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THE DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY HEALTH COURSE

Director General Dr. Teguest Guerma explains a point to USAID representative during the last graduation ceremony.
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1.0 The Diploma in Community Health (DCH) Course

The main objective of the course is to train and improve the knowledge, skills and attitude of health workers and health-related personnel so as to enable them to be competent in their professional lives and to address the health needs of their surrounding communities.

The course targets middle level health and development workers working with governments, NGO and private organizations. Middle level health care workers provide over 80% of health services in developing countries. This category of health workers improve accessibility and cost effectiveness of health care services by reaching out the potentially underserved communities with high impact of primary health care programs.

The 2012 class was an eLearning only class. The conversion of the course to eLearning has reduced the cost of training and enabled the programme to train more health workers from different countries. A total of 39 students were enrolled to the programme in 2012. The students were from Kenya, South Sudan, Uganda, Nigeria, Cameroon, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Malawi and Japan.

A total of 30 students from 10 different African countries graduated from the eLearning programme in December 2012. The chief guest for the 2012 graduation ceremony was Madame Sahle-Worke Zewde, Director General United Nations office Nairobi. During this graduation a ground breaking ceremony for the new training centre was witnessed and presided over by the USAID representative.

Three (3) students benefitted from Wolfson College sponsorship. All the three students got partial scholarships to the eLearning programme. None of the three students has graduated and they are all expected to graduate this year because the course takes 15 months.

Below are the student's profile and academic achievements during the course.
2.0 Student Profiles and Accomplishment

Winnie Kalyesubula is a Ugandan aged 39, working as a Behavioural Scientist with AMREF Uganda with the SCHAP project. She is on partial scholarship for Diploma in Community Health eLearning tuition fee of USD 1185. Winnie sat for and passed term I exam in October 2012. She is currently doing her term II modules and is expected to sit for exams in April 2013. Her research title is “HIV Prevention Knowledge, Risk Perception and Sexual Behavior Change Six Months Following Circumcision: A Case Of Boda-Boda Riders In Wakiso District, Uganda”.

Joseph Otim is a Ugandan aged 33, working with AMREF Uganda as a Project Officer. He is on partial scholarship for Diploma in Community Health eLearning tuition fee of USD 786. Joseph is currently doing her term I modules and is expected to sit for term I exam in April 2013.

Nkari Christine Gathoni is a Kenyan aged 33 working as a lab technician in Nairobi. She is on partial scholarship for Diploma in Community Health eLearning tuition fee of USD 1600. Christine sat for and passed term I exam in September 2012. She is currently doing her term II modules and is expected to sit for exams in April 2013.
3.0 Wolfson Bursary Student Sponsorship over the past eight years

Over the years, Wolfson bursary has sponsored a number of students for Diploma in Community Health Course. The table below gives a summary of Wolfson bursary s from the year 2005 to the year 2012.

Table 1.0 Number of Students Sponsored by Year, Gender and Country

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4.0 Conclusion

The sponsorship has contributed in building the capacity of human resource in a comprehensive manner by continued scholarship of health worker to pursue the one year Diploma in Community Health course offered at the AMREF International Training Centre. The students have graduated equipped and empowered to take change of community health activities in their countries. This contribution is a significant way to the attainments of the millennium development goal.