



ActionAid International USA Presents

# Getting More Doctors, Nurses and Teachers Hired in Developing Countries

An Introductory Economic Literacy Training for Beginners

December 4 - 6, 2007

The Marvin Center at George Washington University  
800 21st Street NW, Washington DC

## Module One: What's going on -- A Basic Introduction December 4th, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Marvin Center Room 403

### Who this is geared to?

- People and organizations that are interested in exploring macroeconomic issues and International Monetary Fund policies – for use with their own staff, members, partners, advocacy, etc.
- People and organizations that are interested in learning how IMF loan conditions impact on wages and public spending for health, education and HIV/AIDS in low-income countries
- Those interested in the opportunity to learn from and interact directly with economists and civil society advocates from Sierra Leone, Malawi and Kenya (*see last page for complete list of visiting delegation*).

### What will be covered?

- Overview: trends in education and health care provision, gender equality in Sierra Leone, Kenya and Malawi specifically, and low-income countries generally
- Overview: A gender framework for looking at macroeconomic policies
- Overview: How the IMF gets involved with countries of the Global South – key IMF mechanisms, key IMF goals
- Focus: Understanding key loan conditions set by the IMF and how they affect health care and education provision, ceilings on wages, and the hiring of doctors, nurses, and teachers. Where possible, a gender analysis will be incorporated into each of the following concepts:
  - a) “fiscal space”
  - b) national budgets, budget deficits and deficit reduction targets
  - c) domestic borrowing limits
  - d) inflation and inflation-reduction targets
  - e) wage bill ceilings
  - f) findings from recent ActionAid reasearch on these issues.

### Featured Speakers

**Facilitation** by Pamela Sparr, Macroeconomist, and Rick Rowden, ActionAid USA Senior Policy Analyst

**Lessons** by Elissa Braunstein, Assistant Professor of Economics, Colorado State University

**Resource Persons** will include economists and civil society advocates from national health, education, HIV/AIDS and women’s rights groups in Sierra Leone, Malawi and Kenya

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## Module 2: Critiques and Alternatives December 5th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Marvin Center, Room 405

### Who is this geared to?

- People and organizations that are interested in exploring macroeconomic issues and IMF policies – for use with their own staff, members, partners, advocacy, etc.
- People and organizations that are interested in learning about alternative policies from those of the IMF and viable ways to increase public spending for health, education and HIV/AIDS in low-income countries
- Those interested in the opportunity to learn from and interact directly with economists and civil society advocates from Sierra Leone, Malawi and Kenya (*see last page for complete list of visiting delegation*)
- Staff from organizations interested in deepening their advocacy related to debt, poverty, development, health, education, IFIs, and/or gender equality

### What will be covered?

- Traditional thinking about fiscal and monetary policy formulation and critiques, including a gendered critique
- Gendered approaches to taxes, expenditures, trade and monetary policies, as they relate to health and education
- Alternative, more expansionary fiscal and monetary policies: the arguments for, what the research shows, and examples in practice
- The Millennium Institute's "Threshold 21" model for alternative macroeconomic forecasting
- Skill-building session: Making the Case for Alternatives

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**Presentation** by the Millennium Institute on alternative macroeconomic models and forecasting



## Module 3: Examining, Deconstructing, and Demystifying IMF Documents December 6th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Marvin Center, Room 403

### Who is this geared to?

- People and organizations that are interested in exploring macroeconomic issues and IMF policies – for use with their own staff, members, partners, advocacy, etc.
- People and organizations that are interested in learning how IMF loan conditions impact wages and public spending for health, education and HIV/AIDS in low-income countries
- Those who desire to understand economic and political dynamics on a deeper level by engaging in three case studies with actual IMF documents related to Sierra Leone, Malawi, and Kenya
- People and organizations that seek to deconstruct and better understand IMF loan documents

### What will be covered?

- Timelines of IMF involvement in 3 pilot countries: Sierra Leone, Malawi and Kenya (past 5 years; next 2-3 years)
- Mini skill-building session: How to obtain IMF documents, what to look for, and how to understand them
- Review of highlights from Letters of Intent (LOIs), Poverty Reduction & Growth Facility (PRGF) and Policy Support Instrument (PSI) documents for Sierra Leone, Malawi, and Kenya
- Briefing: Bank Information Center (BIC) presents on US Treasury Department's relationship with the IMF and issues of the Treasury Department's accountability and transparency to US citizens
- Identification of key intervention points in the US and Sierra Leone, Malawi and Kenya in IMF loan cycles over the next 2 years: pinpointing main actors, key decisions, and how to influence those decisions

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**Presentation** by the Bank Information Center on transparency and accountability of documents and procedures of IMF and US Treasury Department

## Visiting Delegation to Washington DC

*All delegates are active participants in ActionAid's Multi-Country Economic Literacy and Advocacy Project, 2007-2009 ("The IMF Project"). Delegates will be joining US NGOs in the three-day training.*

**Patrick Zombo**, IMF Project Coordinator, Sierra Leone  
**Samuel Braima**, IMF Project Trainer/Facilitator, Sierra Leone  
**Patricia Abu**, Nurses Association of Sierra Leone  
**Tigidankay A. Kamara-Willis**, Forum for African Women Educationalists, Sierra Leone  
**Rose Wanjiru**, IMF Project Coordinator, Kenya  
**James Kamau**, Kenya Treatment Access Movement  
**Faith Mbehero**, Nurses Association of Kenya  
**Alexander Njue Kariavu**, National Union of Teachers, Kenya  
**Robert White**, IMF Project Coordinator & Trainer/Facilitator, Malawi  
**Martha Kwataine**, Malawi Health Equity Network  
**Belliam Msukwa**, Teachers Union of Malawi  
**Lexon Ndalama**, Basic Education Coalition, Malawi  
**Julie Juma**, Education Coordinator, ActionAid Malawi  
**Collins Magalasi**, Head of Policy, ActionAid Malawi

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Which module(s) do you want to attend? Indicate all that apply

- Module 1: What's Going on -- A basic Intro
- Module 2: Critiques and Alternatives
- Module 3: Examining, Deconstructing, and Demystifying IMF Documents
- I will be attending all three modules

Kindly indicate if your organization works in Sierra Leone, Kenya and/or Malawi