MGH Global Health Community Meeting 4/14/2026 Program Updates

Safety and Security

- Current MGB travel restrictions remain in place; prohibited regions include parts of the Middle East, including transit/layovers
- Strong reminder to submit all travel plans to TravelSafe/Horizon for risk management and emergency response
- Failure to submit travel may impact MGB's ability to locate and support staff during crises
- New Horizon platform updates include registration and ability to upload externally booked travel via email forwarding
- Rising global costs (fuel, food, travel changes) may impact international travel planning

Global Disaster Response

- Upcoming deployment to Cúcuta, Colombia in May:
    - Collaboration with research team at Venezuela-Colombia border
    - Expanding to include internal medicine and wound care clinics due to high patient volume
    - Additional visits planned throughout summer depending on geopolitical conditions
- Travel to high-risk regions requires special approval and emergency action planning
- Durant Fellow progressing; grant advanced to second round
- Harvard Humanitarian Course in May

Global Nursing

- Ongoing planning for summer and fall programming

Global Education and Clinical Innovation

- 2026 CGH Medical Education & Innovation Development Award recipients announced
- Continued support for global education and training initiatives

Global Research and Innovation

- CGH Research Development Awards recipients announced
- New U.S. State Department funding opportunity announced, details and eligibility still unclear

Strength and Serenity Global Initiative to End Gender-Based Violence

- Ongoing Ukraine project:
  - Qualitative interviews with maternity care providers
  - Focus on respectful maternity care in conflict settings
  - Recent hospital impact reported, no fatalities
- Continued provider training in Uganda, including webinar on care systems for refugee populations

GHC Research Collaboration Limited - Uganda

- Security update: Increased caution advised due to displacement and economic instability
- Leadership changes at MUST (new Dean of College of Health Sciences)
- Planning for upcoming African Health Conference
- NDA/importation process progressing
- Continued trainee exchange programs

CGH Administration

- Visa bond 10k, mainly countries in Africa
  - Concerns around risk of individual not returning
- Questions and concerns, reach out to Kate
- Open position for Program manager, learn more here: https://massgeneralbrigham.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/MGBExternal/job/Program-Manager_RQ4059928-1

Global Cancer Care

- Continued progress on access to medicines initiative in Uganda
- Participation in working group assessing regulatory systems, supply chain, diagnostics, and clinical use

Helpful Links and Funding Opportunities

- MGB TravelSafe & new travel security platform, Horizon:
  - **Complete registration.** Follow the prompt included in the new *Horizon* welcome email to complete registration (essentially setting your username and password for ease of future access).
    - New registrations will need to use Member ID: **MGBTravelSafe**
  - **Trip Email Parsing.** Travel booked through other travel agencies, directly with airlines, or a sponsoring third-party/host can upload their itinerary by utilizing the Trip Email Parsing process.
    - New TEP address: MGB@tripdata.crisis24.com
    - This is only to be used if travel is not booked via Egencia or Great Getaways.
    - Simply forward the final booking and do not make any changes - the email domain is a software script and not a person.

        - Travel arrangers can forward on behalf of travelers, but the travelers work email address must be in the CC line of the forwarded message.
    - Current travel alerts & restrictions, including for transit/lay overs:
        - All business travel prohibited until further notice: Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Jordan, Yemen, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Palestinian Territories
        - For further information: TravelSafe.aspx
- New Career Opportunity: now hiring a Program Manager to support Global Cancer Care and Global Cardiology
- Visa Bonds:
    - Details on visa bonds as required by the Department of State can be found here: Countries Subject to Visa Bonds
    - Questions related to the MGB process for posting bond can be sent to Shannon Gallagher at sgallagher12@mgh.harvard.edu
    - For visa bond payments, the email to contact to request a temporary transaction limit increase on corporate credit cards is mmcorporatecard@partners.org
- External Funding Opportunity: Opportunity Listing - Advancing Global Health via the Department of State, Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy
- Current open Center for Global Health Funding Opportunities:
    - Scholarships for Clinical Education and Training in LMICs: Up to $15,000 in educational support for health professionals from LMICs. Rolling applications.
    - Finish Line Grants: Up to $2,500 for projects near completion at collaborator sites. Rolling applications.
    - MGB Global Health Service Awards: $2,000 to recognize excellence & innovation in global health. Nominations are now open.
    - Community Engagement Awards: Formerly known as the travel award, provides up to $2,000 to support faculty, staff, & partners in global health work. Rolling applications.