



**Universal Health Coverage  
Annual Report Card 2016**

# THET COMMITMENTS TOWARDS UHC

THET believes that we can greatly improve the chances of achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by actively championing new forms of development such as the health partnership approach.

In January 2016 we published a discussion paper highlighting our commitments toward UHC. One year on we check on progress made and explore what further actions can be taken over the coming year.

## EVIDENCE

**Commitment 1**  
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### Globalization and Health

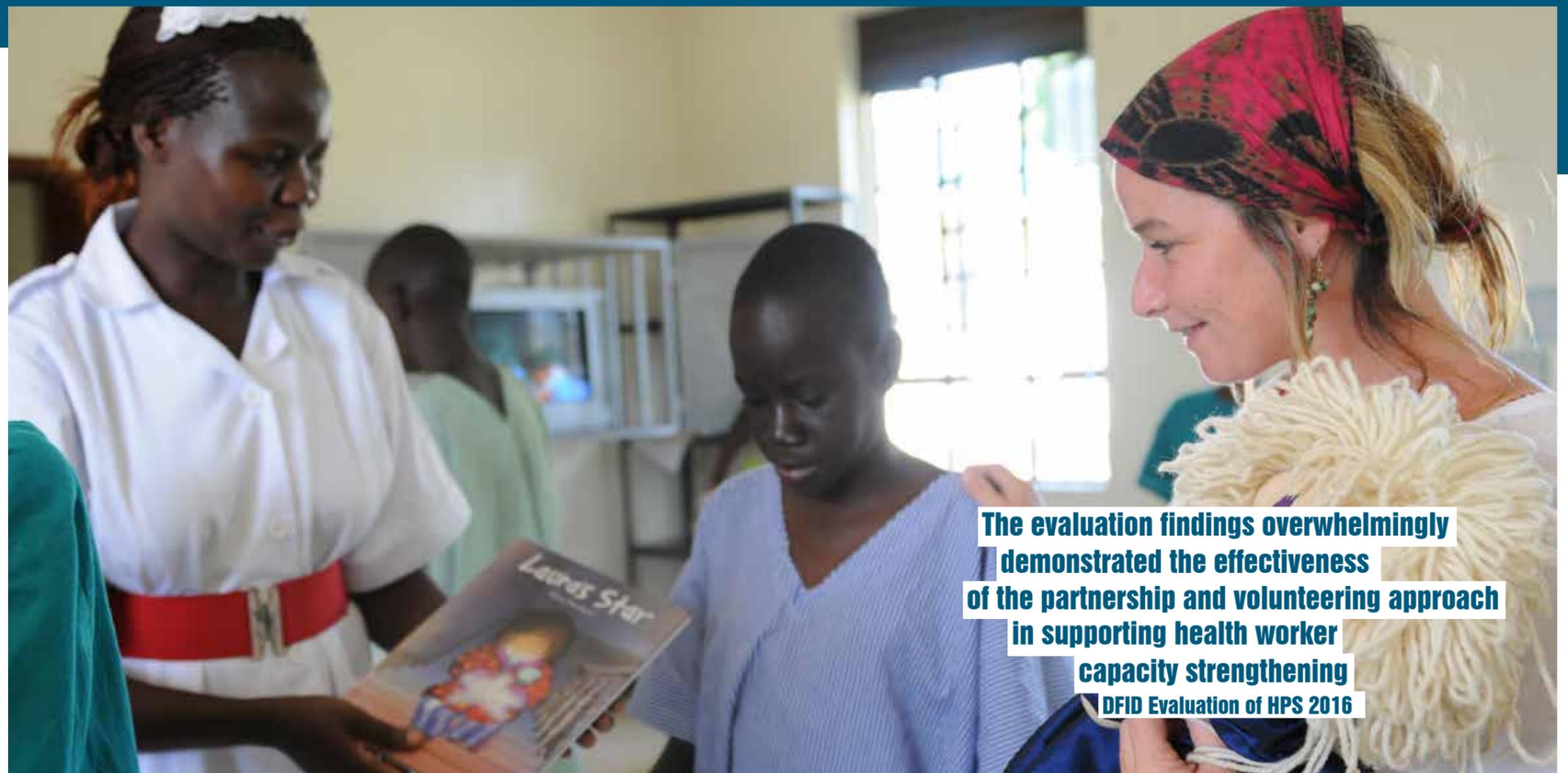
To date, 22 papers have been published within the Globalization and Health series, guest edited by THET, contributing a growing body of published work from and about health partnerships. Our commitment to disseminate evidence of the effectiveness of health partnership continues and we are currently inviting submissions for new papers.

