Project Aims: To Obtain an Inter-professional Assessment of Health, Research and Service Need and Collaborative Opportunities for UMB in The Gambia”

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Factors Driving Approach

• **Demand:** Increasing numbers of medical- and other SOM and UMB students asking for meaningful experiences in health research, community and global opportunities

• **Opportunity Assessment:** Since UMB does not have any presence in Gambia, team’s goals were to:
  1. Assess research, teaching and learning opportunities that were collaborative in nature
  2. Assess service opportunities
  3. Determine activities that could attract graduate-level project creation, research and teaching
  4. **Activities have to be sustainable**

• Focus in Maryland Education system (e.g. MPower) to increase connection and collaborations between campuses

  – **Question:** Since St. Mary’s University has solid brand and recognition in Gambia, how can we benefit mutually (resources, knowledge exchange, home and in country collaborations etc?)
Gambian Health-Care Pyramid
(As elaborated by Dr. Francis Sarr, Dean UTG SON)
Ongoing Activities

- **McDiarmid Team:** Dr. Bobo (Dean Law), connected with Dr. McDirmad, Alisha Ellis and FLAG (UMB, UTG, FLAG collaboration?)
- **Carey Team:** Deputy Vice Chancellor Jah wants a MOU with UMB ASAP. Wary of ‘goodwill excursions’
- **Carey Team:** Katie Bulson working on paper on FGM
- **Carey Team:** Katie and Stef followed up with Dr. Jafari (CMD), discussed medical social work, macro level social work and MPH
- **Carey Team:** Kate and Stef following leads on gender based violence, sex trafficking and children’s welfare
  - Both exploring project leads and working on final reports
- **Carey Team:** Bryan Chung identified health service, nursing learning and research areas. Working on final report
Medical Research Council
Dr. Hassan Azadeh’s Private Hospital
On-Air With Dr. Azadeh
UTG School of Medicine
Summary

• **Strengths**
  – UMB has abundant resources that would be welcome and impactful
  – Highly skilled and trained faculty and staff
  – Multiple levels of future interactions in U.S. and in Gambia
  – St. Mary’s already has excellent brand recognition and engagement in Gambia
  – Gambia is stable, receptive and ‘friendly’

• **Weaknesses**
  – Infrastructure challenges especially electricity and communications
  – Stratified society and stark economic disparities

• **Opportunities**
  – World class research at MRC
  – Excellent potential site for students interested in global health and IPE
  – Multi-layered professional and intercultural interactions with highly-trained international community of physicians and professionals

• **Threats**
  – *Far, far, far away*
  – Malaria belt
  – On fringe of current Ebola outbreak
# Sites and Organizations

*(Have high Level Contacts)*

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The Future of Problem-Solving

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Working With Interprofessional Teams

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