Rutgers -University of Dodoma Partnership: Past Reflections & Future Visions

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History:

Univ of Dodoma (UDOM)
Dodoma, Tanzania
Opened: 2007
Size: 29,000



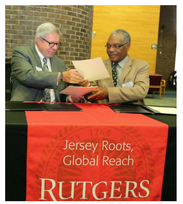
Rutgers Univ (RU)
New Jersey, USA
Opened: 1766
Size: 37,000



- **2014:** President of Tanzania Dr. Kikwete visits Rutgers, proposes TZ's first academic partnership with US university, RU-UDOM MOU signed
- **2015:** RU multidisciplinary team first visits UDOM to meet & plan partnership
- **2015-2018:** Collaborative projects begin, Peace Corps GHSP faculty present at UDOM, help support connection
- **2018:** Rutgers Global Health Institute formed, UDOM Dean Kibusi visits RU



Dr. Kikwete



MOU Signing



Past & Present Activities:

School of Nursing
- Yearly RU study abroad trip 2016-present, faculty-led guest workshops

School of Public Health
- Combined MPH Summer Course in TZ - 2019

Dept of Nutritional Science
- Co-developed UDOM Diploma in Nutrition program, opened 2019



Dr. Kibusi (UDOM) & Dr. Willard (RU)


Dr. Billig, Dr. Nyundo (UDOM) & Dr. Lin (RU)

My involvement
- @UDOM via GHSP '16-18
  - IM & Peds teaching
  - E-learning project
  - Skills Lab & HBB (Neonatal Resuscitation)
- @RU 2019-present
  - UDOM Virtual teaching & visits

Successes & Strengths
- Multidisciplinary
- 10+ yrs longevity of relationship
- Rutgers history, size & resources
- UDOM still young, open for new collaborations and innovations

Challenges:
- Momentum slowed during & after COVID
- Mostly unidirectional with Americans visiting TZ, limited opportunities for TZ visits to US
- Lack of dedicated funding


UDOM Faculty E-Learning Training


UDOM HBB Training

Future Visions:

Launch Medical School Collaboration
- Medical Education Support
  - E-learning Technology
- Faculty Development
  - Tutorial Assistant Exchange/Mentoring




UDOM HBB Student Trainers

UDOM Resident ECG Workshop



Other Opportunities & Ideas
- Enhance equity & sustainable impact of all RU-UDOM partnership activities
- Bi-directional post-graduate medical visiting rotations
- Research partnerships

Interested to learn more or get involved?
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