

‘Reducing Infection through holistic and sustainable Improvements in Hand Hygiene’



Project Information Sheet

Project Management

This is a Partnership Initiative managed through a non-profit organisation ‘Knowledge for Change’ registered as a Charity in the UK and Uganda.¹

Project Objectives

- To improve the safety of healthcare workers in selected facilities in the Kabarole Region of Uganda and promote resilience to infectious disease outbreaks
- To improve the safety and well-being of patients in selected health care facilities in Kabarole Region
- To reduce the incidence of facility-acquired infections in selected health care facilities in Kabarole Region

Project Strategy

Needs Assessment

Thorough needs assessment will be conducted using an adapted version of the WHO African Partnerships for Patient safety ‘Situational Analysis’ Tool

Infrastructural Interventions

The Project Manager will organize a thorough audit of facilities for hand washing in 5 health facilities using a recognized WHO-developed ‘Facilities Audit’ tool

We will work with local partners to repair facilities to ensure the supply of clean running water for hand washing

¹ <http://www.knowledge4change.org.uk/our-projects/>. The project is sponsored by the Tropical Health Education Trust (THET).

Training, Mentoring and Behaviour Change

The Clinical Team will deliver CME training for local health workers and MMU midwifery and nursing students on the importance of hand hygiene

We will monitor the effectiveness of this on-going training/mentoring via the WHO-developed 'Hand Hygiene Compliance Tool'

Local Production and Distribution of Hand Soap, Reusable hand towels and Alcohol Hand Gel

The Production Team, working in partnership with the MMU Business and Enterprise Unit, will organize the local production and distribution of hand soap; hand rub and reusable hand towel systems in the selected facilities.

Impact Assessment and 'Proof of Concept'

The Evaluation Team will evaluate the impact of this intervention via on-going hand hygiene compliance, facilities audit and repeat situational analysis. We are assessing the possibility of conducting an audit of facility-acquired infections.

The Project Team

A **Project Working Group** will comprise the following members:

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