

NHS SCOTLAND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP – HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS
TITLE: Obstetric Emergency Programme, Obstetric Emergency Training, RCM
Twinning

Key UK Colleagues and Partners you were/are working with:

Centre for Maternal and Newborn Health, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.
RCM (Royal College of Midwives)
Advance Life Support in Obstetrics
SMMDP

International Partners and when Project/Partnership/Initiative was established:

I was seconded for 2 years to **Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine** as a senior research associate working on projects in Zimbabwe and South Africa as part of an 11 country DFID funded obstetric emergency program. Took this training also to Namibia and worked with WHO to develop training sites and local trainers. With the team from the MRC led by a Professor in Pretoria I have undertaken a published peer reviewed study into barriers to quality of care and monitoring of facilities ability to provide care quality that women value. With a colleague we published a study into the experience of health care providers during the ebola crisis and also on implementing preregistration training on obstetric emergencies.
I managed the team latterly that worked on the ‘making it happen project’ which supported uk midwives and doctors to volunteer to provide training until capacity was developed in country. Previously with a group of midwives and obstetricians, supported by the Scottish Government ,we ran and coordinated Advanced life support in Obstetrics training in Malawi over a five year period. I have also been to Angola with a unicef tetanus campaign and Nepal as part of the RCM Twinning campaign.

Project/Partnership or Initiative Title:

Not currently , writing second paper related to study

Country where activity will take/has taken place:

Malawi, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Nepal, Sudan, Namibia, Kenya.,Angola

Overall Goal(s) and Objective(s) of Partnership/Project/Initiative:

Best have been those that work in partnership to build on shared learning.

Which of the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) to transform our world does your work contribute to:



Funding Source(s):

ASLO-initial fundraising then gov support
Making it Happen- DFID
Namibia -WHO
Study in South Africa-Wellbeing of Women/RCM/Burdett trust fellowship
Angola-UNICEF
Nepal-RCM
Cambodia(successful application for funding was in partnership with German aid organisation)

Description of Partnership/Project/Initiative:

a) How did the partnership/ project come about? What was the evidence of need?

ALSO- While need was there , there was not a baseline or outcome and process measures at the outset , evaluation was not above Kirkpatrick's level 2 or 3
Nepal_RCM was developing twinning approach against the 4 pillars to look at joint learning and support in developing professional structures
Angola- RCM was approached to be part of UNICEF /Pampers campaign to promote tetanus campaign.
CMNH/LSTM-All work was with the support of the centre and with support of Argyll and Bute with secondment.
Wellbeing of women fellowship – application advertised, I applied for research fellowship

b) In which areas were/are you working?

Initially training , then education both on diploma of tropical medicine, Diploma in Sexual and reproductive health and master in international public health.
Also project management and grant/funding applications

c) What activities have happened so far/are planned?

completed

d) What are the changes you hope to achieve?

Any training was measured to Kirkpatrick 5 at the Centre for maternal and newborn health, so impact on outcomes for mothers and babies.
Study was aimed at identifying simple and effective ways to measure womens experience of care

Have you faced any challenges in your partnership work?

I think it is important to warn against well-meaning volunteering that does not fit THET criteria or does not have clear outcomes that have been agreed with in-country partners. While coming from a good place gently directing individuals to structured evaluated ethical agencies is important for all concerned.. It is essential to be working with relevant MOH or other agencies to build partnerships recognising reciprocal learning etc.

There are huge opportunities for shared learning, research and teaching but also many innovative solutions have been developed in low resource settings, often due to outcome focused, well funded, time limited projects that we can learn from and look at Scottish application.

Building remote and rural partnerships sharing training and teaching and research opportunities has a real future.

The most innovative, clinical based research conferences I have attended are in South Africa!

Were there resources/supports that would have been helpful?

I was very lucky to work with experienced researchers in many countries, I would not have undertaken studies without these links to ensure that projects were appropriate .

In developing your work, which principles of THET partnership working¹ did you meet and how?

Most recent work has been aligned with these principles. Most grants would expect this detailed in the application .

What have you gained from doing this work?

- x Leadership and management skills
 - x Communication and teamwork
 - x Clinical skills
 - x Policy awareness and experience
 - x Academic skills
 - x Patient experience and dignity
 - x Personal resilience, satisfaction and interest
- Other: proposals and grant applications

Where can more information be found?

¹ <https://www.thet.org/principles-of-partnership/>

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Research fish

Wellbeing of women website

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0266613818301116>

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0266613816303515>

[http://www.bestpracticeobgyn.com/article/S1521-6934\(15\)00066-8/pdf](http://www.bestpracticeobgyn.com/article/S1521-6934(15)00066-8/pdf)

<https://bmcpregnancychildbirth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12884-017-1520-4>

<http://hmpg.co.za/index.php/samj/article/view/2660>

Key Documents

See above!

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Consent

Consent has been given to share in the Directory of Health Partnerships available on the Scottish Global Health Co-ordination Unit website and at events and networking opportunities.