

NAMDA

NATIONAL MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSOCIATION

This new association was formed in Natal in September last year.

NAMDA has not been formed in opposition to MASA (Medical Association of South Africa), nor is there any intention to repeat the functions of MASA.

The intention of NAMDA is to explore the interaction between health and economics, health and politics and health and social organisation.

NAMDA has committed itself to creating the conditions for optimum health which can only exist in a free and democratic society. Its aims and objectives include :

- + to attain the highest possible level of health for all the people of South Africa;
- + to emphasise both preventive and curative health services;
- + to actively develop community and worker participation in all matters of health.

The immediate priority of the association is to increase membership and establish effective inter-provincial channels of communication.

NAMDA recognises that it is a fledgling body and that it has people of different persuasions in its ranks. It has committed itself to accommodate as many interests as possible without jeopardising its fundamental goals.

The general programmes of NAMDA will cover as wide

a field as possible so as to cause least disagreement and provide firm continuity to the association.

The strategic programmes are seen to require specialised subgroups that could explore the questions of primary health care, medical evaluation and education, poverty and health, bantustans and health, etc.

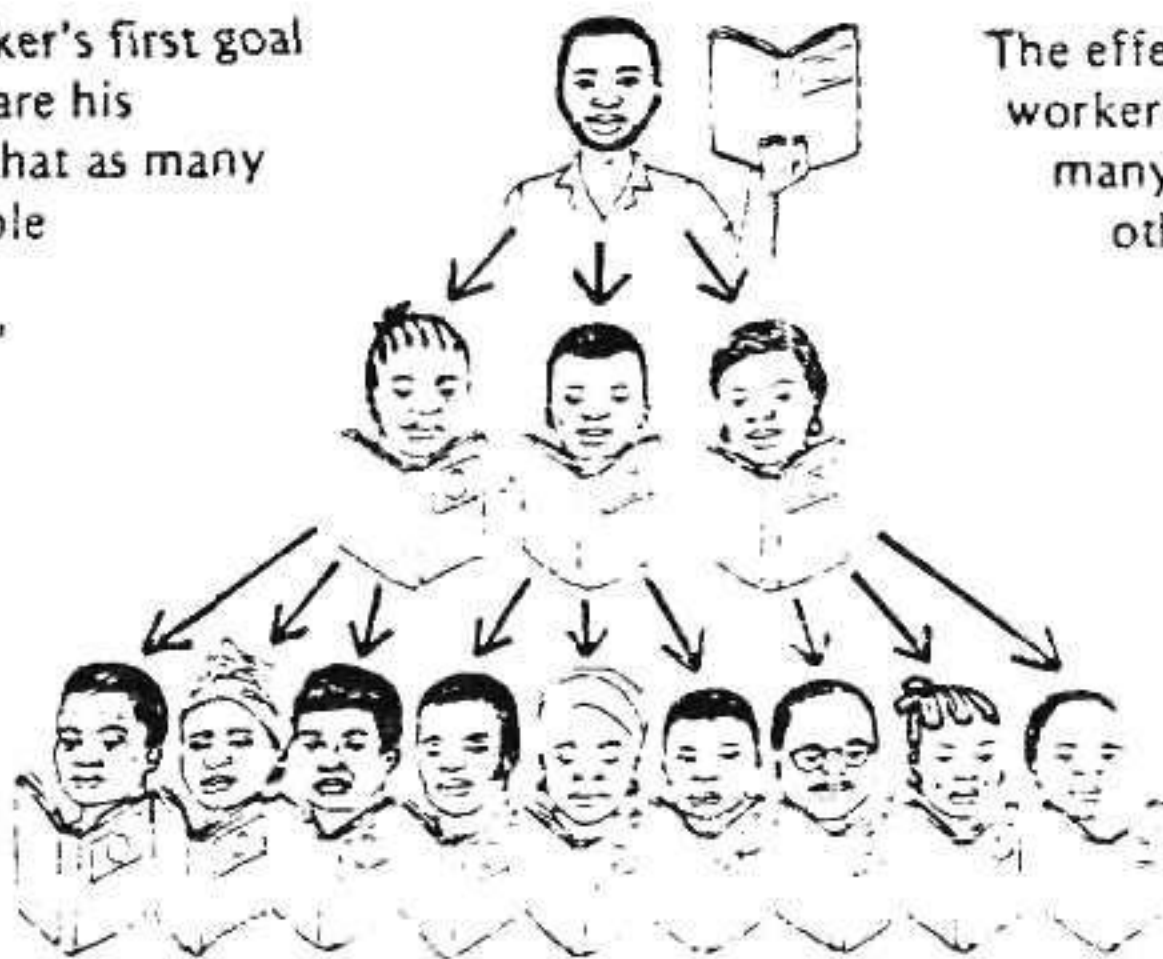
NAMDA also recognises the need to monitor abuses to health in South Africa, e.g. the Biko affair.

Ordinary membership is open to all registered medical practitioners and dentists in South Africa. Associate membership is open to medical and dental students and to medical practitioners in other countries.

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The health worker's first goal should be to share his knowledge, so that as many people as possible also become 'health workers' among family and friends.



The effectiveness of health workers can be multiplied many times if they help others in neighboring communities to obtain and use appropriate 'self-help' books.