

# **MDGs: A Right to Health Care Perspective**

**NGO Forum for Health Session**

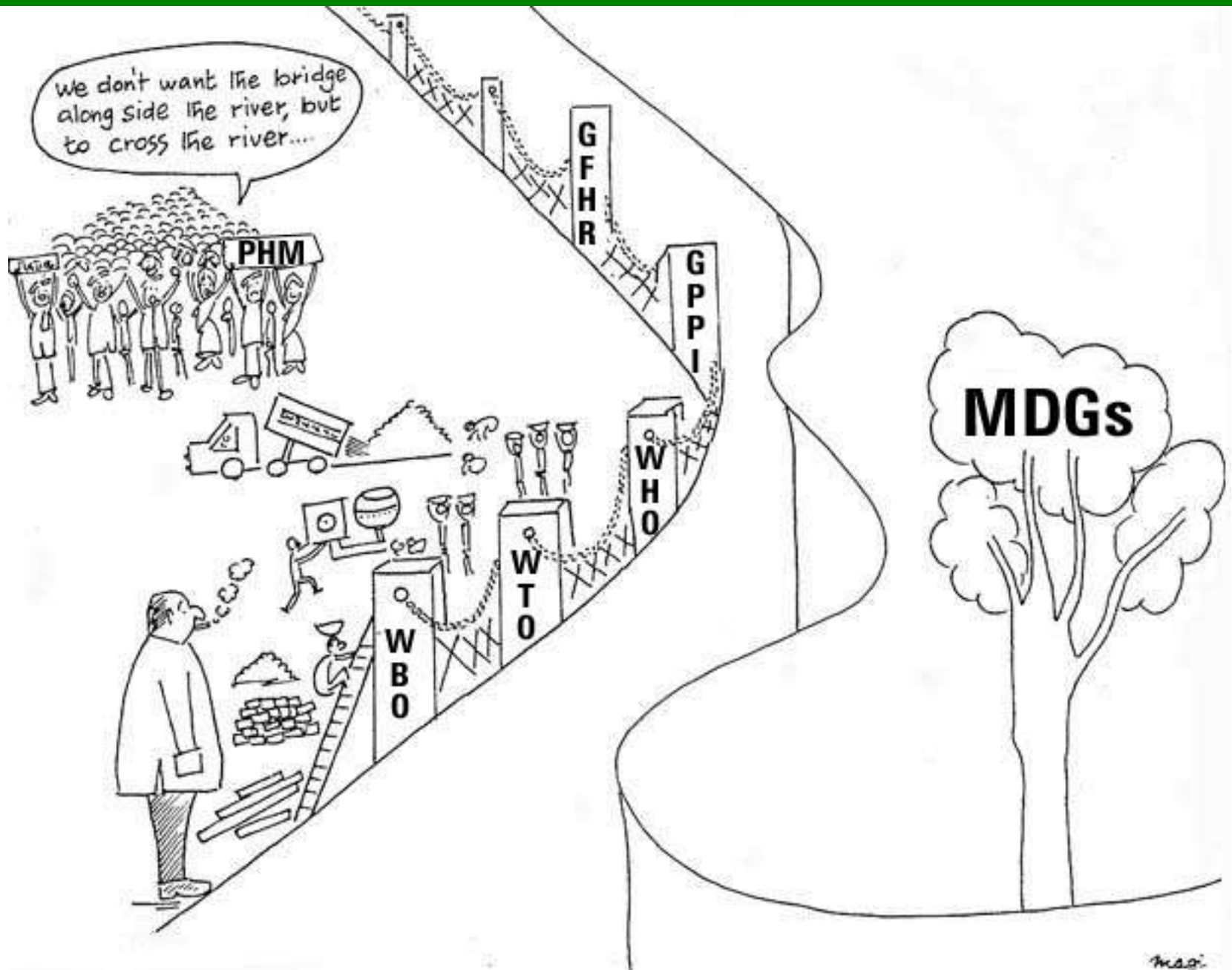
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