerships in a changed world:

<p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</p> <p>Ben Simms</p> <p>Chief Executive Officer, THET Partnerships for Global Health</p> <p>Video</p>	<p>Needs of the Partnerships from Developing Countries</p> <p>Omeima Salih</p> <p>Ahfad University for Women, Sudan</p> <p>Video</p>	<p>ESTHER Switzerland's new strategy and its connection to health system strengthening</p> <p>Dörte Petit</p> <p>Head of programme, ESTHER Switzerland</p> <p>Video</p>

2.Improving Health Service Quality through Health Partnerships

ESTHER Ireland participated and supported in hosting the live event 'Improving Health Service Quality through Health Partnerships' on 2 December 2020. In this two-hour event, the WHO set the scene by providing an overview of the seven characteristics of quality of health services. Afterwards, ESTHER Alliance explored the inner workings of stand-out health partnerships operating in different contexts, driven by the common goal of improving quality of healthcare services.



Partner Institutions included: The Twinning Partnerships for Improvement Initiative (TPI) of the World Health Organization (WHO) – THET Partnerships for Global Health – ESTHER Germany – ESTHER Switzerland – ESTHER Ireland – ESTHER Alliance for Global Health Partnerships. ESTHER Ireland invited the Mayo General Hospital, Ireland -- Londiani District Hospital, Kenya health partnership, with a speaker from the Irish side and a speaker from the Kenyan side. 87 individuals attended the live event, with a further 84 views on YouTube.

The live web event showcased 11 speakers, with two moderators guiding discussion. A dedicated round-up page for the event was created at this link: <https://esther.eu/index.php/live-web-event-improving-health-service-quality-through-health-partnerships/> It features speaker video links, presentation downloads, speaker biographies and partnership details.

3. ESTHER Ireland partnerships participated as speakers in the Conversations on COVID-19 Webinar Series hosted by the Irish Global Health Network and ESTHER Alliance.

Topics relating to health partnerships and essential services included: Funding Challenges; Hospital Readiness; North-South Partnerships during COVID-19; Lessons learned from HIV & Ebola epidemics; Leveraging Research and Evidence; Protecting Health Care Workers; Health Systems Impacts of COVID-19; Essential Services for NCD Patients in Ethiopia; Malnutrition.

Eight of the webinars featured HSE speakers and were co-organised with ESTHER Ireland, and two webinars were co-hosted with the HSE, including Webinar 18, which covered Health Partnerships during the pandemic: Contributions and Lessons; and Webinar 11: The Broader Health and Health Systems Impacts of COVID-19 in LMICs.

The Student Outreach Team - 2020

IGHN remains committed to ensuring the voices of young professionals are heard in global health and that opportunities for training and learning are provided through the Student Outreach Team and through ensuring a young professional sits on the IGHN Board.

- 1) Members for the 2019/2020 academic year are listed on the dedicated SOT section of the IGHN site, which is maintained to reflect changing roles: <https://globalhealth.ie/who-we-are/>

- 2) Coordination with undergraduate and postgraduate students in 2020 across Ireland led to the establishment and sustained relationships with nine universities across Ireland: Queen's University Belfast, Technological University Dublin, University College Dublin, University College Cork; National University of Ireland, Galway; University of Limerick; Trinity College Dublin; Dublin City University and RCSI.
- 3) **SOT Strategy 2019-2021:** Developed by IGHN Board Member and the SOT National Coordinator Rosemary James, this [three-year strategy 2019-2021](#) is designed to align with IGHN overall strategies and priorities. This document gives an overview of the SOT, its strategic focal areas, member specifications and an outline of the 3-year plan proposed to deliver on its goals.
- 4) **Partners:** The SOT work closely with a wide range of academic and NGO partners inside and outside of Ireland co-hosting events and producing publications. The current SOT partners are: Irish Doctors for the Environment, WHO's Global Health Workforce Network Youth Hub, Evidence Aid, Global Health Mentorships, Global Health Next Generation Network, Universities Allied for Essential Medicines and the Association of Medical Students Ireland. In addition, since last year (2019) the SOT are official partners of the European Public Health Association next generation network (EUPHANxt) programme.

SOT Events 2020

- 1) **Key Correspondents Programme:** In 2020, we hosted one Key Correspondents workshop, (September 23) which was attended by 11 participants, the majority of which were postgraduate students. These workshops are designed to introduce course participants to key concepts in advocacy and journalistic writing around health topics.

The workshop, which was hosted online, focused on the Global Health Conference: Healthy People on a Healthy Planet, and was facilitated by Key Correspondent Facilitator Ian Hodgson and IGHN Communications and Events Coordinator, Joan Bolger. Attendees from the workshop formed a conference correspondence team producing six published articles on topics of interest from the Global Health Conference, which are published at <https://globalhealth.ie/category/key-correspondent-news/>. A core team from the remaining group contributed social media outputs and summaries over the course of the two-day event. In addition to this, a number of Key Correspondents from the 2019 intake published articles throughout the year that were published on the website and distributed on the newsletter. The year proved challenging in terms of connecting with the writers online and maintaining momentum, however, Ashley Scott in particular, one of our star writers, was instrumental in the early days of the webinar series in helping to build a strong legacy in webinar summary pieces that were distributed widely.

- 2) **Finger on the Pulse** is the Irish Global Health Network's annual publication composed of articles written by our team of volunteer Citizen Journalists, who have given their expertise and viewpoints on the latest issues and events in the field of Global Health. Articles published and distributed during 2020 are being collated to produce the 2020 edition of Finger on the Pulse: Volume 3 which will be published in early February. The dedicated publication brings together a selection of 15 articles from a body of work which numbered more than 20 published pieces in 2020 to represent various perspectives from our Key Correspondents who covered our major conferences throughout the year.

- 3) **Global Health Simulation:** On November 14, 2020, some 25 students from 9 universities across 5 countries (Ireland, Northern Ireland, Egypt, Germany, and Sweden) participated in a Global Health Simulation conducted by GHSim.com as part of an initiative organised by the Student Outreach Team. The simulation was entitled “Diagnose it on the double” and involved a fictitious virus called Marburg virus in the fictitious country of Pestilentia.



