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Forging Ahead: Maintaining Excellence through Teamwork and Innovation



2020: A Year in Review

Like many others around the world, the COVID-19 pandemic upended our plans for 2020. It has presented unprecedented global challenges, threatening the health and well-being of children, families and communities, particularly in resource-limited settings across the globe. Yet the pandemic has revealed incredible strength and resilience within the BIPAI Network, highlighting our interconnectedness, adaptability, innovation, teamwork, leadership, and steadfast commitment to caring for vulnerable populations.

Drawing on a 20-year history of improving health systems and responding to the HIV crisis, the BIPAI Network developed a COVID-19 support system for Network leaders and staff across 10 countries designed to help navigate decision-making and management through communication, knowledge transfer and problem-solving to prioritize workforce safety and continuity of essential services.

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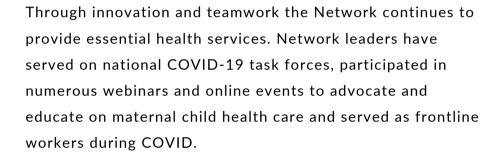
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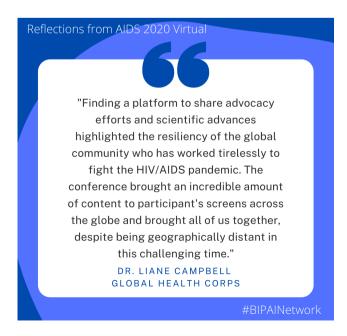
COVID-19 Response

BIPAI established an evolving support system to support our Network with the emerging needs of COVID. A daily operational meeting was launched to share information, discuss local updates and impact on clinical services, share best practices and coordinate activities. The BIPAI Clinical Forum broadened to include a multidisciplinary group of global health professionals gathering weekly to discuss scientific and clinical data related to COVID. In addition, Chevron, AbbVie Foundation and Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation provided funding for local procurement of personal protective equipment.









AIDS2020 Virtual

The BIPAI Network, with support from Texas Children's Hospital, had its largest participation and presence at the biannual International AIDS Conference in July. The virtual conference allowed staff across the BIPAI Network to participate by delivering oral and poster presentations and attending conference workshops and sessions. Following the conference, Network staff met to share important takeaways from the conference that positively impact patient care and health worker trainings.

Wellness Champions



The BIPAI Network launched a Wellness
Champions Program with support from Texas
Children's Hospital. The initiative seeks to inspire
and create a culture of healthy living and
wellbeing across the network.

Staff at each Foundation volunteered to be the Wellness Champion for their site and meet monthly with other champions across the network. They serve as the local leader and resource for their colleagues by providing inspiration, encouragement and resiliency tips, addressing physical well-being and wellness challenges and coordinating social opportunities.

BIPAI Network Meeting

The <u>BIPAI 22nd Annual Network Meeting</u> was held November 10-13th. More than 400 participants representing 12 countries participated in the first virtual conference. The meeting provides networking opportunities, clinical and operational best practice discussions, progress evaluation and experience sharing. The program focused on patient care, program implementation and COVID-19 response. The conference fostered community and togetherness and was a platform to share and learn from one another.



BIPAI NETWORK 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORTS

We are pleased to share the BIPAI Network 2019-2020 annual reports, including the BIPAI Headquarters 20th Anniversary annual report.

Read more about the Network's recent achievements and activities.

GLOBAL HEALTH STORIES





Texas Children's Global Health Showcase Series

Saving lives across the globe

Center of Excellence credited with saving generation from HIV/AIDS

Global Health Corps members gain expertise while providing valuable care

Global Health Program expands scope of service outside of HIV-AIDS

Area 25 Health Center offers new model of care to expectant mothers in Malawi

Midwives a necessity to health of mothers, babies in Malawi

Freedom from Fistula Care Center offers hope to women plagued by childbirth complications

2020 Blogs & Stories

Let's not forget the most vulnerable children around the globe in the COVID-19 pandemic

Working in lockdown

Fighting to close the GAP on global pediatric TB care

World Telehealth Initiative connects medical experts with vulnerable population in Malawi

New labor and maternity ward in Malawi increases capacity,

privacy for women

Nurse develops novel approach to medical simulation for PIV, CVC and port training

Global HOPE Nursing ECHO Seminar addresses COVID-19 impact on nurses



Honoring Dr. Peter Kazembe

BIPAI lost a founding member on August 11th with the passing of Dr. Peter Kazembe. He was founding executive director of Baylor Foundation Malawi and served until his 2018 retirement. Often considered the "grandfather of pediatrics" in Malawi, and the only trained neonatologist, Kazembe made monumental contributions to the health of newborns, children and families in Malawi over his decades-long career. His collaborations and mentorship impacted thousands of doctors and health professionals, who now provide pediatric care throughout Africa and beyond. In honor of Kazembe's work, he was posthumously awarded the American Academy of Pediatrics 2020 Hillman-Olness Award for lifetime service and lasting contributions to global child health. The Dr. Peter Kazembe Memorial Fund will continue his efforts to enhance neonatal care at Kamuzu Central Hospital and support a neonatal care training center at the Jan Duncan Center of Excellence for Women's Health at Area 25 Hospital in Malawi.



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SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

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Looking Ahead to 2021

BIPAI and Texas Children's Global Health remain committed to our vision and mission and the communities we serve despite the ongoing challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have a strong foundation and a team of dedicated experts caring for those in need and continuing to support and train others to do the same. As we enter 2021, we are focused on continuing to support COVID-19 response in the countries we work. Two events that we are supporting virtually this year to showcase our Network and it's resilience include CUGH 2021 and the BIPAI RAISE Symposium.

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