



IOM International Organization for Migration



MIDA GHANA HEALTH PROJECT

QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Dr. Kwabena ADANSE-PIPIM

For the second time in 2009, a Public Health Expert based in The Netherlands, Dr. Kwabena Adanse-Pipim conducted a 5-week public health education assignment in September and October in the rural Atiwa District of Eastern Region



Dr. Adanse-Pipim in a meeting with health staff of Kwabeng Health Centre

2. Dr. Charles AGYEMANG

Whole of August 2009 witnessed Dr. Charles Agyemang, a Public Health Expert with the Community Health Department of the Amsterdam Municipal

Council of the Netherlands, conduct a 4-week teaching assignment at the Community Health Department of the School of Medical Sciences of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi.



Dr. Charles Agyemang lecturing Graduate Students in Community Health

3. Mr. Caesar MENSAH

A United Kingdom (U.K.)-based nurse with expertise in communicable disease prevention nurse spent 3 weeks in St. Michael's Hospital Pramso and 3 other hospitals within the local catholic diocesan

health area in the Ashanti Region from mid-September to mid- October.



Caesar Mensah (left) and David (Project Field Manager) present certificates to training participants

4. Mrs. Joanna OPPONG-OWIREDU **(Motec Life –UK)**

A U.K.-based Ghanaian midwife was stationed at Jirapa St. Joseph’s Hospital in the Upper West Region where she facilitated to an advanced preliminary stage, the establishment of a nutrition centre for nursing mothers and their babies.



Joanna (second right) with officials of Jirapa Hospital

5. Dr. Clement NABARE

From early October to mid-November 2009, Dr. Clement Nabare, based in

Germany with expertise in urology and surgery conducted a 6-week assignment at the Bolgatanga Regional Hospital.



Dr. Nabare (left) about to commence a pre-training meeting with the Administrator of Bolgatanga Regional Hospital

6. Ms. Hagar AMPONSAH

A Ghanaian general nurse based in the United Kingdom conducted a 3-week assignment in October 2009 at Wenchi Methodist Hospital.

7. Dr. Chris OPPONG

As part of a U.K.-based charity medical group which organizes free annual hernia surgeries in some selected institutions in Ghana, Dr. Chris Oppong was in Takoradi Hospital in November to conduct surgeries and transfer skills.



Dr. Oppong (left) conducting an on-the- job training in hernia surgery for a junior medical officer

8. Dr. Kodwo Sarfo AGYEMAN

Dr. Kodwo Sarfo Agyeman, a Ghanaian Medical Officer based in the Netherlands conducted an assignment at the SDA Hospital at Asamang from September to November.

9. Motec Life UK Team

From its base in the U.K., the Motec-Life, led by Dr. Paul Ofori-Atta, deployed at team of health experts in orthopaedics and anaesthetics to conduct various assignments in Ghana in October 2009.



Dr. Paul Ofori-Atta making a presentation at Volta Hotel in October 2009

10. Dr. Baba ADAM

A Germany-based Ghanaian orthopaedic surgeon was stationed at the St. Joseph,s Orthopaedic Hospital October to December.

11. Mr. Daniel ABUAKU

Dr. Akosua Hemeng in UK

The first candidate for the internship slot of the project commenced her internship in the United Kingdom in the fourth week of October. Dr. Akosua Serwa Hemeng, who is a Resident Anesthetic based at the Komfo-Anokye Teaching Hospital in Kumasi, in the Ashanti Region of Ghana, is scheduled to undergo a three month internship training in Critical Care Medicine. Specifically, Dr. Hemeng will participate in Northwick Park and St. Mark's Postgraduate Teaching Term in Critical Care Medicine. This course is intended to give the participants full

With almost 3 decades of practical experience in general nursing, Mr. Daniel Abuaku who is based in Germany, was at Nkawkaw Holy Family Hospital from early October to late December to transfer his rich experience, knowledge and skills to the nursing staff.

12. Dr. Paul Ossei

Dr. Paul Ossei commenced his 3-month assignment in November 2009 in Pathology at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital.



