

Theme: Development of Sustainable Health Systems in West Africa:  
Evidence-Based Approaches to Improving Primary Healthcare.

Saturday, **October 8, 2016. Location: 7766 Wayne Avenue, Upper Darby, PA 19082.**

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*All times are in USA Eastern Time Zone*

3pm		Introduction and welcome
3:10pm	Jean Claude Koffi, MD	Increasing National and Government Awareness About the Effect of Drug Addiction in Cote D'Ivoire
3:20pm	Ismael A. Sanogo, MD	Overview of Mental Health Services in Cote D'Ivoire
3:30pm	Kesse Felicienne	Overview of Educational Services in Cote D'Ivoire using a Non-Governmental Organization Approach to Cater to Vulnerable Children
3:40pm	Eric Tape, MD	Development of Rural Health Programs in Cote D'Ivoire
3:50pm	Koo Joseph, BSN	Exposed Women's Physical, Psychological, and Social Experiences of Female Genital Mutilation
4:00pm	Marthaline Wleh, CM, BSM	Teenage Pregnancy: Roles of the Healthcare System in Reducing Teenage Pregnancy in Liberia.
4:10pm	Lauratou Barry, MD	Determinants of Maternal Mortality in Guinea: Risk Analyses Using Service Utilization and Sociodemographic Indicators
4:20pm	Ibrahim Kantara	Improving Healthcare Ethics: Legal Implications for Practice Among Healthcare Professionals in Guinea.
4:30pm	Mohamed Sacko, MA	Using Public Health Approaches to Reduce Injuries and Deaths from Motor Vehicle Accidents in Guinea.
4:40pm	Ousmane Koita, MD	Malaria as a True Public Health Problem in Guinea
5:00pm	James Sorsor, RN, BSN, MSC	Causes of Maternal Mortality at Redemption Hospital, Monrovia, Liberia (June 2012 to May 2014).
5:45pm	Jallah Kennedy, PhD	Determinants of Maternal Mortality in Liberia: A Facility-Based Study
6:15pm	Frank Ogonna, PhD	Holistic intervention: A Diffuse of Environmental Dynamics Influence on Child Care in African Rural Setting
6:45pm	Verlene Olson, RN, MPH	A Qualitative Study to Explore the Perspectives of African Americans in Essex County, New Jersey About Self-Management Strategies for Type-2 Diabetes.
7:15pm	Dr. Daniel Cardwell	Human Resource Development: Increasing Capacity for Sustainable Growth
7:40pm	John Oliphant, PhD candidate, MHP, MEd, PA-C, ATC	1). Leading Global Health and Humanitarian Efforts in Less Developed Countries: Best Practices Relevant to Cross-Cultural Partnerships 2). <b>Group Discussion on:</b> Issues that can arise when groups from more developed nations attempt to deliver humanitarian aid or conduct short-term medical missions in less developed countries
8:25pm	Eli Gbayee	Overview of the Activities of Hope for Liberia Targeting the Disabled, Orphans, and Elderly people as well as Faith-based institutions
8:30pm	Marcus Kpanlin	Simeon Kpanlin Memorial Health Foundation
8:35pm	Roads to Health field team (Jallah Kennedy, Kerson Saykor, Truster Mulbah, Saye Tuopleeye)	Roads To Health Need Assessment and Health Programs in Liberia. Presentation of summary data and ongoing health/research activities.
8:50pm	Closing Remarks and Fundraising	Open to All

The program will also be **streamed live via audio and video conferencing**. To join remotely, please call **857-232-0156** and the **access code is 294126 [for audio]** and ask to be added to the **video conferencing via Skype** by searching for [jallahmk@hotmail.com](mailto:jallahmk@hotmail.com) or Jallah Kennedy so that we can accept your invitation. We will also be on **WhatsApp** [ID is: 609-233-1876 or Roads To Health (you will see walking FEET logo)] and **Facebook Group/Messenger** ID is: Roads To Health or @roadstohealth.

**Your charitable donations will be tax-deductible** and will help rural and vulnerable people (the poor, powerless, slum dwellers, hard to reach places, disabled, orphans, elderly...) with basic health care services. Your money and other donations will support community health workers in villages; outreach services to schools; provide basic medication deliveries; help children and pregnant women to get vaccines and midwives/other health workers to care for them so as to prevent and treat problems such as diarrhea, polio, tetanus, measles, pneumonia, malnutrition, and birth complications.

Globally (Source-WHO): About 5.9 million children under the age of 5 years died in 2015, the majority in Africa – that is about **11 children deaths every minutes**. Everyday about **830 women die** because of pregnancy and childbirth reasons, with 99% occurring in developing countries – that is about **35 maternal deaths every hour**.

Here are some of the ways your contributions will be used:

**\*\*\$30-50.00/month for village/community health workers to provide outreach to 1000- 5000 people.**

**\*\*\$43.00 can provide THREE MEALS for 20 pregnant women for ONE DAY in a maternal waiting home where the pregnant women leave their villages/towns when they are about 8 ½ months pregnant to stay near the clinic until they deliver their babies – this reduces maternal complications and deaths especially for high risk mothers and those living far away.**

**\*\*\$8.00 can provide gasoline for a motorbike for one day for the vaccinator and midwife/another health worker to do outreach in villages and schools and to give vaccines and treatment in areas far away from the local clinics.**

**\*\*\$10.00/day for 10 community members to work on a communal garden/farm to reduce the high malnutrition and increase food security.**

**\*\*Investing \$1.00 in providing good sanitation [and clean water] services can yield \$4-12 in return of health and productivity benefits. Poor water and sanitation are related to 80% of illnesses in developing countries.**

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**Other information that will be provided at the conference include:**

Result of data collected and ongoing programs activities about the healthcare situations at pilot sites with background information about west African countries with emphases on Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Cote D'Ivoire. The data have laid the foundation for the development of community-oriented low resource and sustainable (especially at village levels) evidence-based education and health programs to target rural, hard to reach, and vulnerable populations. They are also the basis for a 5-year maternal child health (MCH) longitudinal research that will be highlighted.

Other broad areas to be discussed are:

- Maternal and child health
- Community health outreach services in rural and hard to reach areas
- Communicable/infectious and tropical diseases
- School health assessment
- Water and sanitation
- Roles of traditional midwives and community health volunteers to deliver services in towns and villages
- Primary healthcare delivery for rural and vulnerable population
- Improving pharmaceutical and diagnostic systems and regulations
- Diabetes and other chronic diseases
- Healthcare financing
- Lessons learned from the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak
- Health information system

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