

People's Health Movement for Equitable Access to Essential Health Technologies in the context of COVID-19

- In South Korea, South East Asia & Pacific, and beyond -

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- Specific immediate barriers and larger scale structural barriers
 - The Covid pandemic has brought into focus the barriers to ensuring equitable access to essential health technologies: PPE, ICU capacity, diagnostics, medicines and vaccines.
 - The threats and barriers to equitable access are diverse and complex, including supply chain dislocations and price barriers (including price gouging associated with shortages).
 - Behind these immediate barriers are features of the political, economic institutional and legal systems within which health technologies are developed, produced, distributed and utilised. These include global inequalities in access to decent health care and public health protection; and in the distribution of research and production capacity.
- The challenge of overcoming these barriers and assuring equitable access
 - The specific and immediate barriers need to be addressed through institutional, legal and economic initiatives but in ways which also address the larger scale structural factors.

People's Health Movement (PHM) for EACT

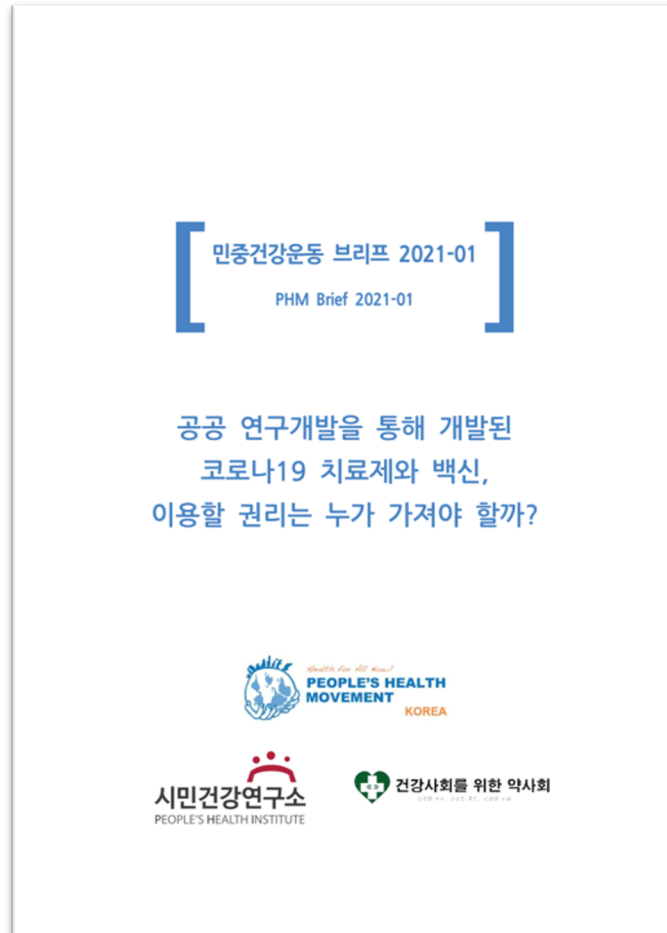
- What the PHM brings to this engagement
 - There are significant forces calling for a range of reforms to this regime, including both the specific and more general issues.
 - What sets PHM apart is its breadth of scope, its strong political economic analysis, and its commitment to building a global movement directed to achieving Health for All. PHM has an organised presence in over 70 countries with ramifying networks and a broad overview of health care and the right to health.
- PHM for EACT aims to:
 - Monitor people's access to health technologies, both Covid related and more general, and analysis and publicise these findings;
 - Mobilise community and civil society networks around identified barriers to equitable access;
 - Advocate at institutional and governmental levels for both institutional and structural reform, including for implementation nationally and internationally; and
 - Prepare and distribute such educational and informational resources as are needed to support such mobilisation and advocacy.