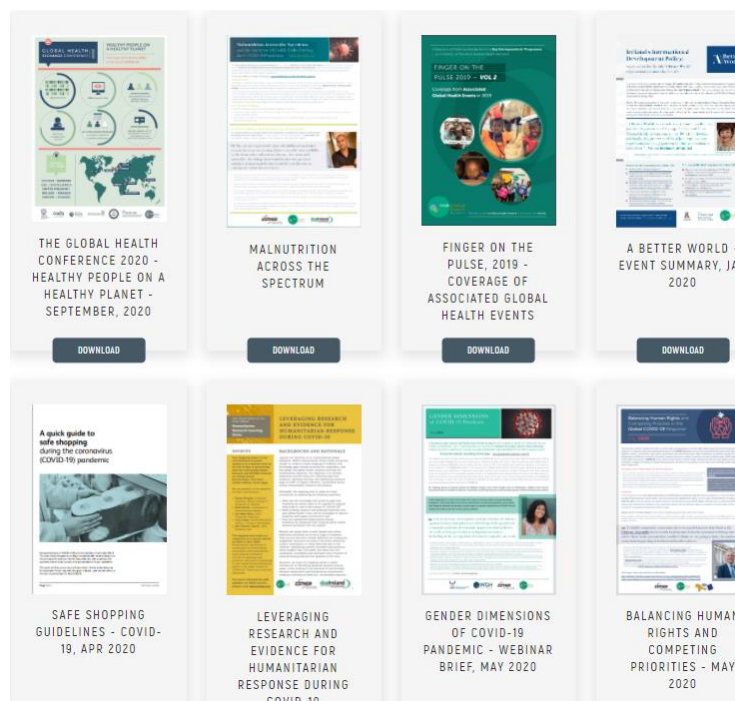
- Objectives were to identify the characteristics of an effective rapid diagnostic test for an emerging infectious disease threat, to understand the development of diagnostic tests in for profit and not for profit settings, and to explore the complexities of the development, regulation, dissemination, and evaluation processes for rapid diagnostic tests.
- Each participant was assigned a role in advance, ranging from the Ministry of Health, funding agencies, FDA, WHO, diagnostic test developers, NGOs such as MSF, UNICEF, and Amnesty International, to CNN reporters. Participants communicated virtually using Zoom and Slack and were separated into different breakout rooms throughout the three hours. Ultimately, a decision was made on how to allocate funds to obtain a rapid diagnostic test for the identification of Marburg cases in Pestilentia – the fictitious country aforementioned.

Partnerships and Interdisciplinary Working:

- 1) The IGHN is a member of the **FESTMIH** (Federation of European Societies for Tropical Medicine and International Health), which is a non-profit international association. In October 2017 IGHN Chair Professor Anne Matthews presented at the 10th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health and continued to engage with ECTMIH during 2019 and 2020 to increase participation from Ireland for their events. IGHN are pleased to have continued this membership in 2020. Board members Rosie James and Khalifa Elmmusharaf currently represent the IGHN on the FESTMIH board. Rosie is co-chairing the working group on 'tropical medicine & global health training' and has submitted a proposal to hold a session on the future of TropEd training in Europe during ECTMIH Bergen in October 2021.
- 2) **Baby Feeding Law Group Ireland:** The IGHN left BFLGI during 2020 due to lack of capacity to be on that management group.
- 3) **Women in Global Health:** In 2019, Brynne Gilmore one of our Board members joined efforts with other interested persons to form an Irish Chapter of Women in Global Health. Led by Brynne Gilmore and Paula Quigley (DAI-International Development) the efforts of this initiative to launch an Irish chapter were announced in September. A dedicated page now sits on the IGHN website since September 2020.

Progress to date on WGH Ireland includes the following:

- Signed MoU with WGH
- Core Team and Advisory Group established
- Co-hosted 'Gender and COVID' event with IGHN
- Website and Social Media Launched (<https://globalhealth.ie/wgh-ireland/>)
- Stakeholder Mapping and Mailing List developed
- WGH-Ireland became member of WGH-Europe
- Representation of Ireland in WGH events and meetings



- 4) **Coalition 2030:** We remained an active member of Coalition 2030 in 2020 despite the limits due to COVID-19 and the absence of Coalition 2030 co-ordinator for a part of the year. Represented by board secretary Niall Roche, we attended both plenary meetings of the year, one in February which was in person and one in October which was online. Our aim is to keep health on the agenda within the wider group through, for example, promoting our conference “Healthy People on Healthy Planet” to the wider membership of the coalition and maintaining an open communication policy with regard to the different events we are hosting. It was requested on behalf of the coalition to call for SDG implementation to be transferred to the Department of the Taoiseach. We await to see where in Government responsibility for the delivery of the SDGs will now lie and look to see the Stakeholder Forum re-activated in 2021 alongside the publication of the National Implementation Plan.
- 5) **HEAL:** In late October following board approval the IGHN applied to become a member of the Health and Environment Alliance. The membership was approved in January 2021. HEAL is a European not for profit organisation addressing how the natural and built environments affect health in the European Union. HEAL’s vision is essentially about achieving better health through a better environment. Board member Sadhbh Lee will be the primary link to HEAL but Niall Roche, board secretary will also remain engaged. The key focus areas the IGHN will engage in are: 1. Environment and Health Policy; 2. Children’s Environment and Health; 3. Climate Change and 4. Air Quality. In December, we submitted a short video clip as a contribution to HEALs work on healthy cities and air pollution in particular. The clips were put out on social media demonstrating the growing demand in Europe for healthy cities.

Policy & Advocacy: Irish Aid Policy Event, January 2020: IGHN hosted a policy dialogue that considered the health implications of Ireland’s International Development Policy - A Better World. More detail about the dialogue is covered in the events section above.

Policy Briefs: Nine policy briefs and summaries were produced and widely disseminated in 2020. These policy briefs analysed the key messages and recommendations on a wide variety of global

health topics such as gender dimensions of COVID, nursing, climate change, stigma, quality improvement, research and evidence, humanitarian response, malnutrition and more. There were nine published in total in 2020. [They can be viewed here.](#)

Safer Shopping Guidance during the Pandemic: In mid March 2020 as Ireland "locked down" in response to the first wave of the Covid 19 pandemic we in the Irish Global Health Network looked for ways in which we could help. At the time the only places where people could gather for essential purposes was in supermarkets and pharmacies. Some of us felt that these locations were potentially risky due to the close proximity of people in an indoor environment and the multiple opportunities for cross contamination of surfaces be it trolley handles or payment card PIN pads for example. At the time members felt supermarkets were not responding quickly enough to establish infection prevention and control procedures in a comprehensive manner. An initial response was to highlight this in a letter to the Irish Times newspaper which was published on Friday March 20th 2020.

