



Building Health Sector Capacities in Tanzania – the Potential of Pharmaceutical Training and the Role of the Stakeholders in Safeguarding the Human Right to Health

Exposure and Dialogue Programme in Moshi & Mwanza (Tanzania, 31 Jan - 06 Feb 2016)



Laboratory at the Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (Mwanza) © Haefele-Abah, Risha, Reijer, „Access Study 2012“

The strengthening of the health infrastructure is an essential prerequisite for better medical care and improved access to high-quality medication. In this area, vocational training is particularly important. Tanzania needs a lot more practically skilled pharmacists to ensure access to safe medication. There is a particular lack of pharmaceutical assistants and technicians working in rural health facilities. In the Exposure and Dialogue Programme you will accompany students undergoing such training in their lessons, during practical exercises in the lab and in the environment of health facilities. You will also meet the tutors and get to know the framework conditions for *best practise* examples of pharmaceutical training in Moshi and Mwanza. You will reflect on your experience on site with experts, management officials and representatives of the government and the supervisory authorities. You will gain a realistic insight into the framework conditions of these training courses and discuss with experts how to design present cooperation to strengthen the health sector and improve "Access to Medicine".

Background and Contents

Tanzania has a population of 45 million, 75% of which are living in rural areas. Approx. 165 pharmacists 'of the lower cadres' (assistants, technicians) graduate per year, only. There are far too few training positions and the present facilities work with different curricula. According to a GIZ – ACCESS Group Study (2012), Tanzania needs more than fifty times the pharmacists who should receive more practice-oriented qualification for the health sector in different modular training courses of one, two or three years ('dispenser'; 'pharmaceutical assistant'; 'pharmaceutical technician'). In light of a public-private "Access to Medicine" cooperation to strengthen the pharmaceutical training that is financed by German pharmaceutical companies and the GIZ, the Exposure and Dialogue Programme enables participants to immerse themselves in the world the trainees live in. What are their personal motifs, ambitions and goals? How do they experience their everyday training and lives? At the example of the Lutheran Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy (Moshi) and the School of Pharmacy of the Catholic University (Mwanza), the EDP participants will also meet the tutors and gain realistic insights

into the conditions under which the training facilities work. Together with experts and persons responsible, the question of what role the actors hold to strengthen this area of health infrastructure will be dealt with: national and international, political and administrative, in development cooperation and companies, in Church and civil society. Where and how do they already cooperate today? What can they do together to safeguard the human right to health by "Access to Medicine"? Across cultural barriers, and in a very short time, the Exposure and Dialogue method facilitates intense personal insights in the living and training situation of the students. At the same time, the participants will be able to dialogue with experts and sector officials in the host country. In addition to the experiences in personal meetings and by technical information that is conveyed in workshops, e.g. on the interrelation of training costs/tuition fee, harmonisation of curricula, sector regulation and authority supervision, the programme may open up new options for action in present cooperation – to strengthen the infrastructure in the Tanzanian health sector and safeguard the right to health.

„My participation in an Exposure and Dialogue Programme was an instructive experience of theory meeting practise. Meeting people whose lives are characterized by very different problems than those I have in my daily life, open up new perspectives for action.“

MP Gabriele Lösekrug-Möller
(Parliamentary Secretary with
the German Federal Minister of
Labour and Social Affairs)

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Programme Overview (tentative)*

Saturday, 30 Jan 2016 : 21:00hrs Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport

Sunday, 31 Jan, 10:30hrs Prelude and introductions; technical orientation

Monday, 01 Feb: Exposure visits: Mwanza group: 10:00hrs domestic flight; introductions at CUHAS School of Pharmacy / Moshigroup stays at Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy; **all til Wednesday eve, 03 Feb:** Immersion in students' everyday life & training

Thursday, 04 Feb, 11:00hrs flight to Dar es Salaam; **16:00hrs Reflection** in small groups and plenary, prepare lessons learnt

Friday, 05 Feb, 09:00hrs Dialogue Workshop of health sector stakeholders

Saturday, 06 Feb, 10:00hrs Wrap-up session/ Evaluation; **afternoon optional**, excursion Whitesands Hotel / Jangwani Beach; **20:00hrs** Transfer to Dar es Salaam International Airport (* a more detailed schedule is available)

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Intended Group of Participants

The programme is offered especially to political decision bearers dealing with *international development, health, vocational training and economic cooperation*, to representatives of pharma business, experts of pharmaceuticals, laboratory and tropical medicine as well as to the media. Development experts of the State, the Churches and other civil society

organisations are welcome to deepen their experience („reality check“) in the Tanzanian health sector and share their knowledge with others. We aim at bringing together persons of different backgrounds and sector experiences so as to create space for developing new perspectives as well as innovative ways of cooperation and networking.

Partner Organisations

The programme will be conducted in cooperation with the *Joint Conference Church and Development (GKKE)*. It is linked to an initiative of the **GKKE „Pharma Dialogue“** with the Research-based *Pharmaceutical Companies (vfa)* being instrumental to the *GIZ develoPPP „supporting training institutions for improved pharmaceutical services in Tanzania“*. **The Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy of the Saint Luke Foundation** (Moshi) and **The Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences / School of Pharmacy** (Mwanza) will host the programme—under the auspices of the *Tanza-*

nia Pharmacy Council. The Exposure and Dialogue Programme (EDP) Association is a Church-owned provider of hands-on, value-oriented leadership training which has been commissioned, to facilitate this learning process—together with the local partners. The Association has conducted more than 80 Exposure and Dialogue Programmes in the Global South and in reform countries of Eastern Europe. Such long standing experience helps in facilitating a competent preparation and implementation of the programme as well as a close accompaniment of the participants.

Web Sites of the Organizers:

EDP Association
www.edpev.de

Joint Conference Church and Development
www.gkke.org

Saint Luke Foundation
www.saintlukfoundation.co.tz/kilimanjaro-school-of-pharmacy

Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences
www.bugando.ac.tz/school_of_pharmacy.html

Entry Condition

Proficient English language skills are important. You will book your flights to/from KIA yourself. The standard cost sharing will be at an amount of € 2.700 Euros (fees of participation). Cost sharing of development, civil society and Church organisations as well as from Tanzanian participants are being settled differently. *Our services in Germany:* prepara-

tion and de-briefing; *in Tanzania:* board & lodging, local transport, accompaniment/moderation, info material. The space for enrolment is limited to 18 persons. Do not hesitate to contact us for further information. We are looking forward to be hearing from you!

Contacts



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Exposure regions, see arrows:

Moshi / Kilimanjaro;

Mwanza on the Victoria See

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