PHM for EACT in South Korea

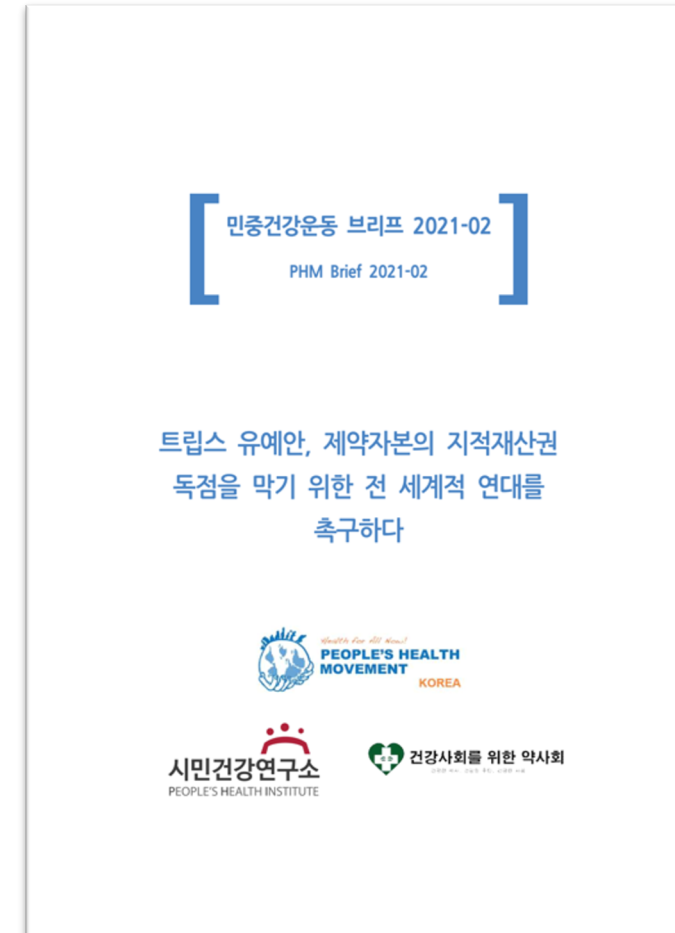
- On 19 March, published [PHM Korea statement on COVID-19 outbreak and responses in S Korea](#)
 - “The private, market-oriented healthcare system is the main barrier to cope with the COVID-19 though the ‘public control’ over the private hospitals and diagnostic kits industry makes the system keep to work.”
- Has led [6 CSOs joint public letters to the S Korean government on the WTO waiver](#) including
 - On 18 May, public letter with signatories of CSOs and individuals to the Presidents of the S Korea & the US ahead of the 2021 S Korea-US summit
 - On 29 April, press conference in front of the National Assembly
- Publishing series of articles under the title of [“COVID-19 and Global Health Watch”](#) and of [“Alternatives for post-COVID-19”](#)
- [Series of webinars were conducted on vaccinations and human rights](#) with testimonies from homeless people, people with disabilities on inequities in access



PHM for EACT in South Korea



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Today, we are joining over 700 health professionals and academics in sending an [open letter to Prime Minister Scott Morrison](#) urging him to take a leadership role in expanding the global production of COVID-19 vaccines and other medical tools to fight the pandemic.

The letter, signed by 207 doctors, 177 academics and 111 public health professionals, asks the government to help remove legal and technical barriers to increasing the production of COVID-19 vaccines, diagnostic tests, treatments and other equipment.

We argue there is more Australia — and other wealthy nations — can and should be doing to end the pandemic.

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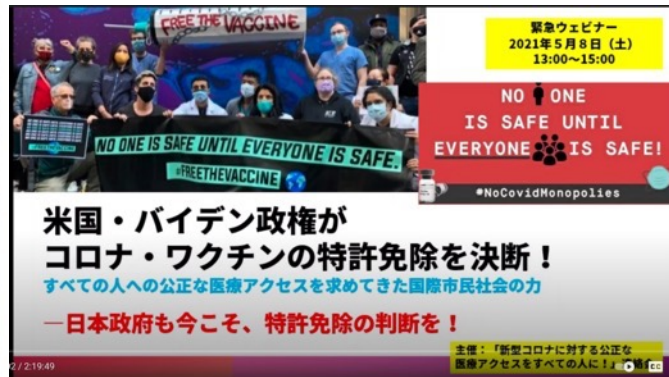
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