
NAND HASSARAM WADHWANI
OBITUARY



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sadly, WABA just lost a great health activist, Nand Wadhvani, who devoted his last three decades of life to promote the interests of mothers and children worldwide creatively, competently and with

amazing passion. He served on the International Advisory Council (IAC) of WABA and not only attended many of our major events but also generously gave his time, resources and talent. He put our pioneering masterpiece sourcebook HEALTHY DOCUMENTS on the web for us. The pioneering work he did for supporting our work on protecting breastfeeding with the challenges of HIV by putting the amazing HIV KIT, compiled under the leadership of Pamela Morrison, on the web was unforgettable. He was always generous and sharing, caring and full of cutting edge ideas as Sarah Amin and Juliana Lim, formerly with WABA, reminded me.

He had a talent for promoting the public health interest through the new digital media like no one else I know. He was the founder of the MOTHER & CHILD TRUST (<http://motherchildtrust.org/>) and the inventor of THE HEALTH PHONE (<https://youtu.be/PwSKHDOOCeM>).

Over the last decade, he became a minimalist, as Susan Siew reminded me, living with a suitcase, computer and two phones (one a backup) and travelled around the world providing service, living simply, helping anyone he can and, being a vegetarian, exploring every variation of it. He was a Lone Ranger of the digital age par excellence. We had so many chats and meals together and they were always a magic combination of seriousness and fun.

His great works benefitting countless millions of people will continue sprouting and inspiring us with creativity and purpose.

A fuller bio of Nand's life prepared by the family is below

Dato' Seri (Dr.) Anwar Fazal

Chairperson Emeritus, World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA),
Recipient of the Right Livelihood Award popularly called the "Alternative Nobel Prize "

PLEASE DO SHARE THIS WITH YOUR FRIENDS WHO MAY HAVE KNOWN HIM.



Nand Hassaram Wadhvani

1947 – 2021

With deep sorrow and profound sadness, we inform you that our loving brother departed peacefully to his heavenly abode on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

He was a very private person and a man of strong principles. He believed in a life of simplicity and devoted over 40 years of his life to selfless service. His dreams of making the world a better place for the underprivileged came early on and he started his journey with UNICEF.

From there his work grew to educating developing communities on dehydration and oral rehydration therapy, thus providing a greater chance at life for the poorest children from the poorest countries.

He then moved onto create and run the Mother and Child Health and Education Trust, where over 20 projects ran worldwide providing communities with knowledge on water, sanitation and hygiene practices in order to keep disadvantaged children healthy.

The trust continued to grow and included a global implementation of HealthPhone™ allowing for this wealth of information to be directly accessed by the underprivileged and uneducated in over 78 languages.

His work has been invaluable to the world and him, invaluable to us. We honor him and will dearly miss him in his roles as a kind, loving and generous brother to Vijay and Priya Wadhvani, Sajni and Murli Mukhi. Uncle to Reshma and Anjali Mukhi, Milan and Ashish Sarin, Hasina and Romit Mediratta. Beloved 'Uncle Bhau Nand' to Naiya and Ahliya.

May his work and ethics continue to inspire us and may his gentle soul reside in oneness with the divine.

In respect of his wishes and simple ways, his final rites will be conducted privately.