Equity| Are Alliances an Effective Vehicle for Diaspora Engagement?

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• Moses Mulimira, UK Lead, Uganda UK Health Alliance (UUKHA) – Dr Thinn Thinn Hlaing, Myanmar Country Director, THET and Coordinator, Myanmar UK Health Alliance (MUKHA)

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Health Alliance Model

- Uganda-UK Alliance
- Zambia-UK Alliance
- Myanmar-UK Alliance (MUKHA)
Objectives of MUKHA

• **To encourage closer collaboration between the Myanmar MoHS and UK stakeholders** (Health Education England, Department of Health, Public Health England, Department for International Development, academic institutions, royal colleges, NHS hospitals, INGOs and other UK based health-related organisations active in Myanmar), in areas that are a priority for the Myanmar Ministry of Health and Sports and the UK Government.

• **To enhance the cooperation between the Participants** in helping Myanmar achieve compliance with the International Health Regulations as set by the World Health Organisation and their National Health Plan to achieve UHC by 2030.
October 2016 High Level UK Delegations led by Prof Ian Cumming visited to Myanmar Minister of Health & Sports

Team – Health Education England (HEE)
Public Health England (PHE)
Department of Health (DH)
Imperial College London
Tropical Health & Education Trust (THET)
Met with key stakeholders

**Mapping** of current UK and Myanmar partners by organising one day workshop - Identified 16 UK partners working in Myanmar healthcare capacity building

8 Key outcomes from the visit – Proposal to develop Myanmar UK Health Alliance to better coordinate the UK partners
July 2017:
- DFID Minister Mr Alistair Burt visited Yangon & YGH and met MoHS Minister U Myint Htwe

- Minister U Myint Htwe visited UK and had further meeting in London with Minister Burt and key stakeholders
Concept of MUKHA

Myanmar Healthcare Priorities

UK Priorities
MUKHA Governance

UK Advisory Group
(Chaired by Professor Ged Byrne)

Myanmar Advisory Group
(Chaired by Permanent Secretary)

Health Education England & THET (UK)
THET (Myanmar)
Myanmar MoHS Priorities

- Medical Education Reform
- General Practitioners Training Development
- Nursing Training
- Laboratory Services Improvement
- Digital Health Information System Development
## MUKHA Thematic Working Groups

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Myanmar MoHS Priorities

- Medical Education Reform
  (Continued support and planning)

- General Practitioners Training Development
  (Post-graduate family medicine development plan)

- Nursing Training
  (1-year ToT plan developed for specialty training and bridging program)

- Laboratory Services Improvement
  (1-year and 3-year plan developed and disseminated)

- Digital Health Information System Development
MUKHA (Other activities)

- Support to UK partners (Public Health England, DFID, Improving Global Fellow programs, Royal colleges)
  - logistic (to arrange meetings)
  - technical
  - mentorship

- Continued engagement with MoHS

- Continued support and engagement with diaspora
Is MUKHA An Effective Vehicle for Mobilizing Diaspora
Medical diaspora organizations in the United Kingdom

UK GENERAL
Armenian Medical Society of Great Britain
Association of Afghan Healthcare Professionals UK
British Islamic Medical Association
Burmese Doctors and Dentists Association UK
Cameroon Doctors UK
Egyptian Medical Society UK
Medical Associations of Nigerians Across Great Britain
Nepalese Doctors Association
Romanian Medical Society UK
Sudanese Junior Doctors Association UK
Sudanese Medical Association UK and Ireland
Syrian British Medical Society
Tanzania UK Healthcare Diaspora Association

ENGLAND
Association of Pakistani Physicians and Surgeons of the UK
Bangladesh Medical Association UK
British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin
British Iranian Medical Association
Ghanaian Doctors & Dentists Association
Iranian Medical Society UK
Iraqi Medical Association UK
Organization of Sierra Leonean Healthcare Professionals Abroad
Pakistan Medical Association UK
Sri Lankan Medical and Dental Association of the UK
Ukrainian Medical Association of the UK
Myanmar Diaspora & Overseas Volunteers

Diaspora - a population who have moved from their original homeland

There are > 1000 Myanmar medical diaspora and overseas volunteers all around the world

Training cost of one specialist in the UK - $525000
Myanmar Health Workforce Density

The Republic of Myanmar Health System Review. Health Systems In Transition 4(3) 2014
Myanmar Diaspora in UK

>200 Myanmar doctors in the UK

20% are active in Myanmar’s healthcare work
• Logistic support
• Updated information of ongoing agenda: via newsletters, emails
• Advocacy to Ministry of Health & Sports – to create a systematic pathway who integrate into the major health system
Health Alliance & Diaspora

Figure 3.2: Elements of health care quality

- Effectiveness
- Safety
- Integration
- People-centredness
- Timeliness
- Equity
- Efficiency

QUALITY

bridge gaps

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