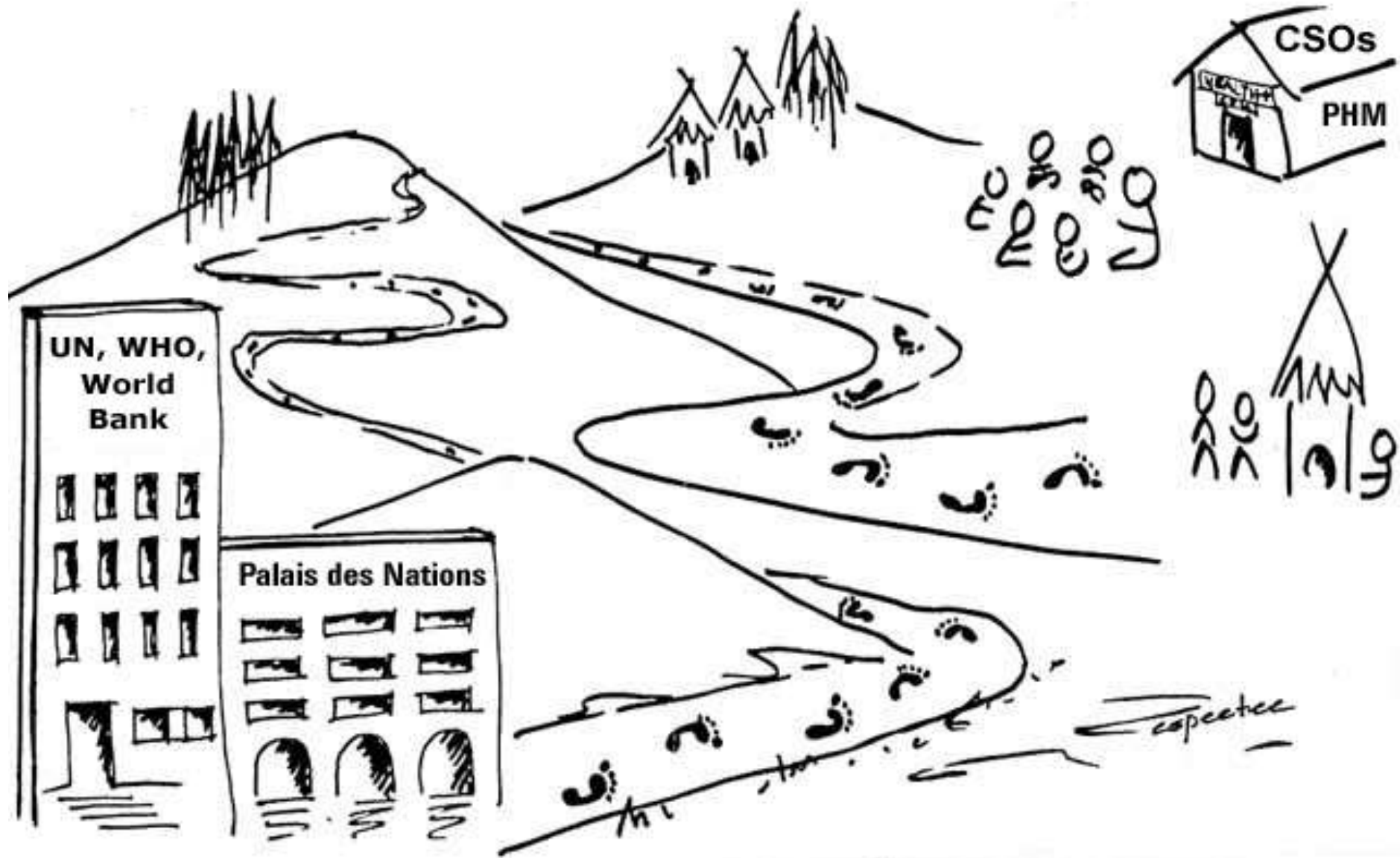
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**On behalf of the People's Health Movement**



