

UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT LINKAGES PROJECT

Case Western Reserve University-Makerere University
Public Health Linkage

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Objective 1: To strengthen the existing collaboration between CWRU and Makerere University.

Achievements.

Planning was initiated for a visit by CWRU academic leadership to Makerere University, reciprocating the visit in March 1993 to CWRU of Vice Chancellor William Senteza Kajubi, Dean of Medicine Joshua Mugerwa, and Professor Gilbert Bukenya. CWRU officials who have agreed to visit Uganda during the first week of November 1993 include Provost Richard Zdanis, Dean of Medicine Neil S. Cherniack, and Dean of Nursing Joyce Fitzpatrick. Professor Thomas M. Daniel, the UDLP Project Director, and Amy Zoldak, the Center for International Health Department Assistant who provides administrative support for this program, will also travel to Uganda in conjunction with this visit. The program of this visit will be designed to increase awareness by the academic leadership of CWRU of the UDLP linkage and of other CWRU-Makerere University collaborations. Primary care activities will be emphasized, for this is the major focus of the Institute of Public Health and its newly developing curriculum. Activities centered on the inauguration of the new baccalaureate degree program in nursing will be included. This event will mark an important step forward in the achievement of our UDLP objectives.

In May 1993 funding was received from the Centers for Disease Control for a new two year study by Drs. Daniel and Bukenya of the epidemiology of tuberculosis and AIDS in Uganda. This study is a good example of a positive outcome from the UDLP, for it would never have happened had not the UDLP brought Drs. Daniel and Bukenya together to share problems and challenges. That this project won competitive external support is a measure of the sustainability of the collaborations between Ugandans and Americans being built within the UDLP.

Problems. While there have been some administrative difficulties in coordinating calendars, there have been no problems of importance.

Objective 2: To increase faculty capability at Makerere University.

Achievements.

Professor David Cooperrider of the Weatherhead School of Management of CWRU visited the Institute of Public Health at Makerere University in Kampala for four days. This visit was devoted to planning future collaboration, and tentative plans were made for a longer visit in 1994. It is anticipated that Professor Cooperrider's participation in this program will both strengthen health management capabilities at the Institute of Public Health and will foster research on the organization of health management agencies in developing countries.

Computer and audiovisual equipment for the Institute of Public Health were ordered and shipped by air to Uganda. This equipment will increase both the educational and research capabilities of the Institute.

Problems. Professor Cooperrider's visit was well received and no problems were encountered. Because of recently changed Ugandan customs regulations, some problems have been encountered in releasing the computers and educational equipment from customs in Uganda, where they remain as of this writing. Additional documentation was requested and has been FAXed to Uganda.

Objective 3: To modernize public health curricula in the Institute of Public Health and in the Department of Nursing.

Achievements.

See description above for an account of Professor Cooperrider's visit to Uganda and planning for introducing health management curricular materials.

Other program activities relating to this objective this quarter were focused on planning for several up-coming activities:

- (a) Arrangements were completed for Professor Henry Ziegler to travel to Uganda in July 1993 to participate in a workshop/retreat sponsored by the Institute of Public Health. This workshop will be devoted to the development of a new MPH program, for which candidates will be enrolled in September. Dr. Ziegler will contribute expertise in primary health care curriculum development.
- (b) Plans were developed for a visit by Dr. Gilbert Bukenya to CWRU in September 1993. The purpose of this visit is to permit Dr. Bukenya to increase his expertise in the areas of AIDS and tuberculosis, two of Uganda's principal public health problems.

Problems.

None identified.

Objective 4: To strengthen and broaden the capabilities of the Center for International Health.

Achievements. As we plan for the visit of the CWRU provost and two academic deans to Makerere University, we have greatly increased the visibility of our linkage and of the Center for International Health on the CWRU campus.

Problems.

None identified.

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