

# MGH Global Health Community Meeting 02/11/25 Program Updates

## Safety and Security

- Ebola outbreak in Uganda under control with nine total cases being treated
  - No new updates from our CDC. If planning to travel to/from/through Uganda, keep this in mind

## Global Disaster Response

- Today is Lindsey and Skeeter's second day of teaching the trauma nursing fundamentals course at the Butaro hospital with the help of Josephine and Doreen, two instructors from Uganda
  - They will be here for the next 2 weeks
  - Next week, they will do accompaniment in the hospital and work with clinical nurse educators in hospital to reinforce teaching from this week
- Hope to teach same course in Iraq in April
- Teams have returned from responding to wildfires in L.A. and from the border for month of Jan/Feb

## Global Health Collaborative, Uganda

- Eight total patients admitted with Ebola
  - The ministry issued statements noting that 265 people were identified as contacts and put under isolation and all vaccinated
- USAID teams supporting neighbors in the office are still closed
  - Only have volunteers for now and the HIV clinic was impacted the most
  - A letter issued said HIV services should continue, but have been discussing with management regarding how to proceed

## Global Education and Clinical Innovation

- Will have a listening session on Thursday from 12pm-1pm regarding how people's global health education, curriculum, training, innovation work has been affected
  - A space for people to share how recent events have affected their work
- Research awards due this Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>

## Global Nursing

- Mary will be joining Lindsey and Skeeter in Butaro on Friday

## Global Research

- Global Research Development Award applications due on Friday

## MGH Asylum Clinic

- Isabel and Matt attended a Social Intervention and Research Conference two weekends ago with 4 community organization members.
  - An important time to be together with like-minded people encountering similar challenges regarding social spaces and immigrant health
  - Grant represents a broadening of services to research navigation and interventions
- Isabel working with Center for Immigrant Health regarding a Know Your Rights campaign

## Global Cancer Care

- One of our key admin allies for Poetic Program that has been managed to bring oncologists from other countries to Boston was laid off yesterday
  - It seems there are no imminent plans to replace her or her responsibilities
  - Figuring out how to maintain plans for an oncologist to still come in the spring
- Submitted small grant with HGI to look at different mechanisms including voluntary licensing to make cancer therapeutics more accessible
  - Have been having good stakeholder interviews around pilots for a few meds to make them more affordable
  - Submitted a session for the big annual biotech conference in June that got accepted.

## Admin Updates

- Received a system-wide announcement sharing news of consolidations and administrative non-clinical, non-patient facing job layoffs
  - Still talking with leadership regarding how to integrate global health as we merge
  - No indication as of now that those cuts affect our global health work
- First round of cuts made yesterday, more to be made in March
  - May be a decision made by financial pressures and done over a longer period of time but condensed to now