



Regional Program University and Hospital Partnerships in Africa

Creating change in health care

15 institutional partnership projects on **patient safety**

12 **Sub Sahara** African countries

Program **duration**
2016 – 2019

1.8 **million €** funding for partnership projects – 150.000 € per project

27 **African** institutions

15 **German** institutions

Our partners: A network of global health experts and institutions

The regional program supports partnership projects between some of the most prestigious university hospitals in Africa and in Germany. These institutions play a central role in the training of the health care professionals of the future and in state-to-art research in global health relevant topics such as infection prevention and control (IPC) or quality management in diverse clinical areas.

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ACTIVITIES



TRAINING

Development and conduction of trainings & mutual visits



GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT

For example through the adaptation of standard operating procedures in the hospital or lab



NETWORKING WORKSHOPS

To build strategic partnerships among projects



PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT

To ensure the best diagnostic and treatment



JOINT OPERATIONAL RESEARCH

To produce scientific knowledge on the local health needs

OUTPUTS

The partnerships improve the teaching capacities and produce joint scientific and academic results between African and German researchers

1842

African health workers
trained

(such as doctors, midwives,
nurses and lab specialists)

56% women

41

scientific **PRESENTATIONS**
of research projects

A NEW

RESEARCH NETWORK

on antimicrobial resistance
composed of 6 African
& 5 German university hospitals

DEVELOPMENT
OF AN

ON-LINE COURSE

"Patient safety in clinical
& resource-poor settings"
by Heidelberg University

9

ARTICLES
in scientific journals



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RESULTS

The partnership projects have improved the quality of the care delivered. Here are some examples:

GUINEA

The partnership between Faranah Regional Hospital and the Robert Koch Institute conducted trainings to the WHO hand-hygiene strategy including the local production of hand-rub. After the trainings, hand hygiene among the hospital staff increased by 71,5%.



SIERRA LEONE

Berlin Charité's partner Princess Christian Maternity Hospital in Freetown reported a reduction of maternal mortality by 19% and an increase of facility-based deliveries by 24,5% during the project period.



ETHIOPIA

The number of the hospital associated infections have decreased by 30% after the implementation of the partnership project between Asella Referral and Teaching Hospital, the Arsi University and the University Hospital Düsseldorf.



MALAWI

After the implementation of Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital with the support of the University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf and the University of Malawi, half of all ultrasound examinations were performed as POCUS. POCUS can be used immediately on the bed side and reduces examination time by two days.





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