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Sustainable Development Goals

- Framework focused on equity, economics, & environment
- Increasingly used as organizing principle by gov’ts, funders, business, other sectors
Global Health Competencies

Identified in 12 domains (2014):

- Global Burden of Disease
- Globalization of Health and Healthcare
- Social and Environmental Determinants of Health
- Capacity Strengthening
- Teamwork/Collaboration and Communication
- Ethical Reasoning
- Professional Practice
- Health Equity and Social Justice
- Program Management
- Social, Cultural and Political Awareness
- Strategic Analysis
- Communication
CUGH Education Committee agreed on the following definitions for four different levels of students who might be engaged in global health work:

**Level I: Global Citizen Level**
Competency sets required of all post-secondary students pursuing any field with bearing on global health.

**Level II: Exploratory Level**
Competency sets required of students who are at an exploratory stage considering future professional pursuits in global health or preparing for a global health field experience working with individuals from diverse cultures and/or socioeconomic groups.

**Level III: Basic Operational Level**
Competency sets required of students aiming to spend a moderate amount of time, but not necessarily an entire career, working in the field of global health.

Two sub-categories exist in Level III:
- **Practitioner-Oriented Operational Level**: Competency sets required of students: 1) practicing discipline-specific skills associated with the direct application of clinical and clinically-related skills acquired in professional training in one of the traditional health disciplines; and 2) applying discipline-specific skills to global health-relevant work from fields that are outside of the traditional health disciplines (e.g., law, economics, environmental sciences, engineering, anthropology, and others).
- **Program-Oriented Operational Level**: Competency sets required of students within the Basic Operational Level in the realm of global health program development, planning, coordination, implementation, training, evaluation, or policy.

**Level IV: Advanced Level**
Competency sets required of students whose engagement with global health will be significant and sustained. These competencies can be framed to be more discipline-specific or tailored to the job or capacity in which one is working. This level encompasses a range of study programs, from a masters level degree program, up to a doctoral degree with a global health-relevant concentration. Students enrolling in these programs are usually committed to a career in global health-related activities.

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EDUCATING THE 20th CENTURY HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
A Vision for 21st Century Education

Major Findings
- Shortage & maldistribution of education institutions not matching population size and burden of disease
- Great disparities in global expenditure for HRH education
- Weakness and unevenly practiced stewardship, accreditation & learning systems
- Scarcity of information & research on HRH education
- No robust evidence on effectiveness of innovative initiatives launched

Ultimate Purpose
- “Assure universal coverage of comprehensive services essential for health equity within & between countries”

Proposed Reforms & Outcomes
- Instructional - Transformative learning: to develop leadership attributes and produce change agents
- Institutional - Interdependence in education: to harmonise education & HS; work in networks alliances & consortia; to harness global flows of educational content, teaching resources and innovations

Enabling Actions
- Engagement of leaders at all levels
- Investment in HRH education
- Stewardship mechanisms (accreditation)
- Strengthening of shared learning (metrics, evaluation, research) to build knowledge base about what innovations work

Frenk J et al., Lancet 2010; 376: 1923-58
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Epidemiological and demographic transitions

Technological innovation

Professional differentiation

Population demands

Health System
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TRADITIONAL

| CURRICULUM | EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES | ASSESSMENT |

COMPETENCY-BASED

| HEALTH NEEDS | COMPETENCIES OUTCOMES | ASSESSMENT | CURRICULUM |
| HEALTH SYSTEMS | | | |
Universal Health Coverage Initiatives

- UHC Partnership WHO-EU

- The ‘triple return’ of health, econ development, jobs not equal
  - 40 million new HCW jobs middle-high income, 18 million HCW gap in middle-low income countries
  - 20 million new jobs will be nurses
Achieving Action

Ensure everyone has access to a trained and motivated health worker as part of a functioning health system:

• National scale-up plans to increase community-cadre and associate clinician health workers alongside expansion of education and training for all groups of health workers

• Curricula focused on health needs, draw on public and private sectors and skills of all partners, make greater use of innovative means to increase training capacity, including regional approaches

• Development partners and international organizations increase in dedicated long-term funding for education and better coordination

(Badia, CUGH '14)
SCALING UP MIDWIFERY REDUCES MATERNAL & NEWBORN MORTALITY

- 10% increase in midwifery interventions
- 25% increase in midwifery interventions
- 27% drop in maternal mortality
- 50% drop in maternal mortality
- 95% midwifery coverage

When a mother dies, her infant is twice as likely to die before the age of two, and her other children are ten times more likely to leave school.

In low-resource settings the [Gates-funded LiST] model predicts that, compared with current baseline estimates and over 15 years, maternal and newborn mortality and stillbirths could be reduced by between 27% and 82%.

from the 2014 Lancet series executive summary

midwifery, n: skilled, knowledgeable, and compassionate care for childbearing women, newborn infants, and families across the continuum throughout pre-pregnancy, pregnancy, birth, postpartum, and the early weeks of life.
Interprofessional Curricula Recommendations
“Volunteer experiences have the potential to both benefit and harm the host community as well as the volunteer. Humility, trust, and respect must characterize the volunteer’s approach to all interactions, and ethical obligations must be honored. All volunteer experiences, local and global, should be carefully planned with adequate volunteer preparation. Pre-departure planning, on-site experience, and post-departure evaluation should be done in collaboration with the host community.”
Clinical Practicums

Developing and Validating Learning Domains, Competencies, and Evaluation Items for Global Health Clinical Immersion Practicums for Graduate-Level Nursing Programs

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Evaluation tool identifies academic prerequisites needed for achievement of expected competencies upon completion of the practicum experience

Accepted for publication July 27, 2018
Methods

- Scoping Review 17 articles, 4 grey lit 1995-2013
- Key Informant Interviews N =17
- Case Study: Rwanda Project

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Coordinate efforts and information across programs/regions
- Commit to long-term support
- Build relationships
- Clear, well-defined purpose with defined goals, outcomes
- Use of technology
- Include governmental agencies
- Holistic approach
- Comprehensive, detailed pre-assessment of local context
- Systematic evaluation and data collection
- Rigorous research on factors influencing success
Our Challenge

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