

COMMUNICATION OF ENGAGEMENT

Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET)

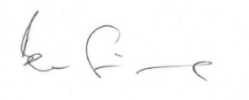
Period covered by this communication: June 2020 to June 2022

Part 1. Statement of Continued Support

21 June 2022

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

CEO

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

- Programme ongoing in training health workers in NCD diagnosis and treatment, and in screening community members.

Myanmar

- Convened bi-weekly meetings for UK health workers interested in supporting Myanmar since the coup of 1st February 2021. There are four workstreams: education, advocacy, funding and communications
- 3 grants awarded to support Myanmar health workers through telemedicine services, foundational and advanced nurse training, and training in COVID-19 for GPs.

Somaliland

- Developed specific national standards for nursing, midwifery and medical education, which were validated by the regulatory body.
- Revised the national nursing and midwifery BSc curricula, and trained 21 lecturers and clinical supervisors from across the universities and institutions.

Uganda

- Facilitated the Uganda UK Health Alliance to hold a series of committee meetings in Research and Innovation, Human resources for health, and health investment and finance.
- Strengthened the knowledge and skills of health workers around mental health in Arua and Mbarara, as well as trained peer support workers to support others.

Zambia

- Standard Operating Procedures and Technical Guidelines developed for oxygen equipment and its maintenance for the Zambia Ministry of Health.

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.

- Continued grants management of 4 surgery and anaesthesia projects in Ethiopia, Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia

- Grants management of 14 grants strengthening antimicrobial stewardship in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania, Sierra Leone, 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.
- Grants management of 8 grants in Uganda and Somaliland, focussing on a wide range of health systems strengthening projects.

Improving capacity development

- THET has been running a capacity development programme for 21 civil society organisations, providing webinars, mentorship and resources to help them strengthen their policies and project management, and to improve their chances of securing funding.
- THET has developed an online platform, <https://pulsepartnerships.org/>, which enables health professionals around the world to access support and share resources/experiences and opportunities
- THET has produced a [gender equality and social inclusion toolkit](#) for those working in global health.

Part 3. Measurement of Outcomes

Ethiopia

- 1,053 health workers trained in NCD diagnosis and treatment (including nurses, health officers, and health extension workers)
- 405,314 (135% of target) patients screened for NCDs across seven regions
- 37,578 patients enrolled

Myanmar

- 70 Myanmar GPs trained and reporting improved confidence in providing treatment to patients with COVID-19.
- 11,646 tele-consultations provided for those who cannot access services in person due to the political instability
- 485 nurses across Myanmar showing significant improvement in self assessed clinical skills leading to improvements in appropriate clinical identification, escalation, and treatment

Somaliland

- 21 lecturers and clinical supervisors from across the universities and institutions trained in the revised national nursing and midwifery BSc curricula.

Uganda

- 72 service users trained as peer support workers to support others with mental health problems in Arua and Mbarara.

- 65 psychiatrists, mental health nurses and PCOs trained

Zambia

- 15 biomedical engineer technicians (BMETs) – at least one from each province - were trained as trainers in the above, and this training was cascaded to 51 BMETs across the country.

