

Concept Note for International University Collaboration: Dental Electives in Uganda

RUN FOUNDATION
WHY WALK WHEN YOU CAN RUN

Introduction

RUN Foundation is a dedicated non-profit organization focused on enhancing dental health in rural communities in Uganda. We operate community outreach clinics and a children's dental clinic near the Galilee Health Institute in Kasangati, Wakiso. Our aim is to offer international dental students a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience while making a meaningful impact on underserved populations.

Purpose

We seek to establish a collaboration with international universities to bring their dental students to Uganda for an international electives program. This program aims to provide students with practical experience in community dentistry, enhance cultural competence, and contribute to improving dental health in rural Ugandan communities.

Objectives

1. **Provide Practical Experience:** Offer dental students hands-on experience in providing dental care in rural settings.
2. **Cultural Exchange:** Foster cultural understanding and collaboration between Ugandan communities and international students.
3. **Community Impact:** Improve dental health awareness and care in underserved rural areas of Uganda.
4. **Capacity Building:** Strengthen the capabilities of local healthcare providers through knowledge exchange and joint activities.





Proposed Activities

1. **Community Outreach Clinics:** Students will participate in dental outreach programs, providing screenings, treatments, and preventive education to rural populations.
2. **Children's Dental Clinic:** Students will work at our community children's dental clinic, offering care to young patients and learning about pediatric dental challenges in low-resource settings.
3. **Workshops and Seminars:** Conduct workshops and seminars at the Galilee Health Institute to share knowledge and best practices in dental care.
4. **Cultural Immersion:** Engage in cultural activities and community projects to enhance understanding of the local context and needs.

Benefits to Students

- Clinical Skills: Gain hands-on clinical experience in diverse settings.
- Cultural Competence: Develop a deeper understanding of global health issues and cultural sensitivities.
- Professional Growth: Enhance CVs and professional profiles with international experience.
- Networking: Build connections with Ugandan healthcare professionals and fellow international students.

Benefits to Local Communities

- Improved Dental Health: Increased access to dental care and preventive services.
- Health Education: Enhanced awareness of dental hygiene practices.
- Capacity Building: Strengthened local healthcare systems through knowledge exchange and collaboration.



Logistics and Support

RUN Foundation will provide:

- Accommodation: Safe and comfortable housing for students.
- Orientation: Comprehensive orientation sessions to familiarize students with the local environment and healthcare system.
- Supervision: Experienced dental professionals to guide and supervise students.
- Safety and Security: Measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants.



ACCOMODATION & LOGISTICS



WAKISO MISSION HOUSE

Quick Facts

Located in Wakiso District, near the **Children's Community Clinic** and **Galilee Health Institute.**

Its within The Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area and a few kilometers away from the capital city.







ELPO MISSION HOUSE

Quick Facts

Nestled amidst the serene hills of **Kabale District**, the accommodation facilities are not just spacious but also provide a breathtaking panorama of the surrounding landscape. The cozy ambiance and thoughtful amenities make it a perfect home away from home.

Conclusion

We invite international universities to join us in this transformative initiative. By collaborating with RUN Foundation, your dental students will gain invaluable experience while contributing to the health and well-being of rural communities in Uganda.

We look forward to the possibility of working together to make a positive impact on global dental health.



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