

Building Stronger Universities Platform on Human Health

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THE PLATFORM ON HUMAN HEALTH WISHES EVERYBODY A HAPPY AND ACTIVE 2012

The Steering Committee and the Capacity Building Support Unit would like to thank everybody who took part in [the Annual Meeting](#) and [the Fundraising Seminar](#) in November 2011. These were important opportunities to introduce our South based partners to each other, to the Danish research for health resource base, as well as to members of the wider national and international development research community.

Approval of the Phase One grant

We are pleased to inform you that the [Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) has approved the Phase One Inception Reports of all four thematic platforms under the '[Building Stronger Universities in Developing Countries](#)' initiative.

The total grant for Phase One (2011– 2013) to all four platforms amounts to 60 Million DKK, here of 20 Million DKK to the Platform on Human Health (PHH). Please note that latest news and activities scheduled for the first quarter of 2012 will be announced in a separate PHH Newsletter coming soon.

Announcement of opportunities to contribute to Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar assignments

In this Newsletter PHH is happy to announce the first batch of assignments in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar involving short term support from scientific and/or administrative resource persons from the participating Danish universities.

(Please note that assignments in Ghana for the first period of Phase One are in the process of being defined and will be announced in a Newsletter in February.)

A few resource persons have already been identified for assignments in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar however, most assignments are still open to interested university staff members who hold the relevant qualifications - in particular experience with similar activities in similar settings. The duration of most assignments will be no less (sometimes more) than one month, and will typically involve a shorter stay at the partner institution.

How to apply?

Express your interest to contribute to a given assignment by forwarding a [short CV](#) (up to 2 pages) directly to the stated contact person (also functioning as the Danish Work Package/Work Group leader) no later than 25 January 2012. Questions and requests for further information should also be directed here.

The Danish Work Package/Work Group leader will share the received CVs with his/her South partner counterpart for final selection and formulation of Terms of Reference.

Remuneration

PHH will compensate the Danish university resource person from the Phase One core budget for 50 % of his or her time allocated to the assignment based on a flat academic salary rate of DKK 50,000 per month.

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In addition the Danish university where the resource person is employed must agree to provide the resource person in kind compensation for the remaining 50 % of time invested in the assignment according to actual costs. This contribution will figure as a share of the co-financing the Danish universities have an obligation to provide to PHH in support to the core funding granted by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

A 20 % administrative overhead will accompany the 50 % compensation from the PHH core budget for the time spent on the specific assignment. This overhead will be transferred to the host University where the resource person is employed.

List of assignments to be solved in the initial phase one in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar

Please find below the list of PHH assignments involving Danish university based resource persons expected to take off in the first period of Phase One. (Please follow the links attached to each assignment and general links below for more info.)

TANZANIA MAINLAND

[Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College \(KCMC\)](#) and [National Institute for Medical Research \(NIMR\)](#)

1. [Workshop on Research Proposal Planning, Preparation and Writing.](#)
Contact person: Thor Theander , theander@cmp.dk
Vacant.
2. [Course on Research Methodology.](#)
Contact person: Niels Ørnbjerg, no@life.ku.dk
Vacant.
3. [Course on Research Management.](#)
Contact person: Niels Ørnbjerg, no@life.ku.dk
Vacant.
4. [Course on Health Systems and Policy Research.](#)
Contact person: Niels Ørnbjerg, no@life.ku.dk
Vacant.
5. [Course Curriculum Update and Accreditation](#)
Contact person: Niels Ørnbjerg, no@life.ku.dk

Vacant.
6. [Course in Biostatistics](#)
Already assigned to Henrik Ravn SSI
7. [Course on Reproductive Health,](#)
Already assigned to Lisa Ann Richey, RUC

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Please find info about [the Tanzania Mainland 2011-2013 work plans](#)

ZANZIBAR

[State University of Zanzibar \(SUZA\)](#) and Zanzibar College of health Sciences (ZCHS)

8. [Curriculum Development BSc in Environmental Health](#)

Contact person: Henrik Bregnhøj, henrikb@sund.ku.dk

Technical aspects: Henrik Bregnhøj

[Curriculum Design](#): Vacant

9. [E-learning](#)

Contact person: Henrik Bregnhøj, henrikb@sund.ku.dk

[E- Learning Programmer](#): Vacant

[Various E-learning aspects](#): Vacant

10. [Research Methodology and Academic Writing Courses](#)

Contact person: Flemming Konradsen, flko@sund.ku.dk

Input to quantitative methodology (statistics and epidemiology): Vacant

Input to Academic writing: Vacant

Please find more [info about the Zanzibar 2011-2013 work plans](#)