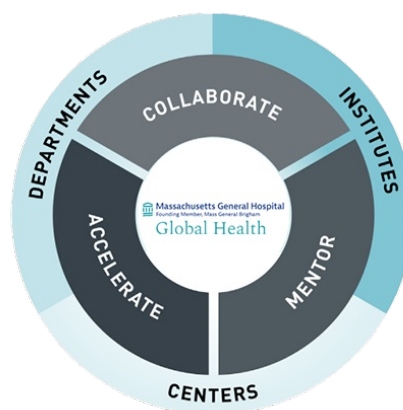


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November 2023 Monthly Global Health Community Newsletter

Hi there, this monthly newsletter is going out early in hopes to reach you before holiday plans complicate your schedule. Here are your December community updates:

- Upcoming Events
- Funding Opportunities
- Employment Opportunities / Fellowships
- Awards / Recognition
- Recent Publications
- Global Health Community Highlights
- Opportunities to Engage

If you have an item to include in a future newsletter, let us know! Please write to us at cghadmin@mgh.harvard.edu.

Upcoming Events

"Palliative Care in Conflict Situations: Should It Be Applicable Only for Serious Illness-Related Suffering?"

Monday, December 18th

1 pm EST

Zoom

(password: 348725)

In light of the many conflict situations around the world and the associated terrible suffering, the question arises about the role of palliative care. In situations of political, ethnic or sexual violence and forced displacement, should palliative care focus only on "serious health-related suffering"? If not, what could or should the role of palliative care be in these situations?

The Program in Global Palliative Care at Harvard Medical School **has organized a panel discussion** to engage with these questions.

Panelists:



Dr. Nahla Gafer, MD, MS: WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office; Former Director of Palliative Care at Khartoum Oncology Hospital, Sudan



Dr. Tammam Aloudat, MD: Director of Médecins Sans Frontières Netherlands (Doctors Without Borders)



Dr. Christian Nitzimira, MD, MMsGHE: Co-founder of Rwanda Palliative Care & Hospice Organization; Founder and Director of African Center for Research on the End of Life (ACREOL), Kigali, Rwanda

Interested in submitting a K43 application?

Tuesday, January 9th
10 am EST / 6pm EAT
Register for the Zoom webinar



The K43 Emerging Leader Award is a five-year grant to support career development for early-stage investigators in settings outside of the United States. The International URBAN ARCH Center Training & Mentoring Program presents a webinar giving the ins and outs of the K43. **Dr. Julian Adong**, a recent NIMH K43 award recipient, will be joined by her mentor, **Dr. Jessica Haberer**, to speak about the award, her experiences with this funding mechanism and tips for other international trainees hoping to pursue similar paths.

Funding Opportunities

- **CGH Research Development Award** – This award is designed to support investigators who are beginning careers in global health research. The award is not restricted to any specific area within global health, but the research must be grounded in a robust, in-country partnership and contribute to the local research agenda. This award provides \$75,000 over two years for direct costs. Please see [this document](#) for more details about the application process. **Applications are due by 5pm ET on January 26.** They should be submitted as a single PDF to Lindsey Garrison at legarrison@mgh.harvard.edu with the subject line "CGH Research Development Award." If you have any questions, please reach out to Dr. Jessica Haberer at jhaberer@mgb.org.
- **MGH Center for Global Health Medical Education and Innovation Development**

Award This award is designed to support early-to-mid-career healthcare practitioners who are involved in global healthcare delivery and innovation. The award provides up to \$20,000 for one year and may be used to support salary, travel and/or program activities for a global health project. **Applications will be accepted until February 1, 2024.** Please see the title link for more information and **contact Juliana Hoke with questions at jhoke@mgh.harvard.edu.**

