



Pfizer Investments in Health



Overview: Pfizer, Accordia Global Health Foundation, Makerere University, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the Pangaea Global AIDS Foundation and other organizations partnered to establish the Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI) in Uganda in 2004. The IDI, a major medical training and research center headquartered within Uganda's Makerere University, aims to improve health in Africa by training medical professionals and providing them with skills and resources to use in their communities.

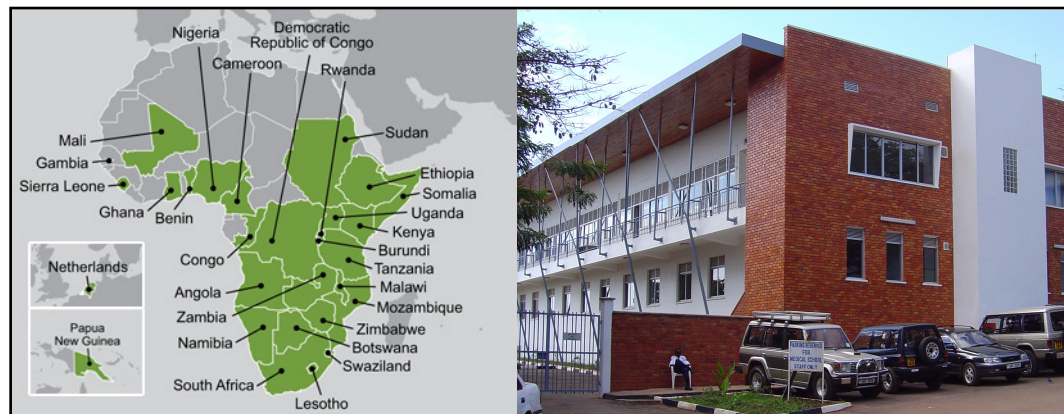
Goal: To build capacity of health systems in Africa for the delivery of sustainable, high quality care and prevention of HIV/AIDS and related infectious diseases through training, research and advanced clinical services.

The Need: Four million health care workers are needed to fill the gap in developing countries—not only specialists such as doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and lab technicians—but also health care management and support workers. (World Health Organization, 2006)

Partners: IDI partners with many governmental and nongovernmental organizations, academic institutions, corporations and private foundations to advance its mission.



Trainees' Countries of Origin:



Results:

- Trained more than 6,489 health care workers from 27 African countries since 2004. IDI-trained workers indicate they have trained, on average, 20 additional health care workers per month.
- Provided care and treatment to over 31,154 patients.
- Award-winning laboratory, one of very few College of American Pathologists accredited research facilities in Africa, enables the Institute to conduct the majority of its research projects onsite
- 111 research publications, 147 abstracts, and 15 research projects under way, all aimed at improving regional healthcare policy and practice and developing new generation of independent African researchers

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