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Dear Partner,

Welcome to the **12th Edition** of the periodic update of the Migration for Development in Africa (MIDA) Ghana Health III Project (2008 -2012).

The MIDA Ghana Health Project is a health sector brain gain project implemented by the Ghanaian Ministry of Health and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and funded by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The project is managed by IOM the Netherlands and IOM Ghana.

The period under review did not record high number of assignments conducted in Ghana by Resource Persons of this Project- mainly the diaspora health professionals.

Best wishes to all our stakeholders who are rendering continuous support to the implementation.

Daniel Sam
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SUMMARY OF PROJECT'S IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2010 (JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2010)

- Assignments
- Field Monitoring
- 12th Task Force Meeting
- Monitoring Visit by Field Manager, Mr. Daniel Sam (IOM Accra)
- Meeting with the Director, Ghana Health Service, Human Resource Directorate

ASSIGNMENTS

In the third quarter of 2010, a total of three temporary return assignments were undertaken by Ghanaian health professionals based in Europe. Four health institutions in Ghana benefited from the project within the period under review. The breakdown is as follows:

A. Assignments

- ❖ 3 assignments- undertaken by Resource Persons

B. Composition by country

- ❖ 2 from United Kingdom
- ❖ 1 from The Netherlands

C. Composition by gender

- ❖ 3 Males

D. Composition by expertise

- ❖ Nurse/Public Health,
- ❖ Biomedical science
- ❖ Public Health Research

E. Direct Beneficiary Host Institutions

- ❖ St. Michael Hospital, Jachie-Pramso

- ❖ School of Medical Sciences, KNUST
- ❖ St. Joseph's Hospital, Jirapa,
- ❖ St. John's Catholic Hospital, Sefwi-Asafo

A. Individual Assignments

1. Dr. Charles AGYEMAN

Dr. Agyeman assignment spanned from 10th to 26th September 2010. The overall objective of his assignment was to provide academic assistance in teaching the Public Health Master programme and help with the supervision of the Master students. He was also to provide public health advice on relevant areas of research and to train Master students about statistical techniques for data analyses and introduce the Masters students to the emerging cardiovascular disease burden in Africa.



Daniel Sam (IOM) discusses issues with Dr. Charles Agyeman (right) during monitoring visit at KNUST, Kumasi.

Dr Agyeman also gave public lectures to the Public Health Master Students and provide advice for the students about the relevant areas of research. The institution expect Dr

Agyemang to become a visiting lecturer to the institution in the not too distant future and also hoping to develop a long term research project with Dr Agyemang to enable him to continue working with the department.

B. TEAM /GROUP ASSIGNMENT

5. Motec LIFE UK TEAM



Motec Life-UK is a medical charity based in West Hertfordshire comprising volunteer and allied health professionals whose objectives are to provide educational, training and health care services to the underprivileged people of the West African sub-region. IOM MIDA supported five members of Motec Life UK during the third quarter of 2010. The Motec Life UK deployed team of health experts in biomedical sciences, anesthetics, and public health to conduct various assignments in Ghana between July and September, 2010. The assignments were undertaken at Jachie-Pramso in the Ashanti Region, Jirapa in the Upper West Region, Sefwi-Asafo, Western Region and Akosombo in the Eastern Region.



Mr. Caesar Mensah is a U.K.-based nurse with expertise in communicable disease prevention. His assignment took him to the St. Michael's Hospital at Jachie-Pramso in the Ashanti Region from mid-June to first week of July, 2010.

Photo Credit: Motec Life UK



Dr. Raymond Ofori, a biomedical scientist had assignments at Jirapa and Sefwi- Asafo between 12th June and 6th July 2010.

FIELD MONITORING



David Appiah, Dr. Ken Sagoe and Daniel Sam during a visit to the Tamale Teaching Hospital

During the month of September, 2010, the new MIDA Field Manager, Daniel Sam and the immediate past manager, David Appiah undertook monitoring visit to some host institutions and meet with some beneficiaries of the project and monitor some field assignments being carried out by Resource Person.

The visit was also to serve as bases to strengthen the relations with the beneficiary institutions as well as introduce the new Field Manager to some of the project sites. The visit took the team to the Tamale Teaching Hospitals where the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ken Sagoe paid host to the team to discuss issues related to future assignments and the October Mid-Term workshop. Other institutions visited were the Nkoranza St. Theresa Hospital, Wenchi Methodist Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, Jirapa, Koforidua St. Joseph's Hospital, Rural Health Training School, and St Michael's Hospital at Jachie-Pramso, Atiwa District Health Directorate, and the St. Theresa Hospital, Nandom.



Daniel Sam at the entrance of the St. Theresa Hospital at Nandom

The visits were made to the Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research (KCCR), to meet with Dr. Agyeman. At Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi discussions related to internship programmes were held with senior medical officers at the Intensive Care Unit.

At the institutions brief meetings were held with the Health Administrators regarding the project's implementation.

TASK FORCE MEETING

In July 2010 the Task Force held its 13th meeting. The meeting was used to update the members on the current activities of the project undertaken. The Draft Sustainability Plan was also discussed during the meeting. The monitoring visit by Mr. Hans Eijkhout, Project Coordinator, (IOM The Netherlands) was also highlighted. The meeting with the Deputy Minister of Health Hon. Robert Joseph Mettle Nunoo at his office on the Friday, 16th June, 2010, by the Chief of Mission of IOM, Ms Dyane Epstein in the company of the Field Manager and a Migration Health Doctor from IOM was also hinted during the meeting.

MEETING WITH GHANA HEALTH SERVICE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTORATE

On Friday, 3rd September 2010, the MIDA Field Manager had a meeting with the Dr



McDamien Dedzo, Director, Human Resources for Health Development and some members of the Task Force who are from the GHS took place at the Director's office. The purpose of meeting was to serve as a courtesy call and use the opportunity to

brief the HRHD Director and the Directorate on the status of the project implementation. The ultimate aim was to strengthen partnership between IOM and the GHS, Human Resource Directorate and identify areas of possible support and way forward for the implementation of the MIDA Ghana Health Project.

The overall, the meeting was also seen as an opportune moment to know the impression and the perspective from the Directorate as far as the project implementation and their role is concerned. Again, it also gave the hierarchy at the Directorate a clear indication that they have a role to play in the project implementation.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Three assignments successfully undertaken during the period under review
- Ghana Health Service Human Resource Directorate get more acquainted with the project and gave his inputs with respect to the implementation with the Ministry of Health;
- Motec Life UK Team trained health professional at the host institutions communication for better care; basic life support skills, documentation in health care, peri-operative care, post op pain control and basic infection prevention;
- Progressive collaboration exist between host institutions and Resource Persons/Teams;
- Challenges encountered by host institutions identified during monitoring visit;
- 12th Task Force Meeting successfully held;
- Pending assignment requests were discussed during monitoring visit;
- New MIDA Field Manager introduced to most beneficiary institutions;
- MIDA Health Field Manager participated for the first time on the project monitoring visit.

CHALLENGES

- Most Implementing partners (health institutions) fail to respond to request for information from IOM MIDA Ghana Health project
- Preparation of Terms of Reference (ToR) and End of assignment Evaluation reports still a challenge
- Short duration of some of the assignments also affect impact of training and field monitoring
- Temporary registration for diaspora volunteers of the project, still regarded as disincentive for short terms.

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