



Seed
GLOBAL HEALTH

ZAMBIA

Our Goal

Train family physicians who can provide comprehensive, continuous, high-quality care in urban and rural communities to people at all stages of life.

Our Focus



Primary
Care

Our Impact

2013



1

Placement
Site



2

Physician, Nurse, and
Midwife Educators Placed



6

Courses /
Trainings



130

Trainees
Taught

Present



Zambia has made significant improvements in reducing mortality rates related to infectious diseases over the past decade. However, the country is experiencing a growing prevalence of noncommunicable diseases and the current health workforce shortages leave it unprepared to address this shifting burden. The Ministry of Health has developed an innovative human resources for health strategic plan to reshape the training and education of health workers in Zambia.

To support the government's initiative, Seed Global Health (Seed) collaborates with our in-country partners to focus on:

Primary Care

The greatest health workforce shortage in Zambia is in primary care. Family physicians have a unique ability to provide health care across a person's lifespan in a wide variety of settings. One family physician can address multiple gaps in service delivery for a broad range of people.

Seed has partnered with the University of Zambia (UNZA) to develop a Family Medicine Master of Medicine (MMed) Program, a first of its kind in the country. The MMed program is centered on developing the next generation of family physicians who can provide comprehensive, continuous, high-quality care in urban and rural communities to patients of all ages — a cornerstone of primary care.

In collaboration with UNZA and Zambian health leaders, we:



Recruit experienced family medicine educators to train and mentor faculty and the inaugural class, equipping them with necessary skills to provide high-quality, people-centered care.



Support a district-level hospital which serves as the clinical training site for the residency program, offering an opportunity for trainees to develop skills in adult medicine, inpatient paediatric, and maternity wards, as well as a family medicine continuity clinic.



Work with local institutions and the government to foster the growth of the family medicine residency program and absorb graduates into the public health system.

Our collective goal is to enhance the development of frontline primary health workers who deliver care to patients at all stages of life, provide ongoing education across the health workforce, hold leadership positions, and advocate for policies that are conducive to these efforts.

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