

„Education is the most powerful engine of personal development“

Nelson Mandela

SmW FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL KNOW HOW TRANSFER



You only live if you also live a little for others...

WHO IS SMW?

- SmW is a Swiss foundation
- SmW is providing ultrasound teaching in East Africa
- SmW is recruiting excellent experts in ultrasound from Europe and East Africa
- SmW is organizing good used ultrasound machines for East African hospitals

VISION

The vision of SmW is based on the settled conviction that all the people of the world should have access to knowledge, technical and medical progress as well as to adequate medical care in order to respect rights and dignity of any human being.

MISSION

SmW wants to support hospitals and health centers in East Africa by providing high-quality teaching and ultrasound equipment. SmW is a non-profit organization, politically and religiously unaffiliated.

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CONCEPT AND STRATEGY OF SmW FOR EAST AFRICA

To improve the medical health care system SmW focuses on implementing ultrasound diagnostics because of the following facts:

- Best imaging system in terms of cost/use
- No radiation
- Easy installation (only electricity)
- Easy maintenance
- Widely useable in all fields of medicine

Ultrasound needs a life-long learning and training process and is primarily based on practicing, practicing, practicing...

- In East Africa ultrasound is taught mainly in courses of at least 3 months or longer

SmW is:

- teaching ultrasound in less time according programs of the European Societies, that is in 2–3 modules of 3-4 days two times a year (1/3 lectures, 2/3 hands-on in small groups of 4 participants with an instructor)
- teaching physicians, radiographers, clinical officers and nurses
- recommending to train regularly in groups between the course modules
- offering an exam to achieve a „Certificate of Completion SmW“
- offering refresher or new courses in other fields (pediatrics, small parts, rheumatology, emergency medicine) to participants with „Certificate of Completion SmW“
- donating machines to hospitals which participate in programs of SmW

WHAT WE NEED

- Ultrasound experts (Referents and Instructors) for teaching
- Financial sponsors
- Donators of ultrasound machines, laptops and ultrasound books in English
- Deeply committed partners in all particulars in Europe and Africa

PATRONAGE

The courses of SmW are under auspices of:

- Swiss Society for Ultrasound in Medicine SGUM, www.sgum.ch

COURSE LOCATIONS IN TANZANIA

- Huruma Hospital, Mkuu
- Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC), Moshi
- St. Francis Referral Hospital (SFRH), Ifakara

MORE INFORMATION

www.stiftung-smw.ch/ENGLISH-SHORT-INFO

COURSES

Per course of SmW up to 30 participants are attending.

The courses of SmW are combining:



- Lectures and live scanning



- Practical exercises in small groups on several machines

DONATIONS

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