Dr. Paul Ossei conducting a small group teaching session in pathology at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital in Kumasi

INTERNSHIPS

exposure to the management of the critically ill patients and patients with trauma and acute surgical and medical emergencies.

At the end of the course the candidate is expected to become familiar with management techniques including artificial ventilation, invasive monitoring, imaging, renal replacement therapy and the use of ventilators

Mr. Winfred Dotse in the Netherlands

The second internship candidate for Phase III of the Project Mr. Winfred

Dotse commenced his 3-month assignment with the Community Health Directorate of the Amsterdam Municipality in The Netherlands in mid November 2009.

The practical training for Winfred, who is a Health Information Officer based at Atiwa District Health Directorate, Kwabeng in the Eastern Region of Ghana would include the following:

- To study analytical tools (SPSS and brief of EPI info) for epidemiological data;

On the whole 10 slots are available for internships by committed Ghanaian health workers in Europe in the present Phase III of the project (April 2008 to March 2012)

- To exchange of experiences of health information and its influence on politics;
- To have a link with the Department of Social Medicine of the Amsterdam Medical Centre of the University of Amsterdam and have an overview of their epidemiological study on risk factors for primarily heart diseases among the West African population in Amsterdam;
- To study existing databases and write an article on it

SUMMARY OF PROJECT'S IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2009

Assignments

A total of 35 temporary return slots through which Ghanaian and other African health professionals based in Europe conducted assignments were realized in 2009 (1 January to 31 December) These comprised:

- 4 Mental Health & Psychiatry
- 12 Public Health and Nursing/ Midwifery
- 7 Urology and Consultant surgery
- 8 Orthopaedics and Anesthesia
- 1 Health management system Analysis
- 1 Accident and Emergency Medicine
- 2 Pathology

Beneficiary Institutions

Tamale Teaching Hospital
Bolgatanga Regional Hospital
Navrongo War Memorial Hosp.

Jirapa St. Joseph's Hosp. & NTCs
SMHS of UDS, Tamale
SMS KNUST, Kumasi

SMS UCC, Cape Coast
UGMS, Accra
KomfoAnokye Teaching Hosp.
Korle-Bu Teaching Hosp.
SDA Hosp. Agona Asamang
St. Ann's Hosp. Donyina
St. Michaels Hosp. Pramso
Centre for Popular Education and
Human Rights Ghana (CEPEHRG)
Pantang NTC

Langbishi Presby Health Centre
Kintampo Municipal Hosp.
St. Josephs Hosp. K'dua
Holy Family Hosp. Nkawkaw
Atiwa Dist. Health Directorate
Ripples Healthcare
VRA Hosp., Akosombo
Takoradi Hospital
Ankaful NTC
Wenchi Methodist Hospital

Key Achievements

- Health Professionals trained in new techniques of mesh repair for hernia surgery in Navrongo War Memorial Hospital, Bolgatanga Regional Hospital, Kintampo Municipal Hospital and the Takoradi Hospital;
- Urology training and care conducted at Tamale Teaching Hospital Bolgatanga Regional Hospital and Navrongo War Memorial Hospital;
- Feasibility studies on Geriatric care in Ghana carried out;
- Training on modern midwifery topics conducted in Jirapa St. Joseph's and Donyina St. Ann's Hospitals;
- Assessment of the accident and emergency care and teaching of the Tamale Teaching Hospital conducted;
- Assessment of the General Surgery care and training capacity of Tamale Teaching Hospital and the School of Medical Sciences of the University of Cape Coast concluded;
- Hospital management and accounting systems developed and rolled out for the new hospital block of the Koforidua St. Joseph Hospital;
- Surgical Centre at St. John of God Hospital, Sefwi Asafo near completion;
- Orthopaedics, Anesthesia and Trauma Care training sessions project's resource persons accredited by Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeon;

Challenges

- The evasive issue of waiver on fees temporary registration for diaspora volunteers of the project.
- Accommodation and transportation challenges at some beneficiary institutions.
- Short duration of some of the assignments.

.../end