

## COMMUNICATION OF ENGAGEMENT

### Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET)

Period covered by this communication: June 2019 to June 2020

#### Part 1. Statement of Continued Support

22 June 2020

I am pleased to confirm that the Tropical Health and Education Trust reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact. In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organisation has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its workstreams. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders.

Yours Sincerely,



**Ben Simms**  
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**Tropical Health and Education Trust**



## Part 2. Description of Actions

THET has supported the Global Compact by supporting the Sustainable Development workstream, specifically Sustainable Development Goal 3, “Good Health and Well-being”. THET’s vision is a world where everyone has access to healthcare, and we achieve this by training and educating health workers in Africa and Asia, working in partnership with organisations and volunteers from across the UK.

### Ethiopia

- Training has been undertaken at Jimma and Gondar universities with two senior nurses trained in stroke care, who have cascaded the training to other nurses
- Training in NCD diagnosis and care to Health Centre staff and Health Extension Workers across seven regions.

### Myanmar

- Held a diaspora engagement event and suggested new ways forward for the Myanmar UK Health Alliance’s communication with partners, aligning diaspora more directly to the Alliance’s work
- Held a sharing and learning event in Myanmar with representation from Cambridge Global Health Partners, The Myanmar GP Society, Yangon General Hospital and others.
- Supported the first international conference on Dermatology in Myanmar alongside the British Skincare Institute
- Facilitated a Public Health England visit contributing to a medical research seminar, and engagement with the National Health Laboratory.
- Facilitated webinar meetings on GP surgeries’ response to COVID-19.

### Somalia/Somaliland

- Facilitated the Medical Education Task force to drive forward the implementation of the medical education policy, including the harmonisation of the curriculum, the harmonisation of medical exams and the assessment of medical schools to ensure they meet international quality standards.
- Facilitated an assessment of all of the medical schools in Somaliland, using World Federation for Medical Education adapted standards. The process was led by a Somaliland task force (led by the Ministries of Health and Higher Education and the two regulatory bodies (for Health professions and higher education). The assessment has resulted in a number of recommendations which are now being considered and addressed by the Somaliland stakeholders.
- Strengthened the capacity of District Health Management Teams (DHMTs) in 16 districts of Somaliland/ Somalia – through:
  - The development of standard and quality assured job descriptions and terms of references for the teams
  - The adaptation of a WHO training package to the Somali context (and in line with Somaliland/ Somalian job descriptions and terms of reference)
  - The delivery of training of the DHMTs.

### Tanzania

- Train the trainer training in Quality Improvement integration in community health work has been delivered to district health teams
- Best practice guidance produced on community health work

### Uganda

- Facilitated the Uganda UK Health Alliance to hold a series of consortia meetings in the UK covering Maternal Health, Mental Health, NCD, and Emergency Medicine

### Zambia

- Placement of 16 trained Zambian Biomedical Engineering Technicians (BMETs) in district level hospitals across four provinces
- Developed Standard Operating Procedures which will result in improved services available to patients and better financial returns for the procurement of equipment.
- 3 UK volunteers placed in Zambia – two paediatricians and 1 MEL expert. They are designing needs based projects to support Kanyamana and Matero Level One Hospitals
- UK paediatrician volunteers worked with the Zambian Paediatric Association, Lusaka Province and their facilities to develop a context specific assessment of paediatric cases course. This has been delivered 5 times with the province covering the costs of training.

### Grants Programmes

As well as directly carrying out projects, THET also funds grants to health partnerships to carry out health systems strengthening activities in low and lower-middle income countries.

- Four grants awarded for surgery and anaesthesia projects in Ethiopia, Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia
- Continued grants management of 12 grants in antimicrobial stewardship in Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. These grants involve UK health workers volunteering their time overseas to strengthen the capacity of the national health workforce and institutions to address antimicrobial resistance challenges.
- Continued grants management of 14 projects in surgery & anaesthesia, and community health, in hospitals in the DRC, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Malawi, Rwanda, Somaliland and Zimbabwe.

### Improving capacity development

- THET carried out research with local gender activists in Somaliland and Uganda to gain a better understanding of best practice in gender transformative approaches in health system strengthening. Based on the insights and findings from the research, THET developed tools and guidance promoting best practice in gender transformative approaches across our portfolio of grants management and country programmes work.
- THET also developed the Health Innovation Platform to enable health partnerships to showcase innovations that can transform health systems in both low resource settings and in the UK. This was accompanied by the publication of an innovation toolkit, which guides health partnerships in facilitating innovation.

### Part 3. Measurement of Outcomes

#### Ethiopia

- 383 health centre staff have received training in NCDs
- 519 health extension workers have received training in NCDs
- 106582 patients screened and 58949 diagnosed with an NCD
- Four trainers trained to cascade stroke care training to health workers in Jimma and Gondar.

#### Tanzania

- 22 district health team in-charge dispensaries successfully complete train the trainer training in quality improvement integration in community health work

#### Zambia

- Across four provinces the average uptime in district hospital equipment has increased from a baseline of 78% in November to 93%
- Percentage of equipment having no down days in a month increased from an average of 76.5% to 86.1% of the 2,622 pieces of equipment now captured in the inventories

#### Grants Programmes

- 289 male, 191 female and 80 unknown health workers trained in surgery and community health
- 91 male, 110 female and 100 unknown patients benefitting from improved community health provision.
- Training in antimicrobial stewardship:
  - 462 male, 633 female and 328 unknown health workers trained
  - 224 male, 292 female and 290 unknown health workers demonstrate improved knowledge post-training (not all tested).
  - 15 new or revised documents related to AMS and antibiotic prescribing developed
  - 7 guidelines and protocols rolled out in the LMIC healthcare institutions through awareness campaign, training, printing and sharing

