Furthering the Potential of Partnerships - UUKHA

This report details the Uganda UK Health Alliance programme work plan for the next year, highlighting the enormous potential that Ugandan and UK health institutions can contribute towards health improvements in both countries.

The Uganda UK Health Alliance (UUKHA) a body of health related organizations registered in Uganda and UK was established in 2013 after a memorandum of understanding between Ministry of Health, Uganda and NHS. It has since grown to a membership of over 200 members working together under the core values of joint working, shared learning and co-development. The alliance operates to achieve the following objectives:

- Support the Ugandan government to implement its plans to increase and develop its objectives and contribute towards achieving the health related development goals.
- Provide opportunities for learning and development for health workers and institutions in both Uganda and the UK
- Provide a means of better coordinating UK organizations contribution to joint working in health within internationally recognized standards of good practice.
- Encourage professional volunteering in both directions in particular the development of standard models for different categories of volunteers.
- Ensure value for money.

The alliance intends to achieve these objectives by developing programs and projects under 5 core thematic areas:

- Educational development
- Quality, Safety and innovations
- Leadership and governance
- Public health
- Collaborative research

Targets achieved as of July 2017

- 1. Visited Kisiizi-Chester link to strengthen institutional linkages
- 2. Visited Gulu and facilitated father collaboration between GHE and Gulu Regional Refferal Hospital, Lacor Hospital and Gulu University.
- 3. Electronic medical records for developing world (EMR4DW) presented in the July e-Health Technical Working Group of Ministry of Health.
- 4. Through our various communication platforms, we have facilitated joint working of the following member organisations with a common goal:
 - o Open people's Uni with Uganda Protestant Medical bureau
 - o Uganda eye project with Helping Uganda Schools
 - o Uganda Eye project with Lubaga Hospital
 - o Nsambya Hospital with Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital
 - o International Health Partners with UPDF
 - Electronic Medical Records for the Developing World (EMR4DW) with Makerere University

5. Facilitated UK volunteers' immigration and professional council clearances and placed them in health facilities in the different regions in Uganda

Upcoming Events

- 1. UUKHA talk (Webinar) July 27th 2017 in collaboration with THET and Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health; "lessons learnt from implementing paediatric teaching and support program in district hospitals in Myanmar"
- 2. 2nd joint board meeting 21st March 2018
- 3. 3rd UK East Africa Health Investment Summit 22rd and 23rd March 2018, "Strengthening Health sector Investments to Improve Quality of care and Patient safety"

Upcoming Meetings

- 1. Emergency care systems assessment consensus meeting in collaboration with WHO and Uganda Ministry of Health on 19th to 20th July 2017
- 2. University of Cambridge, Makerere University and Ministry of Health on maternal and child health, October 2017
- 3. The 2nd International volunteers' meeting, November 2017
- 4. NHS Blood and transplant, Mulago National Referral Hospital organ transplant unit and Uganda blood transfusion services on 24th July 2017.

If any readers would be interested in joining the Alliance, please email ugandaukha@gmail.com.



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