

MGH Global Health Community Meeting 5/26/26

Program Updates

Safety and Security

- Ongoing Ebola outbreak updates: approximately 900 suspected cases in DRC and 7 confirmed cases in Uganda
- DHS restrictions require travelers returning from Uganda, DRC, or South Sudan to reroute through designated U.S. airports for screening
- Non-U.S. passport holders may face additional travel restrictions or denial of entry after travel to affected countries
- MGB travel ban remains in effect for Uganda, DRC, and South Sudan; Kenya, Rwanda, and Tanzania remain under review for possible expansion of restrictions
- Transit through Entebbe may also trigger rerouting and additional screening requirements
- Reminder that travels to Level 4 countries may affect evacuation and insurance coverage eligibility
- Community members encouraged to consult with Kristen Giambusso and the Global Disaster Response team regarding travel approvals and safety planning

Global Disaster Response

- Team continues supporting community members navigating travel approvals and Level 4 country travel processes
- Existing travel restrictions across parts of the Middle East remain in place

Global Nursing

- Planned Uganda nursing education activities postponed due to current travel restrictions and Ebola-related concerns

Global Research

- Jenna Quinn's Cameroon presentation postponed to a future meeting due to scheduling conflict
- NIH program officers shared [guidance slides](#) on navigating international collaborations within the new PF5 structure
- Ongoing uncertainty in NIH funding, review, and approval processes for foreign collaborations
- Community members encouraged to consider the final K43 submission cycle for international trainees and mentees
- PF5 submission process described as administratively intensive, with continued monitoring and support from CGH grants administration team

Strength and Serenity Global Initiative to End Gender-Based Violence

- Team presenting three projects at the North American Immigration Conference in San Diego:
 - Workshop on ethical implications of ICE presence in healthcare settings
 - Ukraine-focused presentation on medical care delivery during war
 - Poster presentation on gender, migration, and institutional harm
- New collaboration launched with physician partners in Egypt focused on strengthening psychosocial care response for survivors of sexual violence
- Continued webinar programming with Ugandan collaborators focused on frontline gender-based violence care
- Upcoming newsletter includes case discussion on care for a survivor with intellectual disability and reflections on technology-facilitated violence against women leaders in Nigeria

Global Palliative Care

- Team continuing collaboration with University of the West Indies to launch a palliative care diploma fellowship course in Trinidad
- Ongoing partnership with colleagues in Jamaica and Trinidad around palliative care education and training

Additional Community Updates

- Prajwal Yakara (NIH T32 fellow) recently completed fieldwork in Mauritius focused on the sociology of Type 2 diabetes
- Upcoming travel planned to Nepal, India, and Pakistan as part of ongoing ISHAL study collaboration

Admin Updates

- Community members encouraged to submit updates, events, and announcements for inclusion in the monthly CGH newsletter
- Please contact CGH Communications Intern, Beixi Jia for newsletter submissions and community announcements