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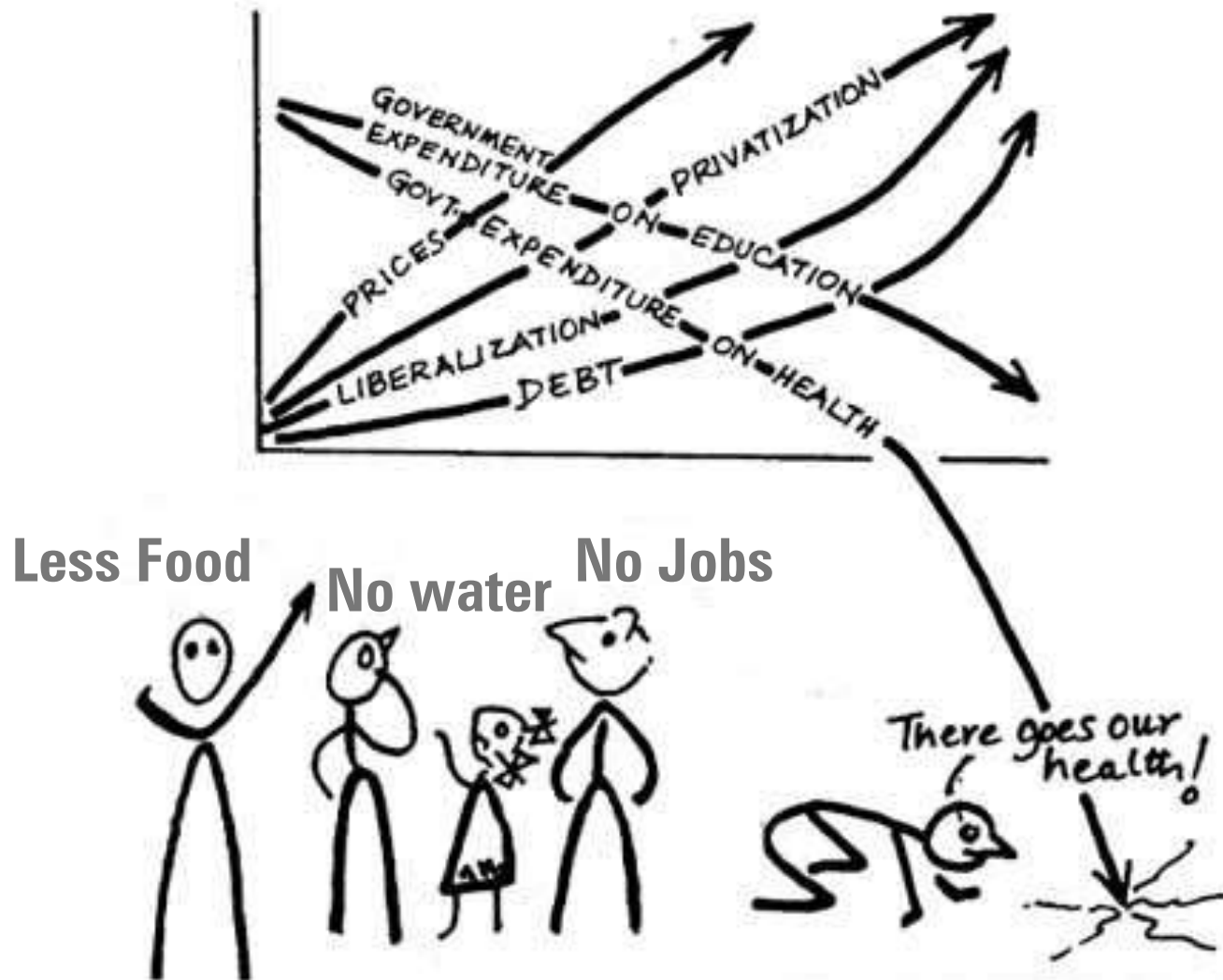