Little formal guidance could be found on Irish Government websites and we felt there was a gap that needed filling in order to inform the general public and supermarkets themselves on what needed to be done to limit the

transmission of the virus in these settings. A rough guide was drafted and expert opinion was sought from environmental health professionals working in Ireland and the UK.

Inspiration was gained from the words of Mike Ryan, Executive Director of WHO's Health Emergencies Programme who uttered the words "be fast, have no regrets" and "speed trumps perfection". While we were a little worried about being correct and perfect with our advice and potentially causing unnecessary anxiety in the general public his words prompted us to act.

By March 30th we had finalised and published a [short guidance document](#)

highlight what people should be doing before shopping, during shopping, after shopping as well as

outlining a list of things the public should expect to see their supermarket doing to protect not only the public but "frontline" staff who were perhaps most at risk.

A quick guide to safe shopping during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic



No reported cases of COVID-19 have been linked to contaminated food. The main risk to shoppers is coming into contact with an infected person. You are urged to wash your hands frequently, maintain good hygiene practices and minimise contact with people outside of your household.

This guide will help you to stay safe and protect others when shopping for essentials. Please note that this guide is based upon current advice at the time of publication (31 March 2020).

A press release about the guide was issued and picked up by many national and more local media outlets mostly in the Ireland but also in Northern Ireland. Niall Roche represented the IGHN in talking about the guide in Ireland while Gary McFarlane from the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) in the UK dealt with media requests in Northern Ireland. Most helpful was getting a slot on the Morning Ireland programme on the main national radio station.

The reaction far exceeded our expectations with the IGHN pageviews earning in excess of 108,000 times by people looking to see and download the advice. At one point the website crashed with the level of demand. In the UK the demand was more limited but still the guide was accessed 1,372 times from the CIEH website.

The guide or significant portions of the guide found its way onto other websites across Ireland including the main website of the health service so the full reach of the guide is not fully known. Public reaction into the IGHN was positive and at the end of the day we felt we contributed in some way to empowering the general public on how to protect themselves and others from this virus.

Strategic Partnerships: 2020 saw an increase in strategic collaboration across partners in global health. This included collaboration with government, NGOs, academia and UN. COVID-19 offered an opportunity to bring stakeholders together to share information, increase learning and influence practice. (More information on the partnership component has been provided in further detailed in the section above entitled Partnerships on page 13.)

Online events: All of IGHN's events moved online and were substantially increased (16,000 additional YouTube views) in 2020. This enabled participation from people in many countries of the global south, adding high quality and a global view that in the past has been limited.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria: In November 2020, on behalf of Irish Aid, IGHN hosted an online and face-to-face consultation with Irish civil society and key actors into the new strategy of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria and the output document was submitted as part of the global consultation.

Father Michael Kelly Event: Colm Brophy Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with special responsibility for the Diaspora and International Development opened the Irish Aid Annual Prof Father Michael Kelly Lecture in December. In his opening address, he signalled Ireland's ongoing commitment to supporting communities affected by HIV and AIDS both home and internationally and the importance of standing in solidarity on the issue.

Area 3: Ensuring an efficient, effective and resourced network

Area 3 focuses on how we use our small central staff and limited resources to wisely create the greatest value for our members and funders.

To achieve this goal, we worked as effectively and efficiently as possible to build and strengthen our internal governance and external networks.

IGHN BOARD 2019 -2020



Governance:

1. **IGHN Board: Four Board meetings were held during 2020.** For each meeting an agenda, overview report, financial report and other documents were prepared, and disseminated in advance where relevant. At every meeting, the risk register was reviewed which was particularly important in light of changes required due to COVID-19. Detailed minutes also provide an overview of board activities.
2. Changes to the Board Composition were as follows: Khalifah Elmusharaf joined in March 2020, Sadhbh Lee and Unarose Hogan joined in April 2020, while Gregory Martin and Nuha Ibrahim resigned in April 2020
3. As outlined in the report overview, the IGHN evaluated four out of four of the Board meetings in 2020 using a post-meeting online survey in line with the Code of Good Practice. The below statistics and feedback pertain to the four board meetings held throughout 2020 (January, April, June and October).
4.
 - a. Overall the board meetings were self-rated as more strategic than operational, with 67% rated as highly strategic or strategic.
 - b. Overall 100% of the meeting structure allowed for full or somewhat full participation
 - c. 62% of board respondents felt that the materials were provide in a very timely manner to the board to review in advance of meetings. 100% of board respondents rated the materials provided as being 100% either very informative or somewhat informative
 - d. 100% rated agenda items as being very important or somewhat important.
 - e. Similarly the issues covered were rated as being 100% either very important or somewhat important
 - f. Feedback singled out the “impressive monitoring of our work”, “the superb operational updates”, “the high energy levels given the unprecedented times”, “the

positive approach”, and the “limited options for accessing more funding to keep operations at the level they have been in 2020.”

- g. Areas for improvement: “More time to discuss future event/funding,” “more participation by board members,” and “the great turnout and energy given months of working from home”.

1) IGHN Secretariat/ESTHER Staff:

There were no changes to permanent staff roles over the course of 2020

- Nadine Ferris France continued in her role as Executive Director in 2020
- Joan Bolger continued in her role as Communications and Events Coordinator in 2020
- Hala Nasib continued in her role as ESTHER Ireland lead and ESTHER Alliance Coordinator in 2020
- Nor Nasib continued in her role as Finance Officer in 2020
- Secretariat Capacity was included for three months from March-June 2020 with two 60% staff becoming 80% for that period.

IGHN/ESTHER Interns:

- In September 2020, Megan Davis (40%) replaced Ellen Corby (60%) whose hours had been increased to keep pace with the COVID crisis and additional activities of the webinar series. Megan divides her time between ESTHER Ireland and the IGHN with one day per week devoted to each. In January 2021 Sky Warsichala (40%) replaced Philip Norton and has continued with IGHN over the course of the year. Sky is due to end her contract in March 2021.
- Charlotte Myers replaced Student Outreach Team Coordinator Rosie James in January 2021 to support SOT. Sky Warsichala also supports SOT.
- The interns continue to provide vital support to all activities, particularly communications, events and the SOT.

