

Uganda: Health System & Training Needs

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- Located in East Africa
- Population about 34 million people
- Young population: median age 15 years

Health indices

- 49% of population below 15 years
- Infant Mortality Rate: 67/1000LB
- MMR: 434/100,000 LB
- Fertility rate: 6.9
- HIV prevalence: 6.5%

Priority Health Needs

- Maternal & Child Health
- Infectious Diseases: Malaria, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis
- Non communicable diseases: HT, DM, Cancer, Sickle Cell Disease, cardiac, Injuries.....
- Environment Health
- Nutritional disorders

Uganda's Health System

- Decentralization policy
- Ministry of Health:
 - Policy Formulation & development with developmental partners, resource mobilization & budgeting, strategic planning, regulatory, quality assurance, capacity development , technical support, nationally coordinated services e.g epidemic control, M&E
- Districts: Implementation of health services

Organization of district services

- District Health Teams headed by DHO
- Regional Referral Hospitals (specialist services)
- District Hospitals
- Health Centre IVs (First level referral)
- Health Centre III
- Health centre II
- Village Health Teams
- Organized around political and community system

Challenges of health system

- Health expenditure 8.2% GNP
- Inadequate Human Resources
- Inadequate Infrastructure
- Inequities in distribution
- Inadequate system of primary care
- Poverty
- Disease burden

Training requirements and expectations of APFP

- Fellows trained 6, one completing in March, one starting in March
- Areas: Haematology/Oncology, ID, Pulmonology & allergy, Cardiology, Paed Surgery, Emergency Nursing
- Expectations: More than one person trained in an area to create team of leaders
- Qualifications

Expectations of APFP

- Capacity building in other priority areas
- Great need for Fellowships in Nursing
- ??? Community of Fellows
- ???? Strengthening supervision
- ???? Shorter rotations for some faculty
- ???? Rotations for post graduate students
- ???? Research Collaborations