Wales and Developing Country Partnerships
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
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Links in Wales

- Launched last week
- ABUHB signatories
- Promises

4 Foundations:
- Organisational responsibilities
- Reciprocal Partnership working
- Good Practice
- Sound Governance
Background of International Health Links ABUHB

- Long history

- Organisational support for:
  - Southern Ethiopia Gwent Link
  - Midwives@Ethiopia
  - ABUHB Bong County Link (Liberia)
  - Operation Hernia
  - Sight 20 20, University of Malawi and Zomba Eye Link
  - International Learning Opportunity

- Links with at least 18 NGOs

ABUHB Chair Mr David Jenkins

“The Aneurin Bevan University Health Board aims to promote, support and protect the international health link activities undertaken by members of our staff. We have been hugely impressed with the work that has been undertaken to date and we want to encourage more staff to engage with and support these initiatives. Our international health links are delivering real benefits to all involved. And they are also providing clear evidence of our values as an organisation, values of which we should all be proud.”
Southern Ethiopia Gwent Link

Impact

- Since 2000, supported by THET
- Trained 2000 mid level healthcare workers
- Donation of training and other essential equipment
- Robust monitoring and evaluation

Mr Biku Ghosh OBE
Midwives at Ethiopia

- Team of UK midwives
- Share knowledge and skills
- Melrose East (retired ABUHB midwife)
- “I have great admiration for healthcare workers in Ethiopia and I respect their desire and willingness to learn and apply new skills. We can all learn from their enthusiasm.”
ABUHB Bong County Large Paired Institutional Partnership project in Liberia (THET)

- To reduce maternal and newborn deaths
- Improve access to comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and newborn care
- Built on Mothers of Africa work since 2008
Operation Hernia

- Teaching and training
- Fellowships
- Award at World Innovation Summit for Health (December 2013)
- Mosquito net mesh
- Collaborating with LifeBox
Sight 20:20 Malawi

- fight and treat the preventable causes of blindness in the developing world. This includes cataracts, childhood blindness, refractive errors, low vision and glaucoma
- since 2001
- Aim to enhance community responsibility as expressed in the tenets of the Alma Ata Declaration (1978) which states that every community has some responsibility for its health. Healthcare schemes must be practical and acceptable to its community.
International Learning Opportunities

- Wales For Africa program
- In collaboration with Academi Wales
- Unique opportunity for NHS staff to work on development projects and enhance leadership skills
Skill-Transfer Workshops in Sudan

- since 2005
- Across regions of Sudan
- hands-on & live surgery
- Local faculty developed.
- Increasing skills in laparoscopic gynae surgery
- Generous donations from UK & European companies.
Outside of Africa

- Last 7 years
- Gaza strip public hospitals
- Operating and teaching lectures
- Link with medical school
- Trauma data collection - major cardiothoracic trauma
International Porter Protection Group

- In 1997 a young Nepali porter became ill with altitude sickness. He was paid off and sent down alone, dying 30 hours later, leaving a wife and two children.
- The charity provides
  - Training and education
  - Access to clothing
  - Medical care when injured or ill
  - Insurance
  - Advocacy
The future

- Continued **support** through Special leave policy, developing grant writing skills
- Increased **protection** through guidance, occupational health
- Increased **promotion** through resources available on ABUHB intranet
Questions?