Information Communication Technology

1. The IGHN Secretariat grew apace with changing demands in 2020 and the reality of moving its events to an online format. A number of new platforms were introduced, which have become a daily reality for the team: Zoom Webinars and Meetings; Mural; Mentimeter; Otter and Remo. We continue to use Canva, Mailchimp, Eventbrite, Pixabay, Hootsuite, Buffer, and Sharepoint along with our social media accounts. IT support is also available from a remote team via the non-profit plan at no extra cost to monthly user subscriptions.
2. Ongoing site security, maintenance and software updates continue to be provided by Egg Design in Killarney.
3. The ESTHER, IGHN and FMK websites content continue to be hosted by Ampersand in the UK. Ampersand continue to host the ESTHER email domain for consistency with the ESTHER site. A new arrangement to also host the ESTHER Alliance website is currently in planning stages following a cost/benefit analysis

Partnerships and Media

2020 was a year of expanding partnerships and solid collaboration. The webinar series gave us an opportunity to partner with organisations to provide high quality events and coverage on a range of

important global health issues (see infographics to accompany this section). This also meant we were able to build strong relationships across these organisations.

Conversations on COVID Webinar Series Partnerships:

Our partnership approach was intensified in 2020 through the Conversations on Covid Webinar Series which ran 20 dedicated COVID-focused webinars in total from March to November.

CO-HOSTS Webinar Series: Over the course of the year, we partnered with a range of organisations to co-host seven of those webinars, among them: Women in Global Health; Irish Doctors for the Environment; The Health Service Executive (HSE); Supporting Occupational Health and wellbeing professionals, SOM; The African – European Parliamentarians Initiative, (AEPI); Access to Medicines, Ireland; DSAIreland; THET; Thena; Ministry of Health Mozambique; Addis Ababa Health Bureau; and Addis Ababa University.

Global Health Partners: Webinar Series

In addition to serving as hosting partners, we also worked closely to collaborate on presenting topical and timely webinar content with a number of health, climate, disability, educational and NGO organisations including: THET; WHO; Global Network of People Living with HIV, South Africa; Stop TB Partnership; Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria; Economic and Social Research Institute; TobaccoFree Research Institute Ireland (TFRI), Dublin; AccessIBSA project; Global Coalition of TB Activists, India; Women4Global Fund; Disability Inclusive Development; CBM; National Disability Authority; Medicines Law & Policy;

#CONVOSONCOVID WEBINAR SERIES FOCUSED ON LMICS

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PARTNERS & CO-HOSTS

ORGANISATIONS





































MINISTRIES OF HEALTH

Sudan, Ethiopia, Mozambique

PROFESSIONALS

Doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, senators, ministers, nutritionists, psychotherapists, psychologists, epidemiologists, journalists, WASH consultants, environmental health specialists, professors and lecturers, occupational medicine specialists, paediatric oncologists, Environmental Scientist, Cardiologists, Nutritional Epidemiologist

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES

Pathfinders Program, NYU Centre on International Cooperation; Martin Luther University; Addis Ababa University; Johns Hopkins School of Public Health; London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Fundación Universitaria de Ciencias de la Salud; Urgench State University; London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; RCSI; Maynooth University; IT Carlow; Queens University, Belfast; Irish College of General Practitioners; Dublin City University

CO-HOSTS





















Designed by Megan Davis, Irish Global Health Network

Environmental/Health Partners Webinar Series: Change by Degrees; PH Lab; Energy Program at World Resources Institute India;

Ministries of Health Partnerships Webinar Series: In terms of ministries, we had representatives speak from Ministries of Health in Sudan, Ethiopia, Mozambique, the UK and Ireland.

INGO partners included: Concern Worldwide; GOAL; Dochas; Evidence Aid; Prepared in Pakistan; Centre for Supporting Community Development Initiatives (SCDI), Vietnam; Promundo-US; See Beyond Borders, Cambodia; MSF- Ireland; Brighter Communities Worldwide, Kenya; AFRICAID-Zvandiri, Zimbabwe and DSAIreland.

Professionals and Independent Consultants Webinar Series: We also worked with a number of professionals working either in an independent capacity or affiliated with organisations, including doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, senators, ministers, nutritionists, psychotherapists, psychologists, epidemiologists, journalists, WASH consultants, environmental health specialists, professors and lecturers, occupational medicine specialists, paediatric oncologists, environmental scientists, cardiologists, and epidemiologists.

Educational/Institutional partners for the Webinar series included: Pathfinders Program, NYU Centre on International Cooperation; Martin Luther University; Addis Ababa University; Johns Hopkins School of Public Health; London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Fundación Universitaria de Ciencias de la Salud, Colombia; Urogench State University; RCSI; Maynooth University; IT Carlow; Queens University, Belfast and the Irish College of General Practitioners.

In terms of our scheduled annual events, we partnered to co-host a number of events in 2020 with existing partner as well as new partners, including: Irish Aid; the HSE Global Health Team; RCSI; Comhlámh; Dochas; Dublin City University; Queen's University Belfast; Trinity College Dublin; NUI Galway; VSO; Concern Worldwide; Medecins Sans Frontiers; Oxfam; GOAL; the National Women's Council; HIV Ireland; DSAI; IDEA, Environmental Health Organisation of Ireland, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, Access to Medicines Ireland, The Global Fund, HIV Ireland; Gay Community News; The Lancet and ESTHER Ireland.

Other Partnerships in 2020 included:

Networks of Networks: In January and December 2020, the IGHN Executive Director met with other Executive Director/CEOs of Dochas, Comhlámh and the IDEA network to share progress, discuss any strategic opportunities for collaboration and learn from each other in the networking space in Ireland. It is hoped this will lead to even greater collaboration in 2020 and beyond. A shared calendar has been established to coordinate and amplify mutual activities.

Trinity College Dublin Teaching: In December 2020, IGHN Executive Director gave a lecture on global health to 4th year medical students. This included examples of global health partnerships supported by ESTHER Ireland.

Coalition 2030: We remained an active member of Coalition 2030 in 2020 despite the limits due to Covid 19 and the absence of Coalition 2030 co-ordinator for a part of the year. Coalition 2030 is an alliance of 77 civil society organisations made up of international and domestic NGOs plus youth organisations, environmental groups, academics and trade unions. The Coalition has an objective to ensure Ireland keeps its promise to achieve the SDGs both at home and abroad. Represented by board secretary Niall Roche, we attended both plenary meetings of the year, one in February which was face to face and one in October which was online. Our aim is to keep health on the agenda within the wider group through for example promoting our conference "Healthy People on Healthy

Planet” to the wider membership of the coalition. Key milestones in 2020 were missed due to Covid 19, namely the Stakeholder Forum due to take place in September which was cancelled and the delivery of the National Implementation Plan which was due at the end of 2020 not materialising. The Coalition recruited a new co-ordinator in August 2020. His name is Jerry MacEvilly and one of his first tasks on behalf of the coalition was to call for SDG implementation to be transferred to the Department of the Taoiseach. We await to see where in Government responsibility for the delivery of the SDGs will now lie and look to see the Stakeholder Forum re-activated in 2021 alongside the publication of the National Implementation Plan.

