



# ESTHER Ireland – Partnership Forum 2022

Sustaining Health Partnerships: Working together to unlock potential  
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- We support partnerships between UK and partner country health workers and organisations, in order to strengthen the health workforce and wider health system.
- We have a presence in 10 countries and have supported partnerships in over 30.
- From 2011-2019, THET managed the UK's largest Health Partnership Programme, the Health Partnership Scheme.
- Contribute to policy debates on health partnerships and the global health workforce, including with ESTHER Alliance
- Key advocate and supporter of Health Partnerships and the contribution they can make.



We have trained  
over 100,000  
health workers,



and developed  
117 medical  
curricula...



in 31 countries across  
Africa & Asia.





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### Strategic

Health partnerships have a shared vision, have long-term aims and measurable plans for achieving them, and work within a jointly-agreed framework of priorities and direction.

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### Harmonised & Aligned

Health partnerships' work is consistent with local and national plans and complements the activities of other development partners.

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### Effective & Sustainable

Health partnerships operate in a way that delivers high-quality projects that meet targets and achieve long term results.

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### Respectful & Reciprocal

Health partnerships listen to one another and plan, implement and learn together.

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### Organised & Accountable

Health partnerships are well-structured, well-managed and efficient and have clear and transparent decision making processes.

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### Responsible

Health partnerships conduct their activities with integrity and cultivate trust in their interactions with stakeholders.

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### Flexible, Resourceful & Innovative

Health partnerships proactively adapt and respond to altered circumstances and embrace change.

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### Committed to Joint Learning

Health partnerships monitor, evaluate and reflect on their activities and results, articulate lessons learned and share knowledge with others.

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### Embed Equity & Inclusion

Health Partnerships consider inequalities experienced by individuals as a result of their social identities and take action to embed equity and inclusion in their work.

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### Committed to Climate Action

Health Partnerships proactively contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

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# PRINCIPLES

As part of our ongoing approach to quality improvement, we have developed these Principles of Partnership to improve the quality and effectiveness of our work and that of Health Partnerships.

In the face of many challenges in the world today, how can health partnerships make a difference to global health in the next 5 years?

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COVID

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Conflict

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Cuts

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Climate

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Inequality

# COVID

- Damage to health systems,
- Strained the workforce,
- Accentuated inequalities

- New ways of working - virtual solutions, increased reach..
- New roles within partnerships, rebalancing power,

## **Zambia**

Adapting focus to respond to new priorities

## **Somaliland**

Accelerating national leadership of medical school examinations.

**PULSE Partnerships**

# Conflict

- In-Country - Disrupting partnership projects and activity.
- In Europe- Impacting on political attention and stretching capacity and budgets..

- Prompt new ways of engaging and interacting.
- Requiring new and creative ways to maintain attention and attract funders..

## Myanmar

Multi-organisation network, working together to respond to new situation.

# Cuts (and costs)

- Reduction in funding for international development,

(THET lost £50m)

- Increased costs to deliver ....

- New/ different sources of funding
- New or cheaper ways to deliver?
- Robust evidence on the contribution of HPs, including mutual benefit
- Quality
- Coordinated advocacy
- New/ expanded partnerships

# Climate crisis

Greater awareness of the urgency...

## **Possible options..**

- Reduce climate footprint of partnership activity
- Address health impacts of climate change
- Identify strategies to reduce climate impact of health..



# Inequality

- Core focus of global health
- Persisting problem..
- Decolonisation of global health and recognition of biases

- Explore all ways inequality might be present in our partnerships and within the context
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- Work with partners to identify how to address these..
- THET GESI toolkit and learning platform

# How can health partnerships continue to make a difference to global health in the next 5 years?

Building on learning from the recent past:

Flexible, adaptive, responsive and open to change - Consider where and how HPs can make the best contribution.

Maximise opportunities to use digital solutions, **where appropriate**

Consider how to rebalance power and continue to work towards equality

Consider responses to the climate crisis.

Seek new/ different supporters..

Gather and share evidence of the contribution of health partnerships

Cooperate, collaborate and coordinate

# Links to further information or resources

- <https://www.thet.org/principles-of-partnership/>
- <https://pulsepartnerships.org/>
- <https://madeforchange.thet.org/>,
- <https://www.thet.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/THET-GESI-toolkit.pdf>,
- <https://www.thet.org/resource-category/toolkits-and-guidance/>



Thank you!