### THET Annual Conference

Held in October 2016, speakers explored how the UK is delivering transformative change through the health partnership approach in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The event was bigger and more diverse than ever before with 250 delegates from eight countries, 74 speakers presenting 40 research abstracts and 20 posters, along with 10 exhibitors.

### Health Partnership Scheme (HPS) evaluation

In November 2016 DFID published their evaluation report in which the health partnership approach was commended for its contribution to health system strengthening.



**The evaluation findings overwhelmingly demonstrated the effectiveness of the partnership and volunteering approach in supporting health worker capacity strengthening**  
DFID Evaluation of HPS 2016

### Commitment 2

**THET will work with UK government and the NHS to identify and disseminate evidence on how health partnerships benefit UK health workers, the NHS as well as the UK as a whole.**

#### In Our Mutual Interest

With a foreword by Professor Dame Sally C Davies, England Chief Medical Officer, THET's commitment to informing UK policy was further cemented in our latest policy report In Our Mutual Interest. The report champions the contributions being made by our partners across the NHS and makes recommendations to ensure the UK retains its leading role in improving health systems overseas.

#### Scottish Global Health Collaborative

We supported the development of the emerging Scottish Global Health Collaborative, including through hosting a survey that has begun to map Scotland's contributions to global health. So far we have received over 400 responses from state, NHS, academia and not-for-profit sectors.

## SCALE UP

### Commitment 3

**THET will work with DFID, WHO and other organisations to explore how implementation practice can inform UHC policy and strategy to inform significant cross-sectoral scale-up.**

#### Government and the UK health system

In January 2016, our UHC discussion paper was the first step in exploring how practice can inform policy with further papers on HRH and future health partnership programmes culminating in our new policy report In Our Mutual Interest published in October 2016.

#### WHO

We are in discussions with WHO to agree additional areas of collaboration which will create further opportunities for us to support the partnership-based approach to workforce development in WHO's work.

### Commitment 4

**THET will look for opportunities to replicate this approach through south-south partnerships exploring the role middle income countries can play in the development of low income and fragile states.**

#### Needs assessment workshop

THET has been exploring the potential for the further development of professional associations for BioMedical/Clinical Engineering professionals in sub-Saharan Africa. Recent outcomes from this work include the creation of a new association in Botswana; new associations under development in Niger, Senegal, Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe and continued south-south collaboration between Zambia and Kenya, and DRC and Benin.

## RESOURCING

### Commitment 5

As 'proof of concept' is achieved for the health partnership approach THET will seek further government funding to take the Health Partnership Scheme to the next level.

### The health partnership movement

2016 was an exciting year for the health partnership movement as our partnerships grew and continued to present a successful model for co-development and mutual benefits.

In addition to the commendations received from DFID in the HPS evaluation, the UK Government's Bilateral Development Review - published on 1st December, also highlights HPS' achievements:

*"Health Partnership Scheme is already providing technical advice and grant support to 97 UK institutions involved in 139 partnerships across 32 countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East."*

### Commitment 6

Official development assistance (ODA) has catalysed an enormous scale up of transformative health partnerships. THET will unlock funding to match ODA commitment and so deliver the step change we need to achieve universal health coverage.

### Africa Grants Programme

We are proud to have renewed the collaboration with Johnson & Johnson who fund our Africa Grants Programme. Seven health partnerships have been awarded more than £500K funding to date with over 300 health workers trained and 35,000 patients reached.



**The value of technical assistance using a partnership and volunteering approach is high compared to other comparable approaches. In particular effectiveness of health workforce capacity improvements is significant.**

DFID Evaluation of HPS 2016

# THET's UHC ACTION PLAN 2017

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THET will consolidate its position as a partner to NHS institutions for the dissemination of evidence by strengthening our relationships with academic partners and academic publishers, and by organising a conference in October 2017.

THET will invest further in making the Health Partnership Scheme more strategic for the benefit of health systems and host countries.

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THET will work towards realising In Our Mutual Interest's recommendations to government and the UK health system and will continue to highlight the powerful role UK volunteers are playing in LMICs and what this means to the UK.

THET will redouble its efforts to tackle the operational barriers to engaging in global health through evidence gathering and change projects.

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Using THET's position as an NGO in Official Relations with WHO, THET will continue to support WHO's increasing focus on partnership working as a means to delivering training and education.

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THET will continue to explore the role middle income countries can play in the development of low income and fragile states demonstrating how our approach adds value.

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**As 'proof of concept' is achieved for the health partnership approach THET will seek further government funding to take the Health Partnership Scheme to the next level.**

THET will follow through on the recommendations in the Health Partnership Scheme Evaluation Synthesis Report and will consider how the learning points from the report can support a successful bid for a successor to the Health Partnership Scheme.

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