HEAL: In late October following board approval the IGHN applied to become a member of the Health and Environment Alliance. The membership was approved in January 2021. HEAL is a European not for profit organisation addressing how the natural and built environments affect health in the European Union. HEAL’s vision is essentially about achieving better health through a better environment. Board member Sadhbh Lee will be the primary link to HEAL but Niall Roche, board secretary will also remain engaged. The key focus areas the IGHN will engage in are: 1. Environment and Health Policy; 2. Children’s Environment and Health; 3. Climate Change and 4. Air Quality. In December, we submitted a short video clip as a contribution to HEALs work on healthy cities and air pollution in particular. The clips were put out on social media demonstrating the growing demand in Europe for healthy cities.

Access to Medicines Ireland: Our ongoing involvement in the advocacy and campaign group led to collaborations throughout 2020, both in terms of our events hosting, our media outreach support for conferences and events, and as signatories and voice multipliers for the different campaigns active throughout 2020 on vaccine access in LMICs and further transparency by pharmaceutical companies . These included the main event which we co-hosted, a separate webinar on the subject of vaccinations in access to medicines in LMICs, and to a campaign in late December calling on the Irish government to sign up to the WHO C-TAP initiative, calling for increased action on policy instruments to ensure the global roll-out of the COVID vaccine.

AWARE: On December 3, the Executive Director of the IGHN, Nadine Ferris France along with Dr Keith Gaynor, Professor of Clinical Psychology in UCD and Dr Claire Hayes, Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Director at Aware, co-hosted a webinar with Aware, the national organisation providing support, education and information services for those impacted by depression, bipolar disorder and other mood related conditions, entitled: [Developing Resilience and Coping Skills within the Context of COVID-19 Aware Webinar](#). More than 570 participants viewed the webinar online so far.

WHO Health Action Briefs – As part of the ESTHER Alliance, we were invited by the World Health Organisation to submit learning briefs on COVID for other LMIC partnerships. These included much of the ESTHER partnerships and sub-national initiatives supported by N-S partnerships, but also the IGHN/ESTHER Alliance webinar series. Along with ESTHER Ireland, we submitted the following.

- Gorey Malawi Health Partnership - training videos on COVID-19 and essential health services
- Muhimbili National Hospital, Tanzania – maintaining paediatric oncology services
- Lusaka College of Nursing & Midwifery – training in trauma and emergency nursing

ESTHER Ireland & ESTHER Alliance: Throughout 2020, the IGHN Secretariat also fulfilled its role as the ESTHER Ireland secretariat – while also continuing to Chair the European ESTHER Alliance in 2020/2021 contributing to a number of activities outlined in brief below, and in detail in the ESTHER

Ireland 2020 Progress Report. IGHN took over the hosting of European ESTHER Alliance in December 2019.

Media

Our press coverage was consistent with 2019 this year, which also experienced strong activity. We successfully earned media coverage on 23 occasions in national and regional news outlets throughout 2020, compared with 20 items last year. The broadcasts included discussions on topics relating to the shopping guidelines in June via Niall Roche board member who spoke extensively on the subject to outlets from RTE's Morning Ireland to Radio Kerry in March and April. Other peak coverage arose from the Access to Medicines conference, which earned coverage in the Irish Times, the Medical Independent, the Irish Examiner and the UK Times.

The full spectrum of outlets in which the IGHN were featured included RTE Morning Ireland, Kildare FM, Pat Kenny Live, Shannonside Radio, The Irish Times, the Journal, the Medical Independent, Radio Kerry, the Irish Examiner, The UK Times, Echo Live – the online outlet, the Irish Mirror, Evoke.ie, Rollercoaster, the Irish Independent, Dublin City FM, and the Environmental Health Association of Ireland Yearbook.



Communications and Membership

The infographic below illustrates the year in review, with a particular focus on our communications activities.



The below word cloud illustrates the country of origin of our membership base.



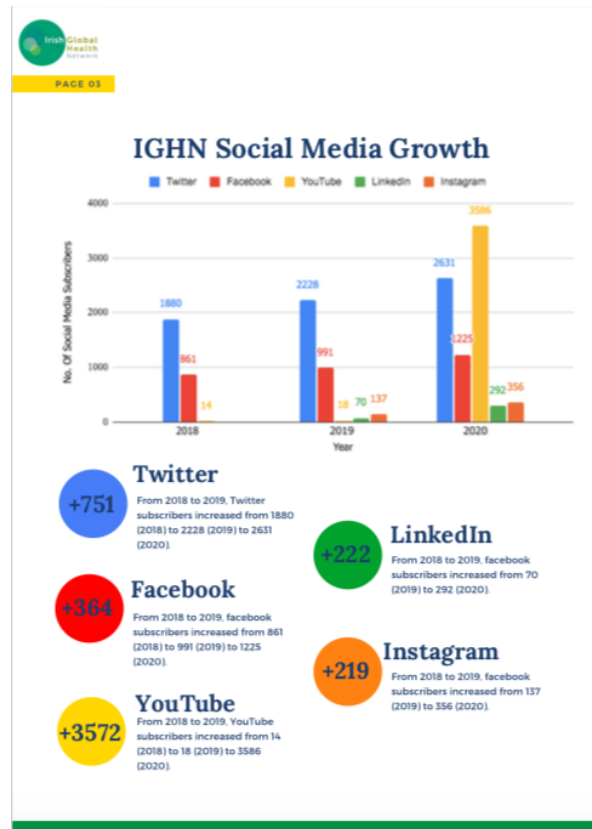
- In 2020, our support base of subscribers increased from 1161 in 2019 to 2056—representing a 43% increase and very strong growth of the network membership over the year. The three-year growth comparisons for our core membership base, our website users and our social media subscriber base, is illustrated here.

- Our subscribers represent an engaged cohort as evidenced by the open rate for our regular newsletter broadcasts. (The average open rate over the course of 2020 is 15% - which matches the industry average for a non-profit).

