



UK Partnerships for Health Systems (UKPHS)

New Partnerships Webinar



Today's panel

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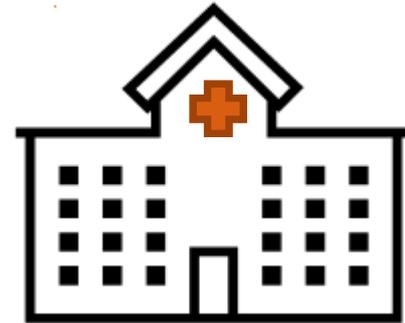
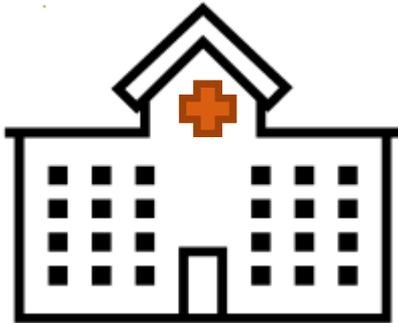


Webinar outline

1. What is a Health Partnership?
2. Health Partnership activities
3. Benefits of being involved in a Health Partnership
4. Is a Health Partnership right for your organisation?
5. Gaining buy in and support
6. Finding a partner
7. Determining the needs
8. Coordinating the partnership
9. UKPHS – how can new partnerships engage?
10. Questions and Answers



The Health Partnership Model



UK institutions	LMIC institutions
Health delivery institution (e.g. hospital, NHS Trust, GP practice)	Not-for-profit health delivery institution (e.g. hospital, community healthcare clinic)
Health training/education institution	Health training/education institution
Regulatory body (e.g. the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency)	Professional association or membership body
NHS arms-length body (e.g. Health Education England or NHS England)	Academic institution
Professional association or membership body	Non-Governmental Organisation
Academic institution	Body attached to the Ministry of Health (e.g. District Health Office)
Non-Governmental Organisation	



Principles of Partnership





Benefits of being involved in a Health Partnership

- Increased international reputation of institutions involved
- Increased local reputation of the institution
- Professional development of staff involved
- Improved motivation of staff involved
- Increased workforce productivity
- New perspectives, policy and practice
- Attraction and retention of workforce
- Staff who understand patients from many backgrounds/are better able to meet the needs of multicultural populations
- Implementation of systemic resource-saving ideas
- Collaborative research opportunities



Is a Health Partnership right for your institution?

- What are the possible benefits for your institution?
- What does your institution have to offer to a Health Partnership?
- What support and buy-in is there for a Health Partnership?
- Are there existing links which your institution already has?



Gaining support from senior management

- Communicate with them right from the beginning to get initial endorsement for the HP.
- Arrange a meeting to do a presentation on HPs.
- Be clear what you are asking for; organisational endorsement and paid time when undertaking visits/training may be all you need at the beginning.
- The Board will also need to consider any legal or professional practice implications that may arise from having their staff involved in the HP.



Assessing risks

- List existing risks
- Assess vulnerability and identify the priority threats
- Identify ways of reducing vulnerability
- After looking at measures to take, and how to put them in place, assess whether the remaining level of risk is acceptable.

Finding a partner

- Investigate existing contacts in your organisation
- Consider if other organisations in your area have connections or twinnings with a particular country
- Speak to colleagues in other organisations who are already involved in a Health Partnership
- Browse medical forums, the Health Partnerships LinkedIn page or network at the THET Annual Conference.
- Think about the population your institution serves – is there a particular diaspora in your area?



Once you've found a partner...

1. Are they the right partner for you?
2. What are the needs which the Partnership could address?
3. Set up a steering committee
4. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding

Constant communication is needed



Finding and accessing funding

Possible sources of funding:

- Public fundraising
- Individual events
- Funding approved by senior management
- Grants giving organisations



UK Partnerships for Health Systems

Overall aim of the programme:

To work with low and lower middle-income countries (LMICs) to build stronger and more resilient health systems, making progress towards achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through improved health service performance, particularly targeting poor and vulnerable populations and ultimately contributing to ending preventable deaths



UKPHS: Grant call timeframe

Grants stream	Countries	Call for applications launched	Project Start date	End date
COVID-19 Response Fund 1st round	Any LMIC in Sub-Saharan Africa and South-East Asia	September 2020	February 2021	July 2021
COVID-19 Response Fund 2nd round		March 2021	June 2021	November 2021
LG Wave 1	Myanmar, Nepal, Uganda, Zambia	September 2020	May 2021	October 2023
LG Wave 2	Ethiopia, Somalia/Somaliland	October 2020	June 2021	November 2023
LG Wave 3	Ghana, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Bangladesh	November 2020	July 2021	December 2023
SG Wave 1	Any LMIC in Sub-Saharan Africa and South-East Asia	January 2021	August 2021	January 2023
SG Wave 2		November 2021	July 2022	December 2023



Inception period for new partnerships

1. Conduct a first visit, and complete a more thorough scoping/needs assessment
2. Finalise a monitoring, evaluation and learning plan
3. Develop a memorandum of understanding and, where practicable, submit a letter of support from a relevant official within the LMIC Ministry of Health
4. Amend and confirm the project plan and budget
5. Develop a partnership development plan aimed at assessing strengths and weaknesses within the partnership, and a strategy for strengthening the relationship going forwards.



Next steps and further resources

- Read carefully all of the UKPHS Call documents to make sure that it is something your institution is eligible for and interested in
- Complete the UKPHS Health Partner Survey: brokering new relationships
- Contact institutions on the list which you would be interested in partnering with
- Explore existing relationships

THANK YOU!

Any questions?

