

Rationale for CERHI and the IAB



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Background



- In August 2013, the World Bank in collaboration with the AAU and the NUC called for proposals for establishment of centres of excellence in West African Universities in Science disciplines – Agriculture, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine
- This was to address the current absence of African Universities in high ranking of Universities around the world.

Background



- The University of Benin submitted a proposal titled: “Establishing a Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health Innovation (CERHI)”
- The proposal was one of 20 proposals from WA Universities approved for funding by the WB
- Approved proposals include 10 from other Nigerian Universities

Expected Funding



- A total of \$8 million (eight million dollars) is expected to be disbursed to the University over 4 years for the project implementation
- But, it could be more depending on how we implement the project – there are several incentives embedded in it.

Project Goal



To build capacity within West Africa's tertiary educational system for implementing high quality training and applied research for reproductive health professions to tackle policies and programs for reducing the region's high burden of fertility, unsafe abortion, maternal mortality and HIV/AIDS.



Project Specific Objectives



- Training of students and technical experts/policymakers through short courses in reproductive health policy topics in the region.
- Masters in reproductive health, public health, health economics and nursing.
- PhDs in reproductive health, public health, and nursing.
- Develop regional laboratory capacity to support HIV/AIDS and other reproductive health related problems.

Methodology



- Short term courses, Masters and PhDs in Reproductive Health, Nursing, Public Health and Health Economics
- Applied research involving relevant departments of the University
- High profile service delivery in RH

Project Leadership



Role	Name
Center Leader	Prof Friday Okonofua
Deputy Center Leader	Prof Obehi Okojie
Project Coordinator	Prof Joseph Onakewhor
Desk Officer	Barr Richmond Omagbemi
Obstetrics and Gynecology (HOD)	Prof Michael Aziken
Community Medicine (HOD)	Dr Vivian Omuemu
Nursing (HOD)	Dr (Mrs) Mabel Osifo
Health Economics (HOD)	Dr Austin Monye
Financial Officer	Kingsley Enobakhare
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Procurement Officer	Mr. Idehen Imafidon
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Project Webmaster/ICT Officer	Mr. Chijioke Mokogwu
Project Librarian	Mr. David Ofili

Regional Partnerships



Partner Institution	Name
University of Ibadan, UI	Prof A. Oladokun and Prof IF Adewole
Ahmadu Bello University, ABU	Dr (Mrs) Nana Madugu
National Institute Medical Research, NIMR	Professor IOA Ujah, and Dr A.G. Ohihoin
University of Ghana, UG	Prof Richard Adanu
University of Benin Contonou, UNB	To be determined
University Abdou Moumoni Niamey Niger, UAM	To be determined

Roles for PMC and EPMC



- To plan and implement specific project activities as outlined in the action plan
- To inform project beneficiaries (staff and students) about the project activities and mobilize them to participate fully in the project;
- To coordinate specific data collection at departmental and unit levels for monitoring and evaluation of the project;
- To advise on barriers and challenges to project implementation and make suggestions to the Team Leader on remediating or facilitating steps that need to be undertaken.



Industry Partners



Partner Institution	Name
General Electric	
Phillips International	
Fidson Pharmaceuticals	
Emzor Pharmaceuticals	
Reuter Thomson	

Roles for Industry Partners



- Involvement in CERHI's curricular development/review to ensure they are training students to meet workforce demands;
- Intermittent workshops and seminars on industry-related issues to be led by industry experts;
- Completion of short term outreach periods by masters and PhD students of CERHI;
- Resource mobilization to ensure the use of relevant industry materials, protocols and recommendations by CERHI Faculty and students; and
- Career talks to graduating students by industry professionals to promote ready employability and access to job opportunities.

International Partnerships



International Partner Institution	Partner Leader
Queens University, Belfast	Yun Yun Gong PhD and Kevin Gormley, PhD
Harvard School of Public Health	Ana Langer PhD and Mary Mwanyika-Sando PhD,
University of Maryland at Baltimore	Manhattan Charurrat PhD
University of California Berkley	Malcom Potts PhD, FRCOG
University of Toronto	Rebecca Cooke CM, JD, FRSC
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Andrzej Kulczycki MD, PhD
University of Ottawa	Ben Tsang PhD
University of Washington Seattle	Jeremy Shiffman PhD
Karolinska Institute Sweden	Staffan Bergstrom PhD, FRCOG

Roles for IAB Members



- Review program activities of CERHI including annual work plans, training curricular and reports, and advise on effective implementation;
- Link CERHI to on-going global discussions and new sources of information on issues related to reduction of maternal mortality and unsafe abortion, the prevention of HIV/AIDS and increases in contraceptive prevalence rates in the region; and
- 3) Advice on resource mobilization, especially how CERHI can leverage additional international funding for sustainable project outcomes and impact.



Some Project Key Activities



- Curricular development and review
- Recruitment of students, especially from other West African countries (and women)
- Building of a modern e-learning centre, auditorium and seminar rooms
- Purchase of a project vehicle and bus for students' field-trips
- Collaboration with industry partners

Implementation: Disbursement Linked Indicators



- WB has indicated that disbursement of funds will be based on achievement of specific indicators – called Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI)
- DLIs have been mapped out for all projects in the implementation plans
- For example, before the initial 10% will be disbursed, DLI 1 will have to be achieved by the University.



DLI 1: \$800,000



DLR 1.1: Signing of MoUs

DLR 1.2: Establishment of CERHI International Advisory Board (IAB)

DLR 1.3: Creation of CERHI designated accounts

DLR 1.4: Approved financial management and procurement procedures and capacity

DLR 1.5: Establishing CERHI operational Office

DLR 1.6: Initiation of project staff recruitment

DLR 1.7: Inauguration meeting with all project partners



Other DLIs



DLI2: Excellence in Education and Research capacity and Development Impact

DLI3: Excellence in Financial Management

CEHRI Core Values and Principles



- Collaborative Partnership and Joint Project Ownership
- Transparency and Accountability
- “Can Do Spirit” as epitomized by timely results reporting
- Forward-looking commitment