- Our base of supporters has grown as a result of participation at our events throughout the year, including in particular the webinar series COVID-Conversations, the Irish Aid policy event in RCSI in January, the Access to Medicines online Conference, Irish Aid's Father Michael Kelly Lecture and our own flagship conference co-hosted with Queen's University Belfast in 2020, *Healthy People on a Healthy Planet*. This growth was in part encouraged by a deliberate GDPR-compliant opt-in consent form at the point of registration for IGHN events. Our ongoing engagement by the Student Outreach Team in nine universities around Ireland, as well as the ongoing work of our Key Correspondents who regularly contribute content to our website and newsletters, leads to a further expansion of our support base.



- Overall, our combined social media platforms Twitter, Facebook, Youtube, Instagram and LinkedIn now account for a subscriber base of 7,871. *These are followers of the network* who have signed up to receive our daily updates. The topline growth in our social media membership is illustrated here. It shows strong growth on the Youtube, Twitter and Facebook platforms, with additional strong growth in 2020 on our LinkedIn and Instagram accounts. In line with the systematic recording of our events hosted online, we have begun to post widely to Youtube, which has become a strong channel for us. The combined membership including our core membership base and our social media accounts now stands at more than 7000. This does not include the large influx of visitors to our site in 2020, but those who have indicated their willingness (opted-in) to engage with us directly.



IGHN Website

Website: Visitors to the website in 2020 numbered 111,989 in total, an increase of approximately 102,000 on 2019. More than 90% of the visitors to the website were new visitors, with just 9.4% representing the figure of returning visitors. The large spike in April and May is attributable to the widespread national media coverage experienced on the publication of Shopping Guidelines that we released in partnership with Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and the Environmental Health of Ireland Association in an attempt to safeguard shoppers during the pandemic.

Website User Analysis

Our website traffic over a period of three years, has gone from over 6,000 unique users to more than 110,000 unique users – representing an 18 times increase in our site traffic. A breakdown of the users, new users and sessions per user all indicate positive growth. Compared with last



year, 2020 experienced a slight drop in average session duration on previous years. However, the payoff in additional users of 100,000 over the course of the year was perhaps more indicative of the increased relevance and value to users of the site content.

COVID-19: Online Portal and Conversations on COVID Webinar Series

In March of 2020, as a result of the COVID outbreak, a new COVID-19 online portal was installed on the website as part of an attempt to provide quality resources to the global health community, given the massive influx of requests to the IGHN for same. The COVID portal accounted for approximately 30% of page views over the course of the year with 65,611 total views.

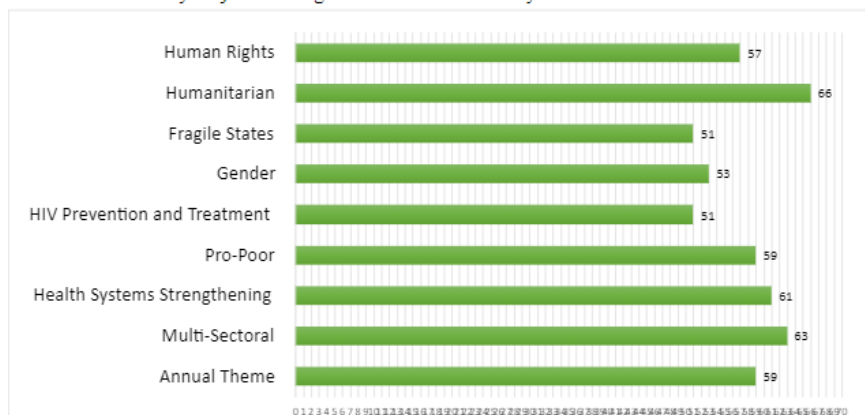
Newsletters

IGHN broadcasted 73 newsletters in 2020 – including 47 dedicated COVID bulletins

The top accessed newsletter in April reached an open rate of 26%. Throughout the year, there were similarly high open rates particularly around announcements about our own events. The average newsletter open rate throughout the year was 14%, just the industry average of 15%.

Ongoing AB testing of our network base indicates that open rates are maximised on Tuesdays. We will continue to test as our base grows, but it is likely that the strong growth rate in our member base will negatively affect our engagement rates as time goes on and providing value to members as well as sourcing items of interest will be instrumental in allowing us to secure engagement. Our newsletters featured subject areas aligned to Irish Aid priority areas and our own annual theme of Healthy People on a Healthy Planet as illustrated above.

Newsletter content by subject area aligned with Irish Aid Priority Areas and the Annual Theme



73 newsletters 23 media/other outputs

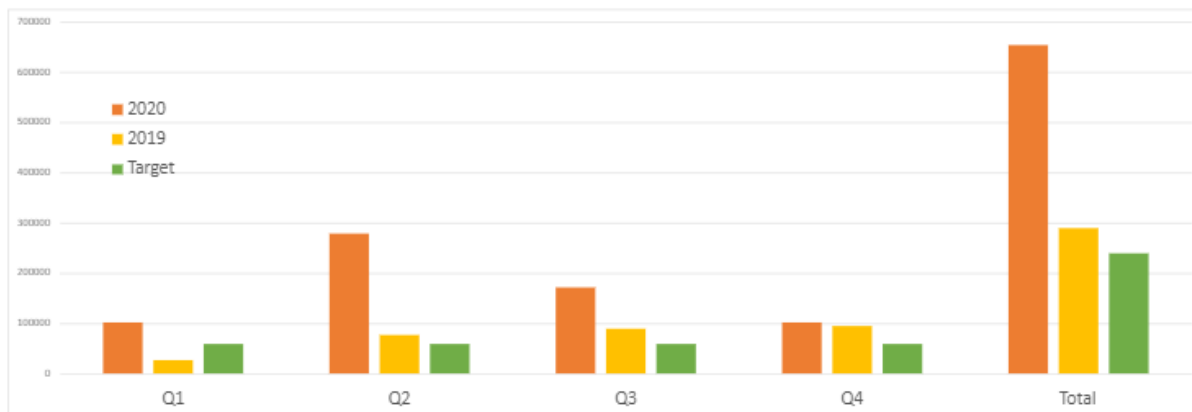
Social Media Disaggregated

YouTube: YouTube was by far the most utilised social media channel of the year, with more than 3,500 new subscribers. The difference can be attributed to a large cohort who subscribed ahead of the Massacre of Khartoum Film Preview which was screened in June. In addition, because our events all moved online this year, we made recordings available to viewers via the YouTube platform which further contributed to the increase.

