

Platform on Human Health

Launching event 15 September 2010

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The Theme on Human Health is a network of universities and other institutions involved in tertiary education and research from Denmark and selected low income countries.

The members of the Theme include Danish universities and selected partner universities in the South as well as other relevant stakeholders involved in capacity development, tertiary health education and research.

The Theme forms a part of Universities Denmark's initiative '[Building Stronger Universities in Developing Countries](#)'.

LATEST NEWS

- The Theme on Human Health will be launched at an open meeting on 15 September 2010, at the University of Copenhagen. The meeting is open to everyone with an interest in the 'Building Stronger Universities' initiative and in specific in research for health in low-income countries. View the invitation [here](#).
- Human Health has been selected as one of the four themes within the Universities Denmark's 'Building Stronger Universities in Developing Countries' initiative.
- The inaugural meeting of the Working Group on Climate Change and Human Health took place on 15 June, 2010. [More information](#).

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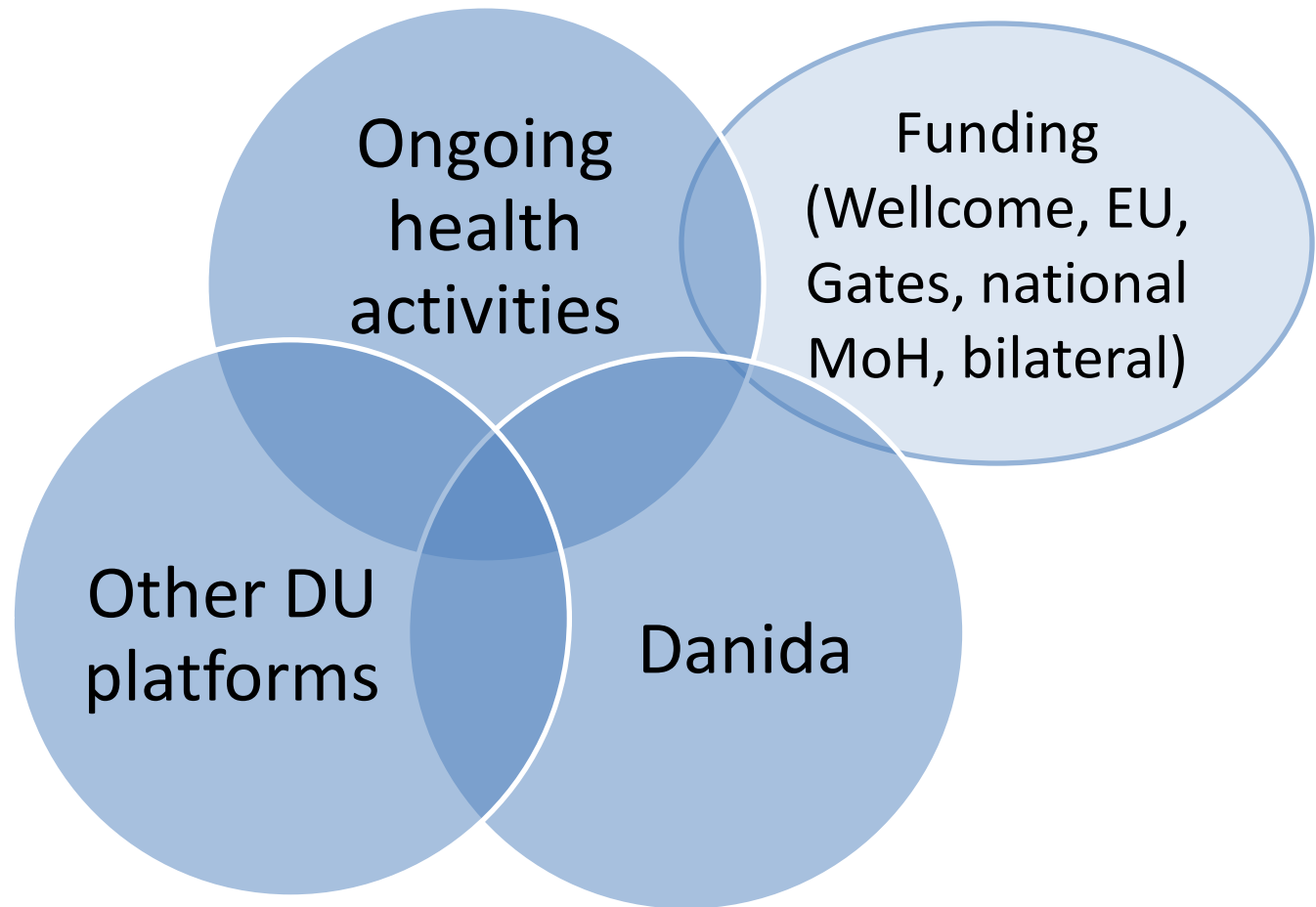
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Defining the areas to be covered under the “Platform on Human Health”

- Human Health = Research for Health
- Focused capacity building programmes preferably with relevance across research themes
- A few generic long-term research and capacity building programmes rather than a series of small separate research projects
- Activities of immediate relevance to ongoing projects

Country selection frame



Potential partner countries

- Starting with Ghana and Tanzania
- Additional proposed countries: Uganda, Mozambique and Kenya given priority
- Vietnam and Bolivia (now less relevant!) only non-African countries on the initial list proposed to DU

Criteria for selection of partner countries

- Focus!
- Existing strong in-country institutional relationships
- Southern needs match areas of strengths among DU partners
- Relevance for Danish development assistance
- Potential for long term university partnerships with in-country institutions
- Potential for synergy and coordination (in the South and in Denmark)
- Potential for co-financing

If specific research themes are selected this could be guided by:

- i) Relevance for partner countries and institutions
- ii) International comparative advantage among DU partners:
 - High quality research
 - Extensive international network
 - Existing research based educational programs
 - Strong fundraising track record
 - Tradition for working with partners in low-income settings

Structure and organisation

- Steering committee
- Secretariat
- Annual Platform on Human Health - meeting
- Thematic working groups
- Country specific working groups
 - What about non-university research partners in Denmark?

Funding frame

- A core allocation to each platform
- Each platform will develop a plan of activities with a proposed funding frame in competition with 3 other platforms and evaluated by external panel

Time frame

- September: mapping collaboration with partners in Tanzania and Ghana and establishing country specific working groups
- October: Steering Committee meeting
- October: proposed first DU introductory visit to key partner institutions in few countries where platforms have common interests

Time frame

- September onwards: support to thematic working groups
- December/January: submission of concepts from country specific working groups presenting focused activity plans
- February: Platform on Human Health submits activity plan to DU and expert panel

Trends in Maternal Mortality: 1990 to 2008

Estimates developed by WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA
and The World Bank

One of the five recommendations:

“Coordinated research and innovation -
development partners to develop, fund and
implement a prioritized, coordinated and innovative
research agenda for women’s and children’s health.”