



Looking Back and Thinking Ahead
Closing Event of 35 years of
Rwandan-German Cooperation in Health
10-11 December 2012, Kigali, Serena Hotel

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Background Note

35 years of Rwandan-German cooperation in health

Since 1979, Rwandan-German cooperation in health evolved through roughly **three phases**. The first phase covered the 1980s until the genocide in 1994 focused on rural health services and family planning. During the second phase, which was marked by the difficult post-conflict context, emphasis shifted to HIV control and primary health care. The **joint Rwandan-German health programme from 2004 until today** has constituted the third, last and most intensive phase of cooperation and supported different aspects of poverty-oriented health sector development: health financing, sexual and reproductive health, as well as human resource development and health technology management. During almost 35 years of continuous cooperation in health, the **technical and financial support** provided by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and its implementing agencies (GIZ and KfW) amounted to more than 65 million Euro, including project funding and sector budget support, but also 140 Development Workers, numerous technical experts and many trainings.

Phasing-out and evaluation of the health programme

Following Rwanda's proposal of a **division of labour among development partners** in order to improve aid effectiveness, it was jointly decided in 2010 that the **health programme would phase out by 2012/2013**, and that German support concentrate on three other sectors: decentralisation and good governance, employment promotion, and technical and vocational education and training. The **discussion of options for handover** and the actual replacement of German support, where needed, was carried out jointly with the Ministry of Health as well as partner districts and hospitals, and in close consultation with other development partners. As part of the phasing-out process, the two governments also decided to commission an **external evaluation** of 35 years of cooperation (with a focus on 2004–2012), which is carried out by the independent German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval).

Closing events

As part of the phasing-out, a “farewell roadshow” through the partner districts took place in November/December 2012. On **10 and 11 December 2012, the final event in Kigali** (at Serena Hotel) will bring together stakeholders of the Rwandan health sector and German Development Cooperation under the **motto “looking back and thinking ahead”**.

- On the evening of 10 December 2012, peer educators will perform a **theatre play on sexual and reproductive health of adolescents** and we will discuss the health concerns of young Rwandans.
- On 11 December 2012, we will, in a first part, **look at the experience of 35 years Rwandan-German cooperation** in health, including the preliminary findings of the evaluation.
- In the afternoon, a **forward-looking discussion will explore issues of critical importance for the Rwandan health sector** “in the next 35 years”, with a particular focus on international cooperation, namely capacity development, financial sustainability, health as a “foundational issue”, the health needs of the youth, and social values for the sector.
- The event will close with a **dinner party**, a short film, music and dance.



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Programme

Monday, 10 December 2012, at Serena Hotel, Kigali

Soirée: Theatre Play on “A Healthy Future”

17h30	Arrival and registration of guests	
18h00	Introduction	Dr Uzziel Ndagijimana, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health Andrea Hensel, Development Counselor, German Embassy
18h30 – 19h15	Theatre play on “A healthy future: Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health”	Peer Educators, Busoro Health Center, Huye District (winner of district competition)
19h15 – 19h45	Building a healthy future – Discussing young Rwandans’ health concerns	Discussion (Moderators: Jeanne Kampire, Michael Hagedorn)
19h45 – 20h00	Wrap-up and Closing	Dr Fidele Ngabo, Director of Mother-Child Health, Ministry of Health Elisabeth Girrback, Health Coordinator, German Cooperation Rwanda

Tuesday, 11 December 2012, at Serena Hotel, Kigali

Part 1: Looking Back at 35 Years of Rwandan-German Cooperation in Health

8h30 – 9h00	Arrival and registration of participants	Exhibition
9h00 – 9h45	Opening Speeches	Dr Agnes Binagwaho, Honourable Minister of Health Peter Fahrenholtz, German Ambassador
9h45 – 11h00	Presentation on 35 years of Rwandan- German cooperation in health Key Note Speeches	Dr Ute Heinbuch, Head of Central Africa Department, Federal Ministry for Econ- omic Cooperation and Development, BMZ Elisabeth Girrback, Health Coordinator, German Cooperation Rwanda Dr Uzziel Ndagijimana, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health Andreas Proksch, Director General of Africa Department, GIZ
11h00 – 11h30	Coffee break	Exhibition
11h30 – 12h00	Presentation of preliminary findings of the independent evaluation	Dr Stefanie Krapp, Ilse Worm, German Institute for Development Evaluation
12h00 – 12h45	Discussion of the previous presentations	Discussion (Moderators: Michel Gatete, Michael Hagedorn)
12h45 – 14h00	Lunch	Exhibition



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Part 2: 35 Years Ahead – Rethinking International Cooperation in Rwanda's Health Sector

14h00 – 14h15	Keynote Speech on international cooperation and how to ensure financial sustainability?	Dr Ibrahim Stevens
14h15 – 14h30	Keynote Speech on future Capacity Development needs in Rwanda	Stella Mugabo, Executive Secretary, Public Sector Capacity Building Secretariat
14h30 – 14h45	Short inputs for the group discussions	Moderator
14h45 – 16h30	Group discussions ("World Café")	Tandems of moderators
	1) Capacity development vs. capacity substitution: rethinking technical assistance	1) Peter Malinga, Public Sector Capacity Building Secretariat & Tessa MacArthur, World Bank
	2) Financial sustainability: aid independency vs. financial gaps	2) Andrew Makaka (tbc) & Djordje Gikic, CHAI
	3) Implications of health as a foundational sector in EDPRS II	3) Aline Niyonkuru, MoH & Diane Muhongerwa, WHO
	4) Making the health sector fit for Rwanda's youth	4) Dr Diane Mutamba & Radegonde Ndejuru, Imbuto Foundation
	5) Values for health: social principles for the sector	5) Anitha Asimwe, RBC (tbc) & Jean-Louis Lambeau, LuxDev
16h30 – 16h45	Coffee break	Exhibition
16h45 – 17h15	Plenary presentation of group discussions	Moderators of 5 groups
17h15 – 17h30	Wrap-up and Closing	Chair (PS, MoH) and shadow (LuxDev) of Health Sector Working Group HSWG

Dinner Party

18h30 – 19h00	Welcome by Itorero	Inyamibwa
19h00 – 19h15	Opening	Dr Agnes Binagwaho, Honourable Minister of Health Peter Fahrenholtz, German Ambassador
19h15–19h45	Film on 35 years of cooperation	GDC
19h45–20h45	Dinner	
20h45–....	Music & Dance	New Beat Band