

THE EAST AFRICA HEALTHCARE WORKER CRISIS

How Partnerships Can Build a
New Healthcare Worker Pipeline



Highlights from Panel Discussion in
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Touch Foundation is taking a long-term, sustainable approach to saving human lives in Tanzania. We are a not-for-profit dedicated to the training, placement and retention of healthcare workers in those places where people are dying for lack of basic access to trained medical professionals.

Healthcare workers are the lifeblood of healthcare systems. Investing in their training is not only saving human lives many times over but also providing professionals who can go on themselves to train even more healthcare workers.

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Innovation from public-private partnerships is driving cost-effective and scalable solutions to reach rural patients in Africa.

One of these successes is Touch Foundation's investment into expanding Tanzania's healthcare worker training capacity. Touch Foundation has increased capacity at an East African medical university from 10 MD students in 2004 to over 500 MD candidates today. They support a total of 1,100 healthcare students overall.

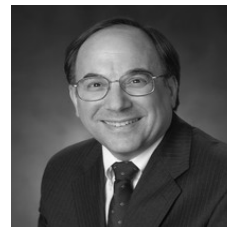
At the event, Dr. Maura O'Neill from the **US Agency for International Development** (USAID) brought attention to a grant of US \$8.5 million over three years to support the Touch Foundation to take the next critical step – the placement and retention of healthcare workers to rural areas where there are the greatest unmet medical needs.

USAID will provide **1:1 matching funds**, doubling the impact of donor dollars on the ground. The return for investors will be the many thousands of lives saved by tackling malaria, HIV, maternal mortality and childhood diseases at source.



“When we reinforce complementary strengths and amass resources into action . . . the next chapter is implementation. Touch has created synergies and alliances for a stronger health outcome.”

– Amb. Dr. Jack Chow,
Distinguished Service Prof.
Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College



“Public-private partnerships are powerful to address the healthcare worker gap . . . Touch has developed highly successful partnerships with the US and Tanzanian governments, corporations and institutions.”

– Dr. Jeffrey Sturchio, President,
Global Health Council

“Success is when we work together . . . We are enormously proud to support Touch. We believe that theirs is an example of how to train more healthcare workers.”



– Dr. Maura O'Neill,
Chief Innovation Officer, USAID