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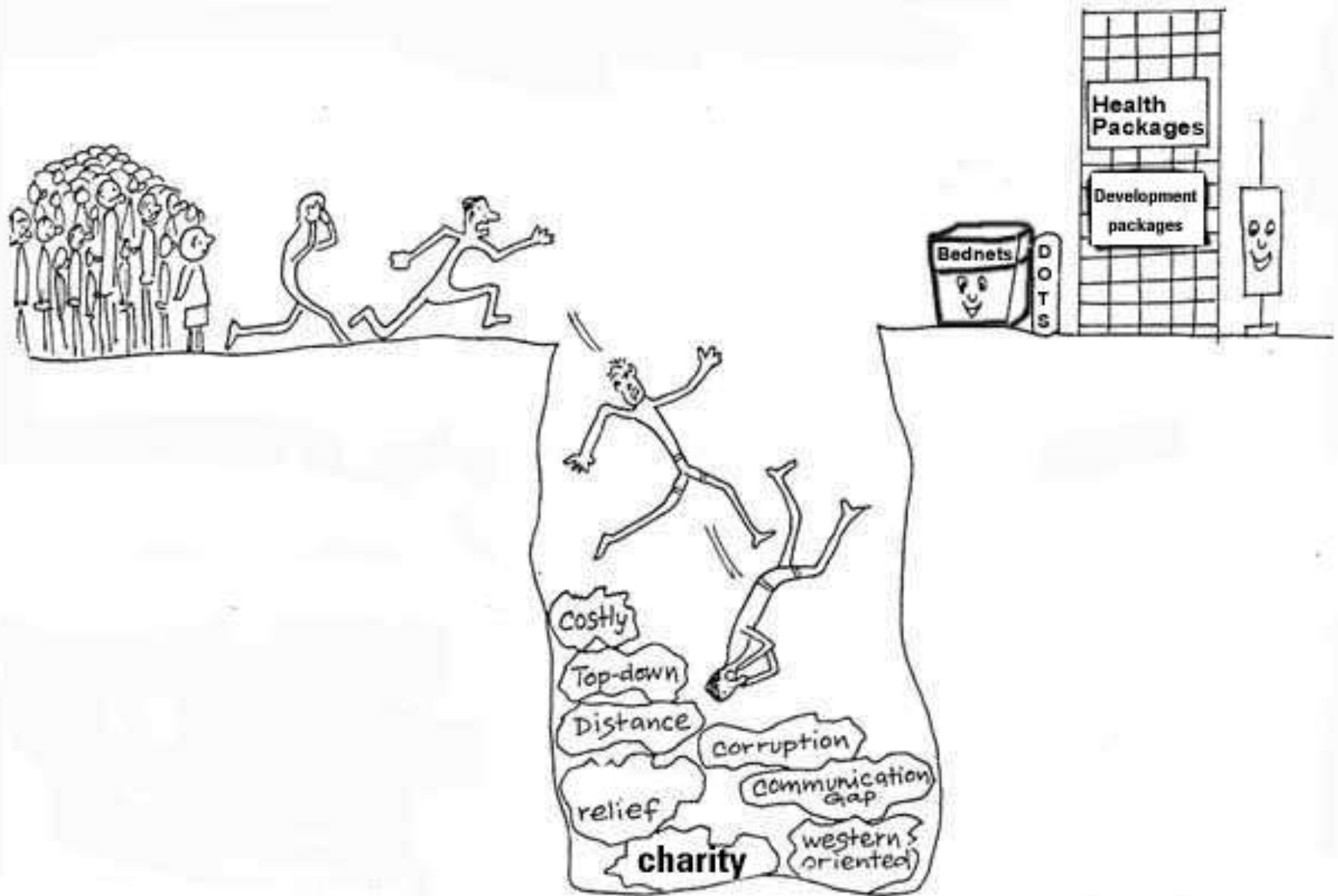


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## What are the people saying?



