## **Events and Engagement**





Beyond the East of England Global Health Conference, the team have also delivered a number of other events. Included has been the **Cambridge Global Heath Café series**. The series aims to bring together all those with an interest in global health, across a variety of disciplines.

Our most recent café was co-hosted with Zimbabwe Health Training Support and Global Health Dorcas, and focused on partnership opportunities between **Zimbabwe** and Cambridge. Speakers shared experiences of COVID19 in Harare and Cambridge, and made presentations on mental health and community services. We also welcomed Zimbabwean poet, Ndi Rayanne, to share some of his most recent work.

#### **Global Health Fellowships**

Earlier this year, CGHP began developing the Global Health Fellowship scheme in collaboration and with support from Health Education England East of England. The programme will offer opportunities for doctors, undertaking specialty training, to get engaged in health partnership activity. The fellowships will be launched in 2021.

#### Looking ahead



Despite the challenges of 2020, there are a number of new partnerships on the horizon for CGHP. Included are links with **Zimbabwe**, **Sierra Leone**, extending partnerships in **Uganda** and a more formal link with the Rama Foundation, who are working to strengthen dietetics, nutrition and cancer services in Rishikesh city and Uttarakhand province in northern **India**.

#### Sierra Leone

Former CUH Stroke Nurse, Patrick Lebbie (right), was first awarded a CGHP grant in 2017 to support a visit to assess provision of services for stroke patients in Sierra Leone. With colleagues at the CUH Stroke Unit, Patrick is developing links between Cambridge and Bo city, in order to **improve stroke care** and outcomes. Patrick is now spending 6 months in his native Sierra Leone to develop this work.

### **Uganda** — Paediatric Oncology and Neonatology

Following a scoping visit to Kampala in early 2020, the team have continued links with partners at the **Uganda Cancer Institute**, agreeing to extend the research partnership to include a clinical partnership focused on improving **paediatric cancer nursing** through training and mentorship. The partnership will build on the Uganda Cancer Institute — Cambridge collaboration, supporting collaborative research and learning.



There are also strengthening links with the **neonatal** unit at Kawempe National Referral Hospital. Partners have developed plans for virtual training between fellow nursing and medical staff building on work in late 2019 by CUH paediatric nurses in the neonatal unit at Kawempe. The partnership is also taking learning from our Botswana project and an RCPCH project in Myanmar.

THET launched the **UKAID Partnerships for Health Systems (UKPHS)** funding recently. The CGHP team have been hard at work putting together applications for the Myanmar and Ugandan health partnerships. These funding streams will support continued partnership activity. CGHP will be applying for funding for two new partnerships. One with the **Uganda Cancer Institute** for a nursing centered project on paediatric oncology, and another to support **emergency medicine** development in Yangon, Myanmar, in collaboration with the Royal College of Emergency Medicine.

Thank you for reading the Cambridge Global Health Partnerships 2020 Retrospective.

Our achievements are made possible thanks to your continued support, thank you.

December 2020



# Cambridge Global Health Partnerships 2020: End of Year Retrospective

Thank you for your generous support of our work. In an especially challenging year, CGHP members, volunteers and partners have co-designed and co-delivered training, extended professional relationships, strengthened health systems and, at a time of particular stress for health workers, gained fresh perspectives and support through international friendships and partnership.

Here is our retrospective of the past year, which offers a glimpse of how your involvement in CGHP has made a difference

#### **Key Moments**



CGHP has continued supporting partners throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We have pivoted activity and have successfully embraced virtual technologies. Responding to the climate crisis, virtual engagement will continue to play a significant role in future partnership activity. Using a blended approach, we will be combining partnership visits with virtual activity.



CGHP launched its Strategy 2020+ which builds on more than a decade of global health activities and experience; it articulates and demonstrates the essence of our work and the success we envisage.



CGHP has delivered a series of online events throughout 2020. These events, such as the second East of England Global Health Conference, have provided fantastic opportunities for collaboration and networking.



CGHP members and partners have taken key leadership roles in the pandemic response in their hospitals throughout the pandemic, and have highlighted how their global health experiences and partnerships have played a key role in their ability to respond to the pandemic.



# CGHP Strategy 2020+

Delivering, Enabling, and Achieving – these three strategic areas are the long-term focus for CGHP. We aim to become a hub and a leader for global health activity in the East of England, and to maintain our uccessful track record of building sustainable partnerships with low- and middle-income countries.

The CGHP Strategy 2020+ is informed by successes and lessons learned since our beginning in 2007, and it is framed by the broader context of global health and sustainable development. We rely on the Strategy for our organisation's planning and decision-making, as well as for raising awareness and galvanising support

#### Partnerships & COVID19 Response

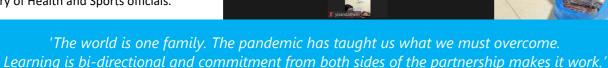
With our partners in Kampala, **Uganda**, we have helped procure vital **personal protective equipment** and maintain in-house production of **alcohol gel.** These measures are supporting staff and patients to stay COVID19 safe in busy maternity hospitals.

