

Policy Plan SINTAN INTEGRATED PROJECTS 2016-2020

1. Introduction

The foundation SINTAN Integrated Projects (SINTAN IP) was founded in November 2007 with the aim to cooperate with civil society, government, private sector and others in the Netherlands and Tanzania to contribute to the sustainable development of Tanzania.

Since that time SINTAN IP has been active in the organisation and facilitation of internships for medical and dental students in hospitals in Tanzania.

This activity has led to the development of an extensive network of Tanzanian hospitals, government authorities and dioceses. Aside from the facilitation of these internships SINTAN IP also supported a number of small projects in local hospitals.

Furthermore SINTAN IP managed, together with various Dutch and Tanzanian partners, to realise the building of a dormitory for Masai girl students in Nyumba ya Mungu.

In 2015 transferred the organisation and facilitation of internships to the Medical Centres of the University of Groningen (UMCG) and the Erasmus University.

After an internal evaluation SINTAN IP decided to focus more on the transfer of knowledge to medical staff in Tanzanian hospital.

2. Vision and Mission

While visiting Tanzanian hospitals SINTAN IP was frequently asked to also send qualified medical doctors and specialists to their hospitals. There are several projects where medical and paramedical staff are temporarily posted to Tanzania to treat patients. Hospitals and patients are pleased with this initiative.

In many cases this entails short term intervention where medical care is provided for selected patients. Whether this also contributes to a structural and sustainable development of medical care is a reasonable question because there is hardly any embedding in the routine medical care of these hospitals.

A number of patients is helped but there is hardly any time or opportunity for a continuous knowledge exchange with the local doctors and other medical staff.

Tanzanian hospitals have frequently expressed the need to improve knowledge exchange with medical interns and medical specialists to strengthen their insight and treatment.

SINTAN IP will react to this by initiating in a more sustainable way various train-the-trainers programmes. By organising and facilitating the voluntary participation of medical and para-medical staff SINTAN IP expects to make again a meaningful contribution to medical care in Tanzania.

The foundation SINTAN Integrated Projects wants, in cooperation with medical and para-medical staff in as well Tanzania as The Netherlands, to make an integrated contribution to the sustainable development of medical care in Tanzania.

3. Objectives SINTAN IP

1. Main objective is the provision of sustainable contributions to medical in Tanzania through the organisation and facilitation of knowledge transfer to medical staff in Tanzanian hospitals. It entails medical staff in a wider sense: not only doctors (including General Practitioners), but also para-medical staff like analysts, technicians, midwives, nurses, hospital managers and others depending on the expressed need of the hospitals involved.
Knowledge transfer and exchange will be effected o.a. by short term postings of medical staff to conduct training-of-trainer programmes that enable local staff to continue training others.

2. In combination with the knowledge exchange SINTAN IP also wants to promote the availability of medical equipment, however only if there is a definite need and a guaranty that the equipment will be used intensely and for a protracted period of time.
3. Wherever possible and in cooperation with other organisations SINTAN IP also wants to support the training of hospital management.
4. Small projects in the area of equipment provisions ,water and energy facilities etc. that are beneficial to patient care in those hospitals where knowledge exchange is taking place can also be facilitated and supported by SINTAN IP.
5. In first instance SINTAN IP wants to focus on a small number of hospitals in Tanzania. To achieve the best possible result a structural input is needed and an aspiration to achieve a more permanent knowledge exchange.

The different activities will take place as much as possible in mutual coherence in line of course with the requirement of the concerned hospital. Thus as few as possible uncoordinated independent small projects in several hospitals.

6. SINTAN IP strives to cooperate and coordinate as much as possible her activities with other organisations. After all there are already many organisations active in the various fields of medical care and in cooperation with others more can be achieved than when SINTAN IP would operate on her own. In other words SINTAN IP wants to be intermediate and liaise wherever possible and where it fits within the mission of SINTAN IP.