

## April 2010 E-Newsletter

### IIRR in the 'Women First' Great Ethiopian Run 2010

(ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia) – IIRR participated in the 'Women First' 5 kilometer run which took place in Addis Ababa on March 6, 2010 by sponsoring runners. Sixty female staff from IIRR and partner organizations took part in the race.

IIRR participated in the run to denounce violence against women and express solidarity with those who are committed to stopping it. This year's run carried the slogans: "You have a key role to stop gender based violence" and "No woman should die while giving birth."



The world-famous Olympic athlete Haile Gebreselassie, who has so far broken 26 world records and still holds some including the Berlin Marathon, organized the [Great Ethiopian Run](#).

### Pangea Advisors: Pro-Bono Consulting for International Development



(NEW YORK, New York, USA) – [Pangea Advisors](#), the professional consulting group of the [International Development Club](#) at [Columbia Business School](#), partnered with IIRR to assist with marketing, fundraising, and outreach efforts.

The team visited IIRR's Africa Regional Office in Nairobi, Kenya, in January 2010 to learn more about IIRR's field-based programs. Their final product and presentation resulted in first place at the Pangea Case Competition, winning out over more than ten teams. The team presented their findings and recommendations at the April meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The team's members included Ben Cox, Jeffrey Hui, and Hillary Lazarus, all students at Columbia Business School in New York City.

## Research Institute of Tuberculosis Learns from IIRR

(SILANG, Cavite, Philippines) – Representatives of the [Research Institute of Tuberculosis/Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association, Philippines, Inc \(RJPI\)](#) visited IIRR on February 20, 2010. Delegates included Dr. Nobukatsu Ishikawa, President of RJPI; Dr. Roderick Poblete, Deputy Executive Director and others.

RJPI is implementing “Quality TB Control Project in Urban Poor areas of Manila and Quezon City Philippines.” Dr. Ishikawa’s career as a physician was guided by the principles of Dr. James Yen, and they made the visit to learn from the rich experience of the IIRR’s development work.

[Emilita Oro](#) and [Annie Secretario](#) presented on IIRR and its [community-managed health program](#). Dr. Ishikawa expressed interest to collaborate with IIRR in documenting their experiences through the writeshop process and to learn more about the community-managed health approach.



Tuberculosis in the Philippines results in serious economic consequences by “loss of income due to disability and premature death. It is still a major public health concern in the Philippines, ranking as the sixth leading cause of morbidity and mortality. Globally, the Philippines is ninth among 22 high burden countries and ranks third, previously second, in the Western Pacific region based on” the number of new cases, reports the [Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases](#).

## IIRR Participates in the SPIRIT Initiative



(NEW YORK, New York, USA) – US Office staff Scarlett Lopez Freeman and Sehee Chung joined the SPIRIT Initiative conference on Friday, April 9, 2010, as expert participants to student groups proposing peacemaking initiatives for Afghanistan-Pakistan, Colombia, and Israel-Palestine. Scarlett and Sehee participated in proposal review workshops for three student teams from Lagos Business School, The Kroc Institute at University of Notre Dame, and London Business School, each proposing unique peacemaking plans for the ongoing Colombian civil conflict.

The conference was organized by the SPIRIT Initiative in partnership with the [United Nations](#), the [School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University](#), [Columbia Business School](#), and the [Center for International Conflict Resolution at Columbia University](#).

The initiative seeks to integrate open-source technology with peacemaking efforts around the world. More information can be found at <http://www.spiritinitiative.org>.