MGH Global Health Community Meeting 1/13/2026 Program Updates

Safety and Security

- No major new updates currently; team continues to monitor travel conditions and impacts, particularly in the Caribbean
- No new travel restrictions from MGB at this moment
- Uganda national elections scheduled for January 15, 2026; travel is not advised 30 days before or after elections

Global Disaster Response

- Continued planning toward a potential deployment to the Colombia–Venezuela border
- Kelsey Gonzalez to be brought on to support survey work and clinical activities
- Durant Fellowship:
    - Skeeter Welder is the 2026 Durant Fellow
    - Fellowship will support two concurrent projects
- One focus will be advancing the Trauma Nursing Fundamentals Course, including background research to identify gaps and inform program development
- Ongoing disaster response planning, including affiliation with Rura Health for work with the Rosebud Reservation

Global Health Collaborative, Uganda

- During the election period (January 15), no major disruptions reported to date, though tension remains
- Internet shutdown reported at 6:00 PM during the election period
- Annual Research Conference dates to be shared when finalized

Global Education and Clinical Innovation

- Call for Applications: *Center for Global Health Medical Education and Innovation Development Award*
    - Designed to support early- to mid-career healthcare practitioners involved in global health education or clinical innovation
    - Projects must be grounded in partnerships that advance local clinical or educational capacity building
    - Award provides up to $20,000 for one year (+20% F&A covered by CGH)
    - Funds may be used for salary support, travel, and/or program activities
    - Open to MGH or BWH clinical faculty (Instructor level or above)
        - Application Deadline: Friday, February 20
        - Examples of prior awards include development of clinical training curricula and bilateral exchange programs

Global Nursing

- Ongoing collaboration with Debbie Burke, Chief Nurse at MGH, to explore a larger global nursing initiative
- Working with MGH nursing leadership to develop improved protocols addressing:
    - Safety and security
    - Insurance coverage
    - Institutional credit and recognition for global nursing work
- Survey data indicates a significant proportion of nurses are engaged in global health work

Global Research

- *Center for Global Health Research Development Award*
    - Designed to support investigators early in their global health research careers
    - Open to post-doctoral fellows, instructors, and assistant professors at MGH or BWH
    - Provides **$75,000 total over two years** (+20% F&A covered by CGH)
    - Funds may support salary, research expenses, and/or travel
        - Application Deadline: Friday, February 20
- Anticipating onboarding of an additional T32 fellow in July 2026 (contact Jenna for details)
- NIH operations remain functional; CGH recently received a supplement for ongoing work in Africa, supporting a data science initiative

MGH Asylum Clinic

- Clinic continues to have a strong need for volunteers
- A new Program Coordinator has recently joined the team

Strength and Serenity Global Initiative to End Gender-Based Violence

- Uganda-based educational collaboration with a nursing and midwifery school
- Completion of the fourth webinar focused on gender-based violence
- Ongoing research collaboration with Ukraine examining respectful maternity care
- Monthly newsletter continues to be distributed
- Program continues to host clinical observers and physicians from multiple countries

Global Cancer Care

- Several grant applications submitted over the past few months
- Focus on leveraging digital pathology to lower barriers to cancer diagnostics
- Over the coming year, prioritizing work in the diagnostic space for cancer care

Admin Updates

- Countries Subject to Visa Bonds
    - Uganda now requires a visa bond after visa approval
    - Bond amounts may be up to $15,000, depending on country
    - Policy implemented January 21