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## Understanding the determinants of MDGs

**Superficial**

**Only clinical?**

**Only epidemiological?**

**Only techno-managerial?**

**Or deeper?**

**Social?**

**Economic?**

**Cultural?**

**Political?**

**Structural?**

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**What is the focus of action?**

**Disease?**

**Illhealth?**

**Or tackling social determinants like**

**Poverty?**

**Gender bias?**

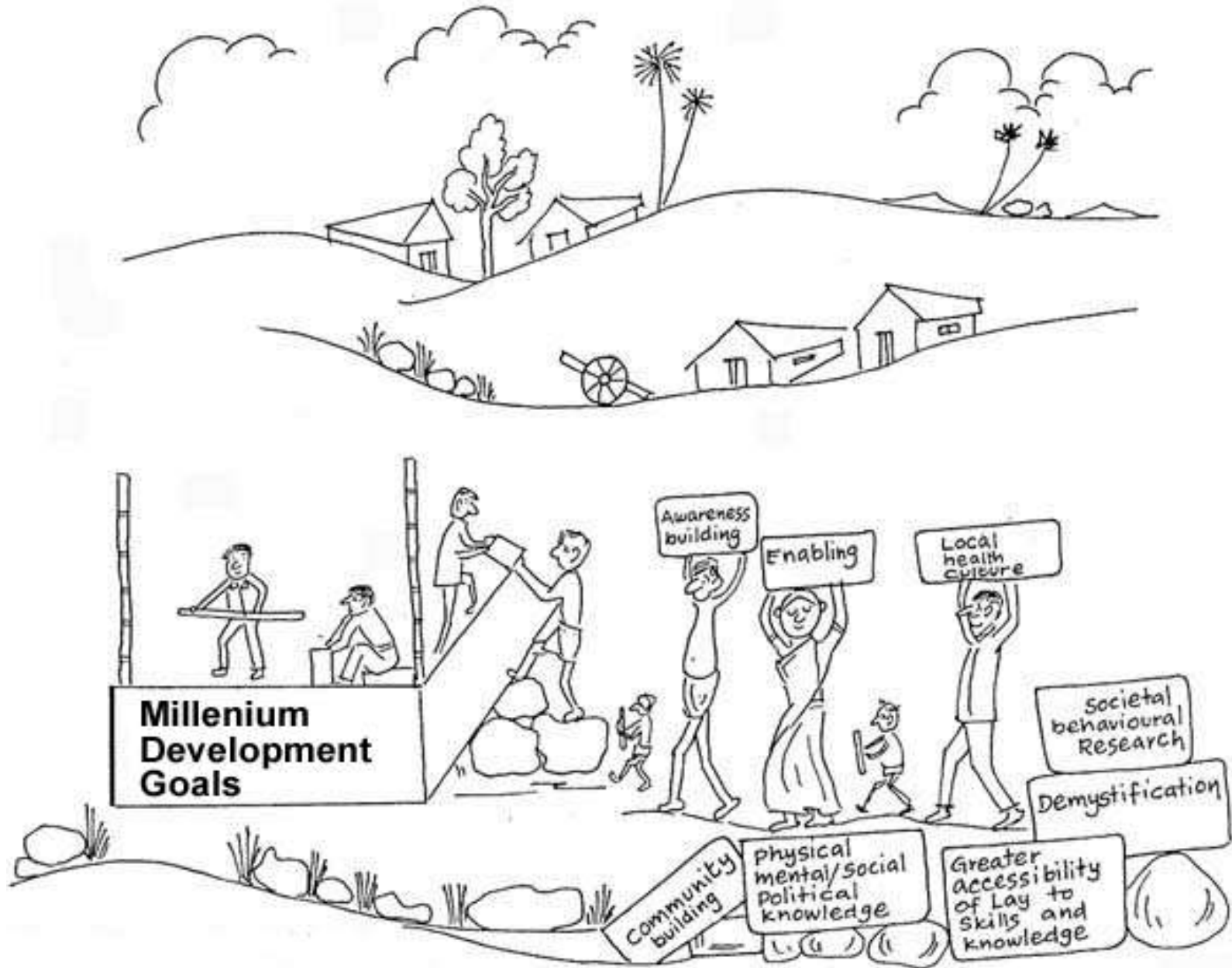
**Conflict?**

**Stigma?**

**Social exclusion?**



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**A Peoples Court  
Health and Development Tribunals - India**

