BACKGROUND

The Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP)

• One of the World Bank-supported centers of excellence
• Strengthens interdisciplinary approaches to promoting population health outcomes through training and research
• Focuses on translating said research into policies across the West African region and the continent.

METHODS

A primary objective of ACEPHAP is the translation of public health research into policy

• Training postgraduate students to acquire knowledge, skills and competence through several Master of Science programs in the fields of maternal and child health, nutrition, mental health, global health, etc.
• Participants include subcommittees at the ACEPHAP, Vice Chancellor of the partnering University, along with departments such as community medicine, nursing, obstetrics and gynecology.
• Population Health research through the department of community medicine on the delivery of maternal care services to women of child-bearing age

RESULTS

At the 1-week PRIME partners research capacity-building workshop.

• Development of a curriculum of a Master of Science program in Global Health through partaking in meetings and helping provide drafts for courses (including course objectives, method of evaluation of students, etc.)
• Planning and execution of the PRIME Program; a week-long workshop designed to build research capacity in mid-career physicians within different departments at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano (AKTH).

DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

• In-depth look at the intricacies-including the planning and execution of project development.
• Importance of stakeholder involvement in order to ensure the sustainability and success of a project.
• Challenges learned throughout this practicum include the provision of structural support for future students in terms of dedicated classrooms, reading spaces and accommodation sites for students that are out-of-state.
• The program’s main unmet goal is the completion of dedicated student spaces such as student lounges before the commencement of classes.

OBJECTIVES

The aim of this practice experience was to:

• Partake in the planning of a project (curriculum development)
• Participate in an already existing project aimed towards building research capacity for mid-career physicians at the University Hospital.

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