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# MOMENTUM NEWSLETTER

On Monday the 18th January 2016 the MOMENTUM project was launched in the Hotel International. Mary G Musoke , the President of the Ugandan Private Midwives Association (UPMA) welcomed all the guests to this very important event. Among the Key note speakers was the Patron of the UPMA Lady Margaret, the Acting Commissioner for Reproductive Health, The Deputy of the Ugandan Nursing & Midwifery Council and the Midwifery Advisor to the Ministry of



Health & UNFPA. Joy Kemp lead for the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) Global team outlined the background to the project. While Dr. Jo Harte introduced the Change Exchange which will run along side MOMENTUM. The aim of the Change Exchange is to assist healthcare professionals, working in Health Partnerships, to deliver their project outcomes. The acting Commissioner of Nursing was also in attendance and made a significant

**‘The Change Exchange’**

**CAPABILITY**

**OPPORTUNITY**

**MOTIVATION**

**Action Research**



contribution to the day.

- **What is the MOMENTUM Project?**

Uganda currently suffers from high maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity. This project aims to improve the training of student midwives, to contribute to our vision of all mothers and babies in Uganda having access to quality midwifery care. It will run for 20 months from the 1st of September 2015 and will be jointly implemented by the RCM and its partner the Uganda Private Midwives Association (UPMA).

The period of mentorship in student midwives practice placements has been identified as a crucial intervention point by the RCM and its in-country partners, as good quality mentorship ensures:

- Development of practical midwifery competencies,
- Demonstration of the achievement of the required standards for midwifery practice
- Development of independent decision making capabilities and midwifery behaviours.

**It is hoped this pilot project will develop:**

- 4 clinical pilot sites as centres of student mentorship excellence,
- a national standard for midwifery mentorship, and
- a module to deliver work-based learning to midwives to prepare them to become mentors.

The project is designed so that Ugandan and UK midwives will collaborate face to face, and virtually, sharing expertise. The project aims to upskill **40 practicing Ugandan midwives** with mentorship training who will mentor up to **84 student midwives**. It is anticipated that student midwives will be the main beneficiaries in order to improve midwifery care thereby reducing maternal and infant mortality in line with sustainable development goals (SDGs).

In order to monitor and evaluate the project an **Action Research** approach will be used and a work based learning strategy to inform the design of the **continuous professional development model (CPD)**. This will require participation for all parties and includes cycles of action and reflection to develop the most effective solutions. The aim is to generate Ugandan solutions to midwifery mentorship challenges.

*Midwives working together*

*'Ugandan & UK Twins'*



MOMENTUM was devised to expand clinical placement opportunities to a wider group of midwifery students to develop 4 clinical sites (representing the different Ugandan healthcare provider contexts) as centres for mentorship excellence.

- Mukono Level IV clinic
- Wakiso Level IV clinic
- Kiwoko Hospital
- 4 UPMA clinics