These infection prevention control measures will also assist in reducing maternal mortality rates, a key aim of this partnership. Infections cause 20% of maternal mortality in our partner hospitals in Kampala where around 30,000 births take place every year. The partnership has been commended in a letter of appreciation from the Executive Director of Kawempe National Referral Hospital.

Whilst we have been unable to travel, partnership activity has pivoted toward virtual engagement. Partners have developed a repository of resources, and regularly engaged in COVID19 sharing and learning sessions. CGHP members have delivered presentations to colleagues in Myanmar, discussing COVID19 management with audiences including WHO Myanmar, senior clinicians and Ministry of Health and Sports officials.



Cambridge



Dr Thinn Thinn Hlaing, Myanmar Lead for Myanmar Partnership, September 2020



# COVID-19 PARTNERSHIPS IN A TIME OF CRISIS

SEMINAR - 22ND SEPTEMBER - 5-6PM (BST)



'CGHP and global health
partnerships are vital, essential
and fundamental to our
healthcare mission.'

Dr Mike More, Chairman, CUH September 2020

CGHP events have provided platforms for healthcare workers, volunteers and partners to **share their experiences of managing COVID19**. We have facilitated these sharing and learning forums through virtual technologies. These **virtual events** have enabled us to achieve breadth in audience and inclusivity, with high level speakers and delegates attending from across the globe. The events are available on the CGHP website and YouTube channel.

For our annual event we held a COVID19 webinar, hosted by Dr Mike More, Chair of Cambridge University Hospitals. We explored the impact of the pandemic on partnerships and how we can build back better. Speakers included Dr Sani Aliyu, CUH Consultant, temporarily released by CUH in March, to lead the Presidential Task Force on COVID19 in Nigeria.

Whilst we recognise the challenges and impact of COVID-19, we are keen to recognise the effect global health partnership engagement has played in responding to the pandemic. Numerous CGHP members have highlighted that skills acquired during health partnership activity have vastly improved their ability to respond to the pandemic.

'Chris has been the linchpin of the CUH COVID response [. . .]. I got to know her through working together as part of the Kampala Cambridge health partnership where she has played a vital role in raising the profile of infection control activities and making them more central to Ugandan hospital's activities – this has helped enormously with their COVID19 preparations.'

Dr James Whitehorn, UK Lead for Uganda AMS Partnership

#### **Events and Engagement**



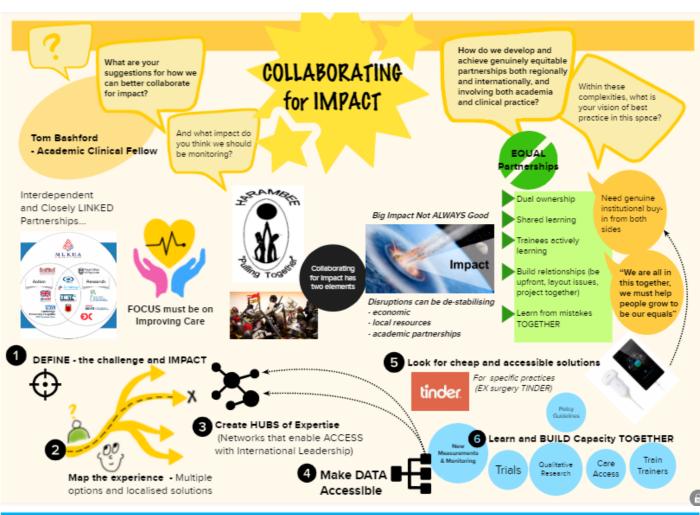
The East of England Global Health Conference was a huge success. Brining together over 120 delegates from across Cambridge and the East of England region, and as it was held online from across the world with attendees joining from the Uganda, Taiwan and Sri Lanka.

The event was held virtually across two days, discussing global primary care and public health, research, practice and education. Keynote speakers included Professor Dame Sally Davies, Professor Professor Amanda Howe and Professor Peter Hutchinson.

The theme of the conference was 'collaboration for impact'. Speakers spoke to this theme, and we used the online collaborative tool, Mural, to capture the breadth of global engagement within the East of England, nationally and internationally. An example can be found below.

We look forward to building collaborations we have made during the conference, and plan to hold a follow up event in **March 2021.** 





'This is not one way, we learn with our colleagues in LMICs, we learn about frugal innovation & how to do things differently & bring back to the UK an understanding of how to deal with adversity.'

Professor Dame Sally Davies, November 2020

120 Attendees 35 Speakers, panelists and rapporteurs

Two days of conference sessions

Identified 63 new global partnerships