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Sustaining Health Partnerships: Working together to unlock potential Louise McGrath, Director of Programmes, THET.

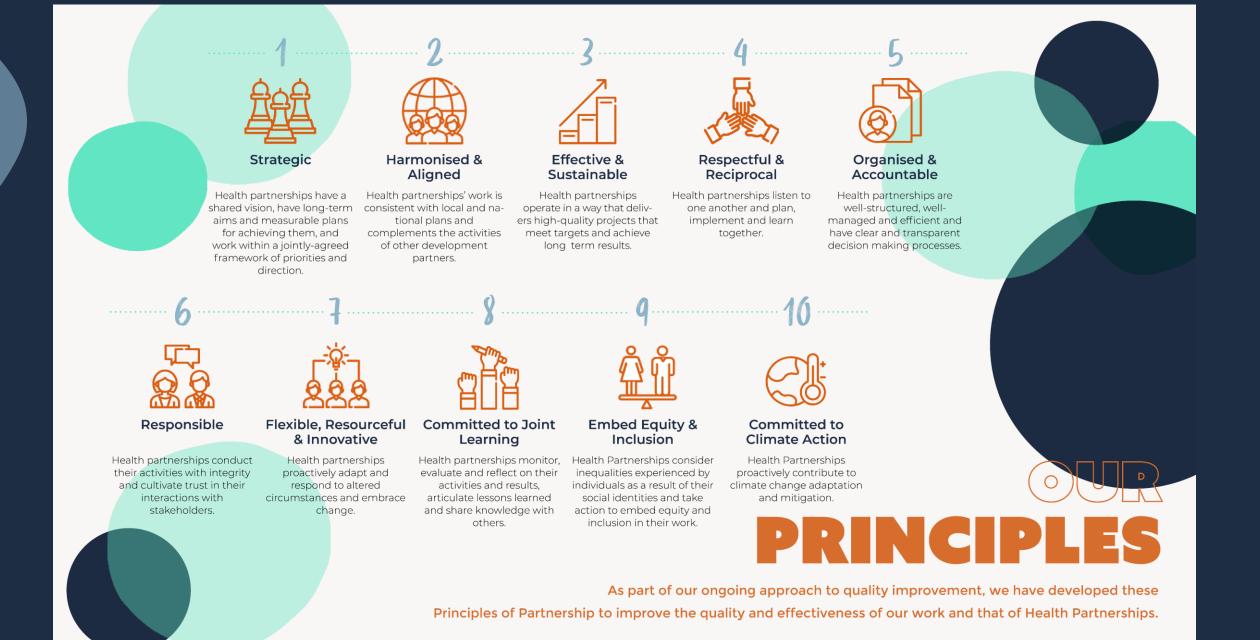




- We support partnerships between UK and partner country health workers and organisations, in order to strengthen the health workforce and wider health system.
- We have a presence in 10 countries and have supported partnerships in over 30.
- From 2011-2019, THET managed the UK's largest Health Partnership 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.







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?

COVID

Conflict

Cuts

Climate

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	Somaliland
Adapting focus to respond to new priorities	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

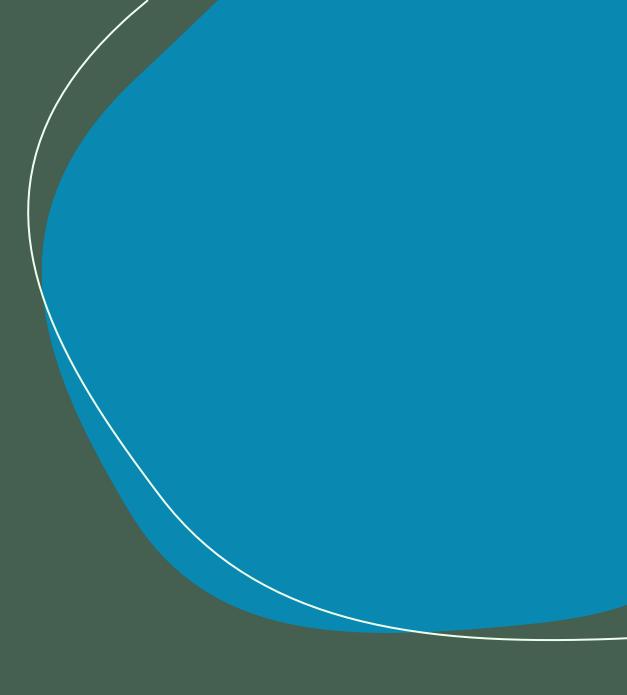
- New/ different sources of funding
- New or cheaper ways to deliver?
- Robust evidence on the contribution of HPs, including mutual benefit
- Quality
- Coordinated advocacy
- New/ expanded partnerships

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

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

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