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Overview of the Quarter's Activities

The high point of our UDLP linkage program for this quarter and perhaps for the entire first year was the visit of the CWRU Provost Richard Zdanis, Dean of the School of Medicine Neil Cherniack, and Dean of the School of Nursing Joyce Fitzpatrick to Uganda. This visit was described in a trip report dated November 30, 1993.

The trip provided the opportunity for these leaders of CWRU to meet with their counterparts at Makerere University and to visit the sites of collaboration between Makerere and CWRU. These meetings and visits were informative and brought understanding of the scope and nature of our collaborative efforts to the leadership of both universities. Important among the visits were those to the Kasangati Health Center and the Jinja AIDS Information Center, for units represented by these facilities are to be the sites for implementing the primary health care educational programs of the Institute of Public Health. A very cordial meeting with U.S. Ambassador Johnnie Carson was particularly noteworthy because Ambassador Carson graciously included our Ugandan colleagues in his discussion and made clear to them his personal commitment to fostering the further development of public health education at Makerere University.

One day of the visit was given over to a symposium at which results of collaborative studies in progress were presented. This symposium, which drew Uganda's national press and television coverage, focused attention on our linkage and provided an opportunity for the leadership of both universities to gain perspectives on our work. Ninety-two persons were present when the symposium opened; 50 at the late afternoon closing. Those attending included representatives of the Ministry of Health as well as Makerere University.

A ceremony marking the opening of the baccalaureate degree nursing program at Makerere University and establishing of an independent Department of Nursing was attended by the CWRU delegation as well as the Vice Chancellor and other leaders of

Makerere University. This event marks a substantial move forward in bringing modern concepts of primary health care into the curriculum of Makerere University. It will have substantial positive impact not only upon the education of nurses, especially future nursing faculty, but also upon education in all other health care components of the university.

A brief ceremony was held opening the new computer laboratory at the Institute of Public Health. Part of the equipment for this facility was provided by the UDLP linkage program.

Dr. Traci Hall of USAID/Washington/UDLP visited our linkage in Uganda concurrently with this trip. Her presence facilitated our exchanges and provided a pertinent frame of reference for both Ugandans and Americans.

The CWRU leadership delegation and Dr. Hall left Uganda after one week; Dr. Daniel and Ms. Zoldak stayed for an additional week. They met daily with Dr. Gilbert Bukenya and members of his staff at the Institute of Public Health. Discussion were held and plans made for further faculty encounters. Budgets were reviewed and plans for further transfers of funds completed. Dr. Daniel had further discussions with Mrs. Mbabali and Dr. Bukenya concerning nursing faculty development in relationship to ongoing programs at the Institute of Public Health.

Review of Activities by Program Objectives

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

Achievements. The direct encounters and information exchange between the academic leadership of Case Western Reserve University and Makerere University clearly increased the level of commitment by these leadership individuals to the linkage. While it is difficult to quantitate this effect, those of us on the CWRU faculty involved in the multifaceted collaboration with Makerere University have already noted a different and more responsive posture on the part of our university administration as we deal with management issues.

Problems. Communication between Kampala and Uganda continues to be a problem, although the situation has been improved because we can now reach Dr. Bukenya directly by e-mail and FAX. This problem has its genesis in the Ugandan telephone system and is not readily addressed.

Objective 2: To increase faculty capability at Makerere University.

Achievements. During our second week in Uganda, we worked out schedules for visits by Ugandans to travel to Cleveland as follows:

Dr. Sebastian Baine has been selected by Dr. Bukenya as the lead figure in the development of primary health care management elements within the curricula of the IPH. He is presently in Cleveland, working hard and productively with three of our faculty members with skills in this area - Dr. Henry Ziegler, Dr. Priscilla Ziegler, and Dr. David Cooperrider.

Ms. Speciosa Mbabali is acting chairperson of the Department of Nursing at Makerere University and director of the new baccalaureate nursing degree program. This program is designed to emphasize primary health care. Mrs. Mbabali will travel to Cleveland in mid April for one month.

Dr. Margaret Nakakeeto has been chosen by Dr. Bukenya to spearhead his faculty's efforts in tuberculosis and AIDS. She will travel to Cleveland for approximately four weeks in June 1994 to work with Dr. Daniel and his colleagues on a research project studying the epidemiology of tuberculosis and AIDS in Uganda. Her experience with this project will serve as a framework upon which her knowledge base can be expanded.

Problems. We were surprised to have Dr. Baine's visa application twice refused by the U.S. consular officer in Kampala, despite a letter of invitation and a letter detailing his proposed activities in Cleveland. Only after direct appeal to the head of the USAID mission in Kampala was a visa granted. We believe that this appeal was not made without some cost in terms of our good will in the USAID mission in Kampala, however. Obviously, we cannot conduct our proposed program if Ugandans whom we select are not free to travel to Cleveland.

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

Achievements. The trip included activities to inaugurate a new baccalaureate degree program emphasizing primary care nursing at Makerere University. Included in this new program is establishment for the first time of a free-standing Department of Nursing.

During our discussions with Dr. Bukenya we scheduled major activities for the coming year that will move us forward towards this goal. They include sending a three member CWRU faculty team to Uganda in mid June, 1994. The persons traveling will be Drs. Henry Ziegler, Priscilla Ziegler, and David Cooperrider. They will be in Uganda for approximately 4 weeks. They will first formally survey procedures and assess needs at representative selected health centers. They will then conduct a workshop for IPH faculty

and selected district level health personnel. Drs. Henry and Priscilla Ziegler, patterning their work on their prior accomplishments in Ethiopia, have been working with Dr. Baine of the IPH to develop a primary health care management manual. They plan to integrate this manual with the IPH curricular elements related to primary health care management. It will then serve both as a text and an operations manual.

Looking further ahead, we wish to work more to develop Ugandan IPH faculty skills in research protocol and proposal development and in scientific manuscript and abstract preparation. To that end, we are tentatively planning a workshop in Uganda in January 1995. I anticipate that approximately four or five US faculty members will go Uganda at that time, but the individuals have not yet been selected. This activity will probably be jointly financed by our UDLP program and the NIH/Fogarty Center program.

Problems. None. The receptiveness of Makerere faculty to working with CWRU faculty and to the mentor roles of our faculty has been extraordinary.

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

Achievements. The November trip included opportunities for the academic leadership of Case Western Reserve University to gain first hand knowledge of some of the major activities of the Center for International Health and to understand more fully the role of the Center in coordinating interdisciplinary international activities of the university.

Problems. None.

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