

Health Partners Asia, a partnership of international health and development professionals, was launched in Japan and in Asia on 9th May 2013. Health Partners Asia (HPA) aims to focus on strengthening governance, systems, planning and delivery of services. This is a proud moment for all those who have strived to bring to Asia a new partnership model that is 'by and for' those working in international health and development. Health Partners Asia (HPA) is being structured so it can be owned, managed, and governed by international development professionals and is part of the Health Partners Network.

The concept and structure of HPA is new for the profession in the region. It engages experienced professionals to join towards a common cause while at the same time they also benefit from a stake and a role in decision-making. All active and interested professionals working HPA can become part owners. HPA, is modelled on Health Partners International (HPI) of United Kingdom which pioneered this approach and is based on important values and principles related to international development. HPI is managed by dedicated Partners from 12 countries including Australia, Denmark, France, Ghana, Ireland, Netherlands, Nigeria, South Africa, United Kingdom, USA, Zimbabwe; and now also from Japan. For more information www.healthpartners-int.co.uk

HPI's approach expanded in to a global network of professionals and self-standing but closely linked groups such as Health Partners Asia. The network has a global capacity of over 1500 technical advisors, associates and consultants. Being part of the network greatly enhances the interactions and peer development amongst professionals from many countries, and this in turn will lead to the global development of HPA professionals. A percentage of HPA earnings will also be dedicated to development of younger international health professionals from Japan and rest of Asia. International health and development professionals can join and work with HPA as consultants, associates, advisors who can also become partners and directors. HPA is inviting all of you with interest and appropriate experience to join.

HPI, HPA and associated groups specialise in:

- health systems strengthening at national and local levels,
- systems development from overall programme to hospital and facility level,
- governance, policy and strategy development,
- implementation, financial management, human resource development, quality assurance,
- health care technology including infrastructure or equipment and medical supplies,
- management and reform of hospital services,
- sustainable supply systems, social development and community engagement
- information and knowledge management, and
- effective planning, management & organisation of services.

Programmes areas include maternal, newborn and child health; communicable & non-communicable diseases control and reproductive health.

Since 1995, HPI and network partners have delivered over 700 health projects and initiatives in more than 40 countries across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, South Pacific and Caribbean. Groups that are part of Health Partners Network include:

- Health Partners International
- Health Partners South Africa
- Health Partners Ghana
- GRID Consulting, Nigeria
- HEART Consultancy, Denmark
- Ziken International, UK
- **Health Partners Asia**

HPA aims to build on this experience and cover Asia.

Join Health Partners Asia and become the driver of change for international health and development in Asia

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