Twitter: Our Twitter followers increased by 375 this year, which was consistent with growth over the same period from 2018 -2019 at 348. In total, we published 1036 tweets over the course of the year, which was 616 more than in 2018. A large part of the activity centred around events that we hosted and co-hosted, promoting both the webinar series and the other conferences and events held throughout the year. Our targets, which we moved upwards in 2020 from 2019 by 10,000

impressions per month were exceeded – a result of the busy period as much as the strong engagement afforded to us on this channel.






Twitter Interactions against Target



Facebook: Our facebook page, which was utilised more in 2020 than in 2019 experienced growth in the friend base of 234 from 2019, to stand at 1225 friends at present. We also posted 909 more posts than in the previous year earning an increase of 12,540 interactions in 2020 – at 33,495 interactions in total for 2020. Despite the tendency of Facebook to be viewed as less valuable than Twitter in terms of social media relevancy and engagement in Ireland, we are continuing to post as a result of the strong popularity among our Asian and African audiences with the channel.

LinkedIn Company Page: Our company page on LinkedIn which we established in 2019 with the idea to explore the potential for building an online global health community in Ireland enjoyed consistent growth of 222 followers over the course of the year. Our total count now is 292, and we plan to further develop our activities on this professional networking portal in alignment with the SOT strategy to build a resource for students and early career professionals interested in working in the area of global health. Pairing students with research opportunities will be a dedicated area of focus for development in 2021.

Instagram: Due to concerns of remaining relevant to our younger membership via the SOT, we established an Instagram account in mid-2019 and have posted 247 posts to promote SOT events, opportunities and items of interest so far. We posted 34 posts in 2019 in total. In 2020, we increased the number of broadcasts and drove engagement by encouraging use of the account by student representatives of the nine universities active in the SOT in Ireland. We expect that Instagram will have huge potential as an engagement tool for reaching younger audiences into the future.

Twitter	FOLLOWERS	NEW
	2631	375
Facebook	FANS	NEW
	1225	228
Youtube	FANS	NEW
	3650	3586
Instagram	FANS	NEW
	62	52
LinkedIn	FANS	NEW
	292	218

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E):

Following the independent external evaluation of our organisation in 2017, we have continued to implement the recommendations for improvement which included:

- **Focus events and advocacy work around one annual theme** (2020 theme was 'Healthy People on a Healthy Planet')
During the Global Health Exchange Conference 2020 we devoted three panel sessions to the theme of five years on from the SDGs and a further two panels to COVID-19. The conference itself was convened under the theme: *Five years on from the SDGs in the era of COVID-19*. Panels also included a strong planetary health focus. The Lancet Countdown Report launch in Ireland event had by nature a strong environmental focus.
- **Consider the capacity implications and opportunity costs of ESTHER**
It was agreed in 2019 to recruit a dedicated ESTHER staff member at 60% time and to host the ESTHER European Alliance within IGHN. The strengthened partnership has opened up opportunities for the IGHN to temporarily also host the HSE global health programme.
- **Continue to provide events and increase focus on entry-level training**
Our events were expanded and more complex in 2020 reflecting our ability to meet the demands of the growing size of our network over the course of the year. Events were extremely well attended with an overall increase of 2071 people (826 in 2018 to 926 in 2019 to 2997 in 2020 with a further 16,000 online views).
- **Continue to improve M&E and reporting**
The Communications Coordinator liaised with Capacity Development International during the year to implement new reporting indicators in the M&E Framework. One upgrade was made to the Framework in 2020, in quarter 4 to accurately reflect the full scope of the work of the IGHN. In addition, our M&E reporting was regular and systematic in 2020 for online events allowing us to report quarterly on activities throughout the year via the operations updates at our Board meetings and as outlined in Annex 1 (IGHN 2019) of this report.
- The M&E framework, including the Theory of Change that was developed on the basis of the evaluation is a core reporting tool of the IGHN: Tracking of events and communications is systematically input into this framework, helping us to align our activities to the IGHN strategic goals, and also assist in the development of the workplan for 2021, which was underway in January 2021.
- We evaluated events wherever possible through feedback forms completed by attendees. This data was collected and presented using the reporting functions of our M&E framework at EMC and Board meetings to help guide future events and track performance.
- We also tracked our communications channels, and compiled regular communications reports presented at each EMC and Board meeting to help guide strategy and track performance.

Lessons learned

- COVID-19 offered a unique opportunity to respond meaningfully ensuring timely information and dialogue. We were also able to ensure strong solidarity and partnership between people in Ireland and their counterparts in LMICs.
- The strategy has meant more focus on hosting of high-quality events and evaluation of the events by attendees continues to be overwhelmingly positive

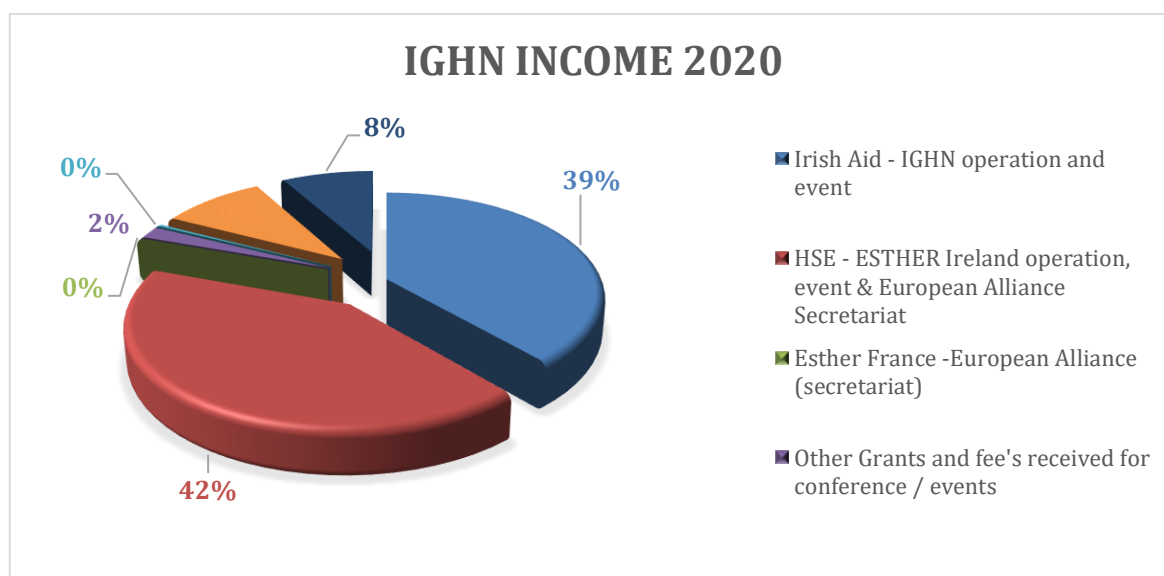
- We are noticing that IGHN is being approached to host and incubate programmes/initiatives/events more than before.
- Timely receipt of funding is crucial for the organisation and its ability to plan and complete activities. All efforts will be made to accelerate the receipt of funding in 2020/2021.
- Minimisation of staff turnover within such a small Secretariat has been crucial in the delivery of events and implementation of planned activities
- The formerly intensive period of Q4 for the IGHN Secretariat was alleviated somewhat by hosting the GH Exchange in September rather than October or November in 2020
- The Global Health Exchange Conference was extremely successful. It requires ongoing dedicated capacity in 2021
- 2020 was a year of continuity for ESTHER Ireland, with a focus on developing and building the capacity of existing partnership and the opening of two grant rounds.

