



Welcome to an update on recent and upcoming activities in and around [Platform on Human Health \(PHH\)](#).

NEW ASSIGNMENTS WITH PHH

Please pay special notice the announcement of PHH assignments with University of Ghana and Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College further below.

Conditions

PHH will finance staff time invested in the assignments applying to academic standard staff salary rates in accordance with allocations in the PHH phase one core budget. In addition the Danish PHH partner institution where the resource person is employed should agree to add an equivalent amount of academic staff time as an in-kind contribution towards the assignment. This in-kind contribution will be reported to the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs as part of PHH's co-financing.

Interested?

Express your interest in a given assignment by forwarding a short CV (up to 2 pages) to the Danish work package leader stated in the specific announcement. The CV should clearly document how your previous experience matches the assignment and setting. The CV must be submitted to the work package leader stated in the announcement no later than April 13.

The Danish work package leader will share all received CVs with his/her South partner counterpart for final selection.

GHANA

Partners: University of Ghana (UG) and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)

Recent PHH planning meetings and BSU Financial Management Workshops

During week 10 and 11 Danish representatives from PHH UG and KNUST Implementing Committees Jørgen Kurtzhals (University of Copenhagen/Copenhagen University Hospital) and Dorte Holler Johansen (University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences) have paid visits to UG and KNUST to discuss and coordinate initiation of phase one activities. The programme also included a one-day Building stronger Universities (BSU) Financial Management Workshop at each university facilitated by Dorte Holler Johansen together with Christian Gregart (University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences). Participants in the workshops included BSU designated coordinators and administrative staff from all three platforms present at the partner institutions in Ghana (Environment and Climate, Growth and Employment and Human Health).



NEW Announcement of assignments

Please find below a list of assignments with UG that require input from scientific and/or administrative resource persons from the Danish institutions participating in PHH.

- 01 [Development and implementation of Ph.D. course in Scientific Writing](#)
- 02 [Co-supervision of Ph.D. student within the field of Interaction between amikacin and aminophylline in Ghanaian newborns with sepsis](#)
- 03 [Co-supervision of Ph.D. student within the field of Improving malaria chemotherapy and therapeutic outcome through improved dosage form design](#)
- 04 [Co-supervision of Ph.D. student within the field of Molecular Epidemiology and Antigenic Studies of Circulating Respiratory Syncytial Virus in Acute Lower Respiratory Tract Infections among Children under Five years in Ghana](#)
- 05 [Co-supervision of Ph.D. student within the field of Identification of community gametocyte reservoirs of P. falciparum thought to sustain malaria transmission in a malaria-endemic area in Ghana](#)
- 06 [Co-supervision of Ph.D. student within the field of Medical waste in selected districts in southern Ghana](#)
- 07 [Development and implementation of Ph.D. course in Research Methodology](#)
- 08 [Workshop on grant and research proposal writing](#)
- 09 [Development and implementation of Ph.D. course in Research Ethics](#)
- 10 [Appraisal of e-learning as an element of Ph.D. training](#)
- 11 [Development and implementation of Ph.D. course in Biostatistics](#)

More information: www.humanhealth.dk/events/assignments_2012/



TANZANIA MAINLAND

Partners: Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College (KCMC) and National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR)

Financial Management Workshop

On 1-3 February 2012 a group of 19 coordinators and administrators from 7 East African universities and institutions of higher learning and 5 Danish coordinators and administrators all involved in BSU met in Moshi, Tanzania at the workshop 'Financial Management – a Practical Approach'. The participants, representing all four thematic platforms in BSU, were trained in general tools and procedures for financial management and in the special reporting requirements set by Danida. Furthermore, participants were given the opportunity to share how BSU collaboration is being organized at their institution.

The content of the workshop was planned and facilitated by Dorte Holler Johansen, and Christian Gregart from PHH (University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences). All practical arrangements were handled by KCMC.

Course in molecular diagnostics of Non-Malarial Fevers

February 21 to March 2 a group of 14 students and staff from KCMC and NIMR participated in a course in molecular diagnostics of Non-Malarial Fevers at KCMC. The planning of this activity was already initiated during the PHH pilot phase and has involved close collaboration between resource persons from KCMC, NIMR and University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences.

