Editorial

WFPHA Survey: Progress on Millennium Development Goals

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In the last issue's Editorial we decried the silence of the US public health community in the face of the CIA's ruse and misuse of already embattled efforts to vaccinate all children in Pakistan. Now, five polio vaccinators have been killed there, most likely by the Taliban. As explained in two *New York Times* articles (19 December 2012, www.nytimes.com/2012/12/20/world/asia/un-suspends-immunization-work-in-pakistan.html?hp&_r=0, www.nytimes.com/2012/12/19/world/asia/attackers-in-pakistan-kill-anti-polio-workers.html) 'The killings were a serious reversal for the multibillion dollar global polio immunization effort, which over the past quarter century has reduced the number of endemic countries to just three: Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria' After these horrific killings, will our colleagues in the US public health community at last speak out against the CIA's colossal misjudgment, when it created a fake immunization program to further espionage?

Our partners at the World Federation of Public Health Associations have undertaken a study that may be very important for public health. They have conducted an online survey of public health professionals and representatives of national public health associations to assemble the views from the public health world about how activities to meet the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals are progressing and what helps or hinders efforts to improve population health. WFPHA has given us an early look at the results that will appear in the Federation's Pages in coming issues. We have offered the Federation the opportunity to supplement the Federation's Pages by placing documents related to the survey on the *Journal's* webpage. (These documents will appear online only; as with all Federation Pages, this supplemental material will be free.)

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