Financials

IGHN total Income for the year 2020 (including ESTHER Ireland)

Income	2020	2019	%
Irish Aid - IGHN operation and event	105,000	97,209	38.5%
HSE - ESTHER Ireland operation, event & European Alliance Secretariat	114,580	115,724	42.0%
Esther France -European Alliance (secretariat)	-	24,785	0.0%
Other grants and fee's received for conference / events	5,150	30,888	1.9%
Contribution from Friends of IGHN	900	1,400	0.3%
In-kind (voluntary time) - IGHN only *	25,200	25,000	9.2%
In-kind (office space etc.) - IGHN & ESTHER *	22,080	22,080	8.1%
Total Income	272,910	317,086	100.0%

Notes * In-kind contributions received was a non-monetary value and is not included in the audited account

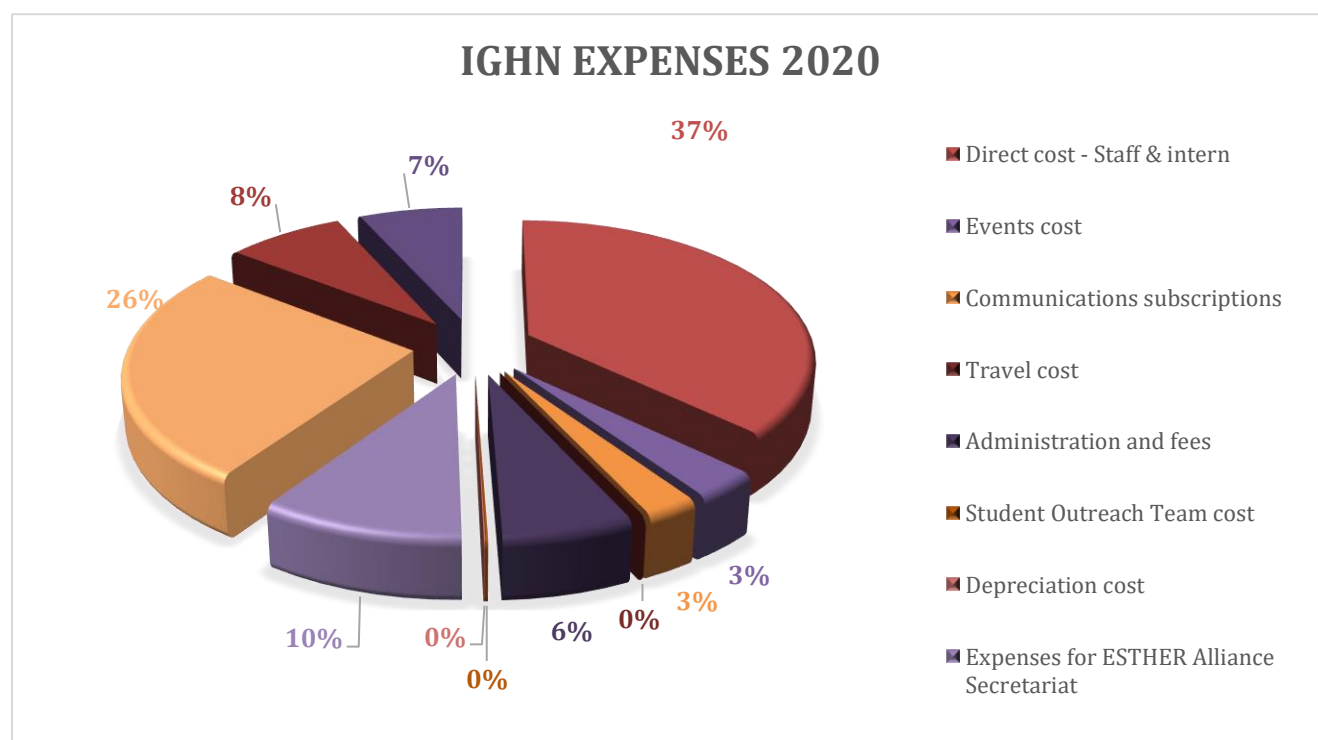


The IGHN and ESTHER Ireland also acknowledge and thank our partners for the large amount of in-kind contributions received: In 2020, despite COVID, we received additional in-kind contributions including hosting and office space totalling roughly €22,080 (€480 per week@46 week) (*non-monetary). We also received voluntary 50.4 working days per year contributed by IGHN Members, IGHN Board Members, totalling €25,200 (*non-monetary).

IGHN total Expense for the year 2020 (including ESTHER Ireland)

Expenditure	2020	2019	
Direct cost - Staff & intern	120,747	108,709	37.1%
Events cost	10,610	58,133	3.3%
Communications subscriptions	8,504	5,982	2.6%
Travel cost	110	4,097	0.0%
Administration and fees	20,896	15,297	6.4%
Student Outreach Team cost	330	4,008	0.1%
Depreciation cost	258	258	0.1%
Expenses for ESTHER Alliance secretariat	32,334	11,543	9.9%
ESTHER Small grants distributed	84,424	20,913	25.9%
In-kind (voluntary time)	25,200	25,000	7.7%
In-kind (office space etc.)	22,080	22,080	6.8%
Total Expenditure	325,493	276,020	100.0%

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Annexes

[Annex 1 – Overall M&E Summary 2020](#)

[Annex 2 – A Better World – M&E Event Summary](#)

[Annex 3 – Khartoum Film Preview - M&E Event Summary](#)

[Annex 4 – Healthy People on a Healthy Planet - M&E Event Summary](#)

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[Annex 8 – Webinar Series – Event M&E Summary](#)