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**Attended by members of the  
community / civil society**

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**A panel of judges and experts is setup by the National Human Rights Commission. The senior-most State health officials act as respondents**

## Lessons

- **True Community Participation**



- **Ordinary village activists and local people can audit health systems with proper orientation and simple tools – and development systems too!**

## Lessons

- **Peoples evidence strong on corruption, gender discrimination, social exclusion, stigma and system defaults**
- **Structural issues must be documented as key complement to individual experience**
- **Lead to deeper understanding of structural /systemic obstacles to development**

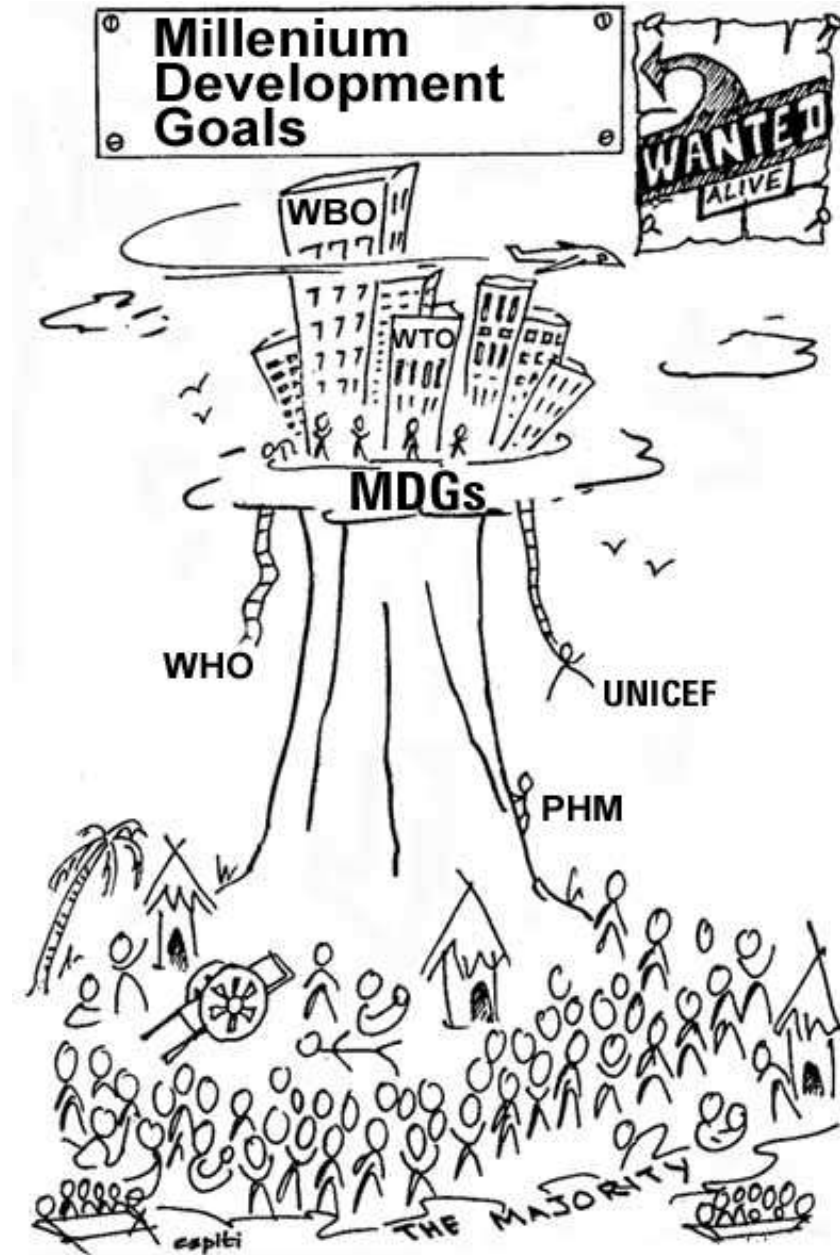
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**Urgent need:**

