



## Application from the Tropical Health and Education Trust for admission into official relations with WHO

1. **Year of establishment of the organization:** 2006

2. (a) **Address of the headquarters of the organization.**

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London W1G 0AE  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
Website: <http://www.thet.org>

(b) **Contact information, name(s) and titles of officer(s) who may speak and correspond authoritatively on behalf of the organization.**

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3. **Aims (or purposes, objectives) of the organization as they appear in its constitution, by-laws or equivalent document.** The aims of the Tropical Health and Education Trust are:

(i) To relieve poverty, sickness and distress, and to advance education and protect and preserve health in, less developed countries, particularly, but not exclusively, through the provision of appropriate medical and educational support.

(ii) To advance the education of those people who work for the preservation and protection of health and the relief of poverty in less developed countries.

4. **Main fields of work of the organization.** Health care professionals (education and training of health care workers in low- and middle-income countries), and health care administration.

**5. Main types of activities of the organization.**<sup>1</sup> Advocacy, conferences, education/training and funding/donations.

**The organization has activities in the following countries:** Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

**6. Membership information.** The Trust is a non-membership organization.

**Regional offices/representatives in the following countries:** Somalia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zambia.

**7. Name, composition, function and frequency of meetings of the main, or if applicable, the two main decision-making bodies.**

Name: Board of Trustees

Composition: The Trust is a company limited by guarantee, is constituted as a charitable trust for charitable objects, and is governed by a Board of Trustees. Current Trustees appoint new Trustees who are subject to re-election at least once every three years.

Function: The Board of Trustees manages the work of the Trust and may exercise all of the powers of the Trust. The Trust recognizes that an effective Board of Trustees is essential if the Trust is to be effective in achieving its objects. The Board of Trustees must seek to be representative of the people with whom the Trust works and must have available to it all of the knowledge and skills required to run the Trust. Individual Trustees must have sufficient knowledge, both of trusteeship in general and of the Trust's activities, to enable them to carry out their role and to represent the Trust at meetings and other events.

Frequency of meetings: At least five times a year. Two subcommittees, on risk and governance and on strategy, meet at least four times a year.

**8. Human resources of the organization.**

Number of paid staff at headquarters/secretariat: 30

Number of volunteer staff at headquarters/secretariat: 5

Number of paid staff worldwide (including staff at headquarters/secretariat): 50

Number of volunteers worldwide (including staff at headquarters/secretariat): 10

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<sup>1</sup> For an explanation of the types of activities, please see the Annex to the application.

**9. Financial information on the organization.<sup>1</sup>**

Annual income and expenditure in the range: US\$ 10 million to US\$ 50 million

**10. Formal relations with organizations and bodies in the United Nations system and nongovernmental organizations.**

Not applicable.

**11. Collaboration with WHO.****(a) Activities carried out jointly with WHO during the working relations period.**

WHO and the Tropical Health and Education Trust have collaborated on the design, development and implementation of WHO's African Partnerships for Patient Safety programme during its inception phase in 2008 and 2009. The Trust helped the programme to select the first wave of partnerships through its networks, contributed to the programme's technical products and facilitated partnership workshops. After the establishment of the programme in 2009, the Trust's collaboration expanded to a second and subsequent waves of partnerships and continued to mature through multiple concrete activities contributing to WHO's Eleventh General Programme of Work, 2006–2015. The programme's achievements have been reported through appropriate mechanisms to the Health Assembly, as well as through a series of reports prepared both at WHO headquarters and in the African Region. The Trust's main contributions include:

- Use of the Trust's communications channels to publicize the African Partnerships for Patient Safety programme among existing networks in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in developing countries, through the Trust's e-bulletin and events.
- Guidance from the Trust in selecting a second wave of partnerships for the African Partnership for Patient Safety programme, involving five National Health Service trusts and their partner hospitals in five African countries.
- Participation in a global group advising the programme on strategic direction.
- Assistance in the refinement of the programme's technical tools and resources.
- Active participation in the programme's implementation workshops in Europe and Africa.
- Input into the refinement of the programme's evaluation framework for second wave partnerships.
- Input into the programme's learning symposium involving eight African countries and partner hospitals in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (Harare, May 2014).

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<sup>1</sup> In order to facilitate comparison, nongovernmental organizations are requested to express their annual income and expenditure in United States dollar equivalents, and to provide estimates of these annual figures in cases where their accounts cover different periods.

**(b) Planned collaborative activities with WHO for the coming three-year period.**

The activities planned for the coming three-year period are related to the below four key areas.

(i) Patient safety partnerships

This includes, but is not limited to, further input into the strategic development of patient safety partnerships around the world (with a focus on the African Region). Existing partnerships between hospitals in Africa and those in the National Health Service will be kept active and utilized as knowledge hubs for patient safety partnerships.

(ii) Institutional health care partnerships

The Trust will contribute to global efforts to present the case for the utility of institutional health care partnerships to strengthen health systems, specifically the health workforce. They will contribute to building a case to illustrate the impact and benefits of partnerships to the health sector in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in other high-income countries.

(iii) Knowledge exchange

The Trust will support and encourage the development of a new patient safety partnership network with partners from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and low- and middle-income countries. It will promote patient safety via its e-bulletin and fora with more than 150 institutional health partnerships. It will link institutional health care partnerships with relevant WHO country offices and the Department of Service Delivery and Safety at headquarters to improve coordination and integrate learning into resource development. This is particularly relevant to patient safety, but could also include leadership and management, medical equipment, and the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, and will raise awareness of the potential and existing achievements of institutional partnerships with relevant health ministries.

(iv) Health Partnership Scheme

The Trust will work closely with WHO on partnerships that tackle issues relating to patient safety in Africa and Asia as part of the Health Partnership Scheme supported by the Department for International Development of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It will work closely with WHO's Department of Service Delivery and Safety to harness its technical capacity to improve the quality, efficacy and scale of projects aiming to strengthen the health workforce in low- and middle-income countries.

An annual report will be developed at the end of each year highlighting the key activities and their contribution to WHO's Twelfth General Programme of Work, 2014–2019, specifically Category 4, Health systems.

## ANNEX

### EXPLANATION OF TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

**Advisory** – the organization regularly advises governments, nongovernmental organizations and institutions, intergovernmental bodies, or the media on matters within its competence.

**Advocacy** – the organization regularly undertakes campaigns, or its main purpose is, to influence decision- or policy-makers, or individual or societal behaviours or attitudes.

**Conferences** – the organization regularly holds scientific conferences, or other forums, excluding governing body meetings.

**Data collection/surveillance** – the organization, for example, maintains a register of specific diseases, up-to-date data about the number of people in a particular profession, etc.

**Education/training** – the organization, or its members, regularly provides educational or training courses for individuals or organizations (governmental and nongovernmental), is an examining or licensing body, or develops curricula.

**Funding/donations** – the organization funds the work of others and/or donates goods to others, for example, hospital equipment and pharmaceuticals.

**Journals/publications/media** – the organization regularly publishes a peer-reviewed professional or scientific journal and/or regularly produces and revises books and other media, e.g. CDs and videos, and maintains a publications/resources catalogue.

**Research** – the organization undertakes commissions or funds research as a regular activity.

**Service delivery** – the organization provides, commissions or is contracted on a long-term basis to provide services to non-members, for example, child counselling/protection, hospital care, suicide prevention services and delivery of food aid.

**Sponsoring** – the organization maintains a sponsorship programme, for example, for children, the elderly or young scientists.

**Standard-setting** – the organization formulates standards, ranging from professional conduct to goods and services.

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