Agreements with resource persons from Danish PHH partner institutions

PHH Tanzania is in the final process of signing agreements with resource persons from the Danish PHH partner institutions selected among the respondents to the assignments announced in PHH Newsletter 01 2012. It is assumed that two assignments will be solved by candidate from Roskilde University, three assignments by candidates from University of Copenhagen, one assignment by candidate from University of Copenhagen/Statens Serum Institute, and one assignment by candidate from Aarhus University.

PHH Curriculum and Course Development Workshop 19-23 March

All newly recruited resource persons from the Danish universities in support of postgraduate education and the leader of the work package on the Danish side (Niels Ørnbjerg, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences) have participated in a joint PHH Curriculum and Course Development Workshop with Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College March 19 – 23 together with their counterparts from KCMC and NIMR.



NEW Announcement of assignments

Please find below a list of assignments with Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College that require input from scientific and/or administrative resource persons from the Danish institutions participating in PHH.

- 12 [Postgraduate administrative office strengthened](#)
13 [Quality assurance system in education in place for postgraduate programmes](#)

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ZANZIBAR

Partners: State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) and Zanzibar College of Health Sciences (ZCHS)

E-learning Workshop

14-16 March 20 participants from SUZA and ZCHS have been introduced to e-learning through various practical hands on exercises. Henrik Bregnhøj (Danish E-learning work package leader, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen) and Peter Furu (newly appointed PHH E-learning resource person from Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen.)

Agreements with resource persons from Danish PHH partner institutions

PHH Zanzibar is in the final process of signing agreements with selected resource persons from the Danish universities who have responded to the first assignments announced in PHH Newsletter 01 2012. It is assumed that one assignment will be solved by candidate from the Technical University of Denmark, and five assignments will be solved by candidates from University of Copenhagen,

CROSSCUTTING BSU ACTIVITIES

New grant to the BSU initiative

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has granted 19 million DKK to further strengthen communication, knowledge sharing and management activities with BSU South partners over a period of 3 year 2012 - 2014. Rector's Conference at Universities Denmark has recommended that these funds are divided equally between the four thematic platforms. Procedures and types of activities related to this grant are in the process of being defined in more detail.

The four BSU Platforms have agreed to join hands in the development of a common web solution

The four BSU platforms (Growth and Employment; Environment and Climate; Stability, Democracy and Rights; Human Health) have decided to align their websites to strengthen coordination and communication across BSU and between the Platforms. The new sites will host Intranets for selected users that will cater for information sharing needs within the individual platforms' partnerships.



The design and programming of the new Inter- and intranets is being solved with support from an ICT group at Aarhus University (AU). A workshop was held at the AU's research centre in Foulum March 1-2 to introduce the four platform coordinators and the BSU project manager to the system, to develop the final design and common framework of the four sites, and to agree on the way forward. According to the plan the new websites will be launched mid April.

Debate Meeting on Danish Development Policy, 26 March in Copenhagen

The newly elected Danish Minister for Development Cooperation has initiated the preparation of a new strategy for Danida with the expressed hope of gathering broad support in the Parliament. [NGO Forum](#) and Universities Denmark will host an open debate with the Minister and the political parties' foreign affairs spokespersons to discuss this strategy. This is the third consecutive year that NGO Forum and Universities Denmark organize such a debate meeting on the state of Danish development policy. This year it will also be broadcasted live on the web at www.udviklingsdebat.dk. Please join the debate either by showing up at the meeting on 26 March, 15:30 -18:00 at the Ceremonial Hall, University of Copenhagen, Frue Plads 4, Copenhagen or by uploading your questions and comments at the website www.udviklingsdebat.dk

PHH DENMARK

New thematic working group on Global Health

The PHH Steering Committee has approved a new PHH thematic [working group on Global Health](#). The task the group has set itself is to organize seminars on global health with the aim to maintain an independent, interdisciplinary and innovative meeting forum for researchers, students, practitioners and policymakers with interest in global health issues. Specific topics will be selected by the working group's members, who are in this initial stage the members of the ENRECA Health Board. However, the group is open to everybody and can be contacted through Prof [Ib Bygbjerg](#) (University of Copenhagen, Unit of International Health).

You can read more about the PHH thematic working groups here: <http://www.humanhealth.dk/wg/>

Next PHH Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for May 9.

Minutes of previous Steering Committee meeting, February 9, 2012, includes summary of a discussion on the future direction of BSU which was presented to the BSU Working Group on March 7, 2012.

Minutes of Steering Committee Meetings available on http://www.humanhealth.dk/about/steering_committee/