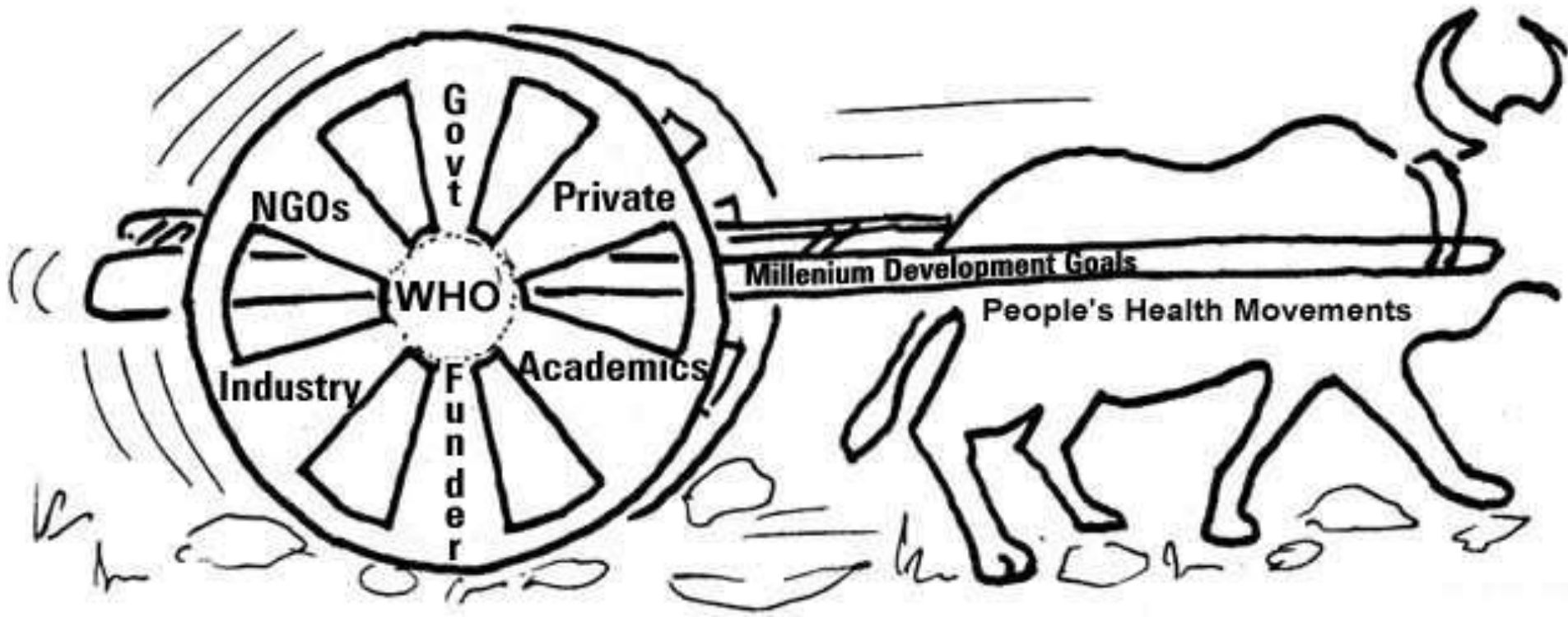
**Dialogue with  
the people  
esp. the poor  
and the  
socially  
excluded !**

**With a Rights  
perspective**

**Are we ready?**



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**Thank You**