

Improving Global Health partners

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The IGH programme has been operational since 2008 and now has a number of partners. All follow the model of Integrated Development as identified by the Millennium Villages initiative.



Myanmar (Burma) ? Brighter Future Foundation, Yangon

This partnership in Yangon, Myanmar has been facilitated through The Brighter Future Foundation NGO. The IGH Fellows have a great opportunity to develop their leadership skills, project design and implementation in the urban environment of Yangon. Projects are based in Yangon General Hospital, North Okkalapa Hospital as well as a project in Primary Care working with The Myanmar GP Association.

Recent projects include:

- Baseline evaluation of hand hygiene at Yangon General Hospital
- Improved recognition and management of osteoporosis at Yangon General Hospital
- Quality improvement around point of care testing devices in GP clinics
- Development of Myanmar GP Society website and GP database
- Improving the utilisation of emergency operating theatres at Yangon General Hospital

Myanmar is at a fascinating point in its transition back to civilian rule, with much optimism for the future. There are numerous cultural and historic sites in Yangon and Myanmar including the world famous Shwedagon pagoda, Bagan and Mandalay.

Cambodia- The MJP Foundation, Samlout, Cambodia

The Cambodian placement offers a wonderful opportunity to develop and test leadership skills, project design and planning in a diverse and interesting culture. There are plenty of opportunities to explore this interesting region and visit sites such as the UNESCO World Heritage site at Angkor Wat and immerse yourself in the history and culture of SE Asia and Cambodia.

The base is in the north west of Cambodia, not far from the Thai border, in the medium sized town of Battambang. While in Cambodia Fellows are part of a NGO ? the MJP Foundation - which, as well as healthcare, provides assistance in areas of agriculture, education, infrastructure, micro-enterprise development and conservation.

The time is split between office-based work and rural field work in seven villages, served by the MJP Foundation. IGH Fellows are well supported locally by the local team, in particular the well-established and helpful medical team.

Recent projects include:

- Youth Empowerment and Special Support Project (YESS)
- Indoor Smoke Pollution Reduction Enterprise
- Child Health, Environment and Wellbeing (CHEW)

The IGH programme partnership with the MJP Foundation in Cambodia was paused from August 2016 because MJP was reviewing all of their programmes and partnerships. MJP has now completed that review and wish to continue the partnership with the IGH programme so two IGH Fellows were recruited and started their placement from March 2017 to work with the MJP team to help scope and develop their health strategy for 2017 - 2022.

South Africa

Placements in one of the two partnership sites in South Africa offer the opportunity to experience a

completely different healthcare environment whilst developing leadership abilities and having the opportunity to learn project development and management skills. Although South Africa is considered a wealthy country by the standards of Africa as a whole, the uninsured 80% of the population only have access to quite basic health care by European standards.

The disease burden and therefore the projects are wide ranging; from communicable disease, to child and maternal health, as well as the emerging burden of non-communicable chronic diseases such as diabetes and COPD.

The IGH programme currently works across two locations in the country - East London, in the Eastern Cape and the George Hospital in the Western Cape - both located on the shores of the Indian Ocean.

East London, Eastern Cape - Eastern Cape Government Department of Health

East London is the only river port in South Africa and is the gateway to the Sunshine Coast in the south and the Wild Coast to the north. Projects take place across a variety of settings including Cecilia Makiwane Hospital and Frere Hospital in East London, as well as field work in community health clinics. Recent projects include:

- Early recognition and intervention of the deteriorating patient in the Eastern Cape
- Provide skills and motivation for staff in healthcare environments to develop and improve patient care across the Eastern Cape
- Safe antimicrobial prescribing in the Eastern Cape
- Improving TB infection prevention control practices at Cecilia Makiwane Hospital (CMH), East London, Eastern Cape
- Improving surgical delays

George Hospital, George, Western Cape - Department of Health, Western Cape Government

George is a town in the centre of the scenic tourist area of 'The Garden Route' on the Western Cape with the stunning Outeniqua Mountains as its backdrop. Primarily based in George Hospital, recent projects include:

- Enhancing clinical effectiveness and reducing waste by improving procurement and storage of stock at George Hospital
- Developing patient information resources to improve patient education and safe discharge from hospital services at George Hospital
- Improving antimicrobial stewardship through system strengthening and staff development at George Hospital

Both George and East London are situated on the coast of the Indian Ocean and offer a wide variety of sporting activities such as surfing, hiking, mountain biking and horse riding. There are plenty of opportunities to explore the beautiful scenery that South Africa has to offer and also to encounter its amazing wildlife.

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Links

[1] <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work>

[2] <https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/>

[3] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>

[4] <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/news-blogs-events>

[5] <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/about>