- **MGH Global Health Community Engagement Awards** - These awards aim to improve health equity and support community-based projects, humanitarian opportunities and requests for specialized assistance from NGOs. MGH staff and faculty are eligible for the awards, and their collaborators from partner institutions are also eligible. So... do you have a community partner with whom you collaborate? This award funding could be quite strategically helpful to them. *Learn more at the link above.*
- **MGH 2024 Global Health Service Award Program (GHSAs)** – The GHSAs was established to encourage dedication in global health, recognize those who are advancing clinical care for underserved populations and emphasize the benefits of global collaboration in healthcare. All employees of MGH and global partners are eligible for an award under this program. We just honored four individuals in May – *see the below section for details.*
- **MGH Center for Global Health Finish Line Grant (GHFLG)** – Do you have a project that's near completion? Do you need just a *little* more support to finish it? This grant program aims to serve as a catalyst for the completion of projects – as well as a way to support mentorship between MGH Global Health faculty and junior investigators and trainees. GHFLG awards can range from \$500-\$2,500 per award each year. They can be used to pay for protected time, childcare costs and more. **See this document** for more information and how to apply. Contact Lindsey Garrison at legarrison@mgh.harvard.edu with questions.

Employment Opportunities / Fellowships

CGH is hiring!

- **Clinical Research Coordinator**

For more information, please see the job description or contact cghadmin@mgh.harvard.edu

Awards / Recognition



Back in October, the Asylum Clinic team's Director **Dr. Matthew Gartland, MD**, and Associate Director **Dr. Altaf Saadi, MD**, received a **SIREN Engagement Grant** for "Strengthening Community Engagement with Asylum Seekers in Boston." It is a project in which they are joined

by other Boston area collaborators – **Yesenia Mejia** (Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Immigrant Health Team), **Maggie Sullivan, FNP-BC, DrPH**, (Oasis Clinic, Boston Healthcare for the Homeless) and **Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen** (Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network). The group just had the opening meeting for this grant-funded project, and they are looking forward to growing their community advisory board.

Recent Publications

Here is a selection of our community's recent publications, alphabetized by first author. To share your published work in the next newsletter, please email cghadmin@mgh.harvard.edu.

- Byanova, Katerina, Rebecca Abelman, Crystal North, Stephanie Christenson, and Laurence Huang. "COPD in People with HIV: Epidemiology, Pathogenesis, Management, and Prevention Strategies." *International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease* Volume 18 (November 2023): 2795–2817. <https://doi.org/10.2147/COPD.S388142>.
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- Manne-Goehler, Jennifer, Mohammed K Ali, David Flood, Vincent C Marconi, Willem D F Venter, and Mark J Siedner. "From Evidence to Effectiveness: Implications of the Randomized Trial to Prevent Vascular Events in HIV Study for People With Human Immunodeficiency Virus in Low- and Middle-Income Settings." *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, December 8, 2023, ciad702. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciad702>.
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Global Health Community Highlights

Kimberly Hook, PhD, MA, is our new Global Health Faculty Affiliate. She is an applied clinical researcher and a licensed clinical psychologist who currently works as a research scientist at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in the Department of Epidemiology. She completed her doctoral degree at Loyola University Chicago, as well as four years of postdoctoral training in global psychiatry at Boston University Medical Campus-Massachusetts General Hospital. Her work, funded



through NIMH, focuses on capacity building and increasing access to evidence-based mental health and substance abuse treatments, with specific focus on people with HIV and displaced persons. Since 2018, Hook has closely collaborated with the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Ukraine. In the past 15 years, she has worked more broadly in the Eastern European region. Additionally, Hook supports a number of projects across East Africa through her involvement with the Neuropsychiatric Genetics in African Populations study.

Traveling soon for work?
Remember – you've got resources.

- **MGB TravelSafe program** – travel assistance and response program
- Contact **Ryan Wildes**, Manager of International Risk Management, a resource for insurance and emergency response. His email is rwildes@mgb.org.
- Contact **Kristen Giambusso**, Deputy Director of Global Disaster Response and Humanitarian Action, at kgiambusso@mgb.org.



Did you know that 1 in 3 children in Massachusetts is at risk of experiencing clothing insecurity?

