Practicum Overview Summer 2013

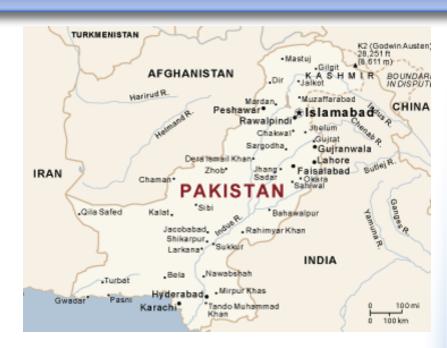
Division of Women and Child Health

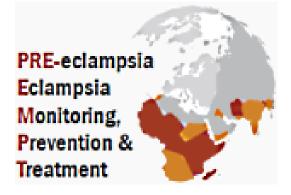




Background

- LOCATION
 - Karachi (cultural norms, politics, climate, safety)
- PROJECT
 - PRE-EMPT
 - Multi-country RCT to manage hypertension complications in pregnant women (1 of 3 leading causes of maternal mortality globally)
 - My project: Creating a sustainable model to finance EMOC care in rural, resource strained settings.





Logistics

- Finding the position:
 - Applying for practicums online versus networking
 - Use your resources in the IH Department, academic advisor, faculty members
- Defining the scope of work for the position:
 - Regular communication with AKU and supervisors
 - Explaining the purpose and goal of the practicum BEFORE you start, and during the project
 - Accept that the scope of work may change at anytime

Challenges and Costs

- Challenges:
 - Scope of work
 - Security and terrorism
 - Cultural-norms
 - Weather

Costs:

- Flight (\$1,500)
- Visa application (\$200)
- Transportation (4 months, ~\$800)
- Security personnel (~\$800)
- Medical and health (prophylaxis, vaccinations) ~ \$200
- TOTAL: \$3,500

Completing the Practicum

- Work of scope changed on arrival
- Working in conflict areas
- Communication with supervisors who travel regularly
- Paying for the practicum
- Cost-benefit?
- Networking on-site

"Foreign Policy magazine recently ranked Karachi the world's most dangerous megacity, topping Bogota, Colombia; Lagos, Nigeria; and Mexico City" -LA Times, November 2013