This month MGH Center for Global Health staff volunteered their time at Cradles to Crayons, where they prepared packages of clothing, shoes, books and more for distribution throughout the year to hundreds of thousands of kids in Greater Boston communities. [Click here to learn how you can help.](#)

View the Latest Global Health Community Meeting Minutes

Opportunities to Engage

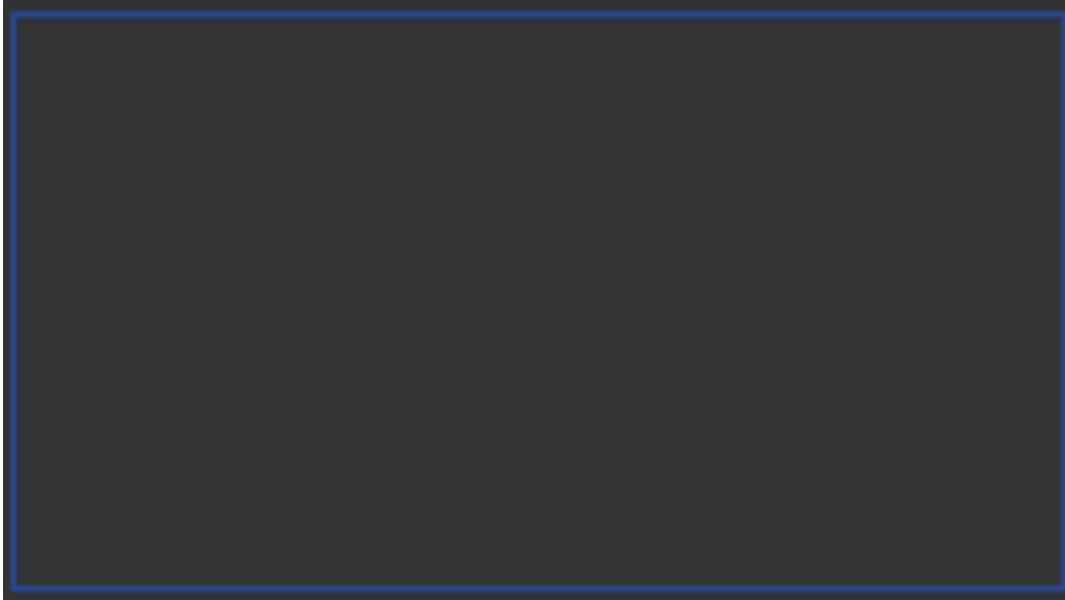
- The next MGH GlobalEd Collaborative meeting will take place in early 2024 with a focus on bidirectional educational exchange. Please look out for the formal meeting announcement.
- **The Global Health Delivery Intensive (GHDI)** will be offered this summer July 9-26, 2024. The intensive is a non-degree program offered virtually by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School. The three-week program is best suited for mid-career health professionals who seek training in healthcare delivery concepts and skills. [Learn more and apply here](#). If you have any questions, please contact ghdi@globalhealthdelivery.org.
- Beginning with the 2023/2024 academic year, we will be partnering with **Harvard Medical School's Master of Science in Media, Medicine and Health Program**. The one-year MS program includes an internship/independent course and is currently seeking MGH-based mentors to host students in the spring semester. Mentors can be faculty as well as administrative staff who have a defined project for which they need support. **For more information, please contact CGH Program Manager Juliana Hoke at jhoke@mgh.harvard.edu.**
- **Mass General's Hispanic Psychiatry Clinic** is continuing to grow. They are accepting referrals for monolingual Spanish-speaking patients who receive primary specialty care at MGH. PCPs can refer patients for psychopharmacology services via the PTIS Epic referral, or contact the clinic at **617-643-7998**.
- We are building a global health library in our office. Feel free to stop by, check out a book and [please add books to the list here](#). Some suggested topics to get you thinking include: diversity, equity and inclusion, global health, leadership and decolonizing global health. We're excited to see your picks!
- Do you have Boston area accommodations (a guest room, perhaps) that you can offer to our international collaborators traveling to Boston for short-term stays? If you're able to host, [please complete this REDcap survey](#).
- If you are interested in teaching at the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) in Rwanda as a Visiting Faculty, please complete the [REDCap survey here](#).
- Interested in becoming a global health affiliate or associate? [Learn more here](#).



Get on the Map

We have created a map to reflect our work around the globe. Look at how wide our reach has become! To include your project or organization, [please complete this REDCap survey](#).

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