



Third annual East Africa Family Medicine Initiative conference held in Uganda

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Thanks to the efforts of committed GGF members, volunteers, and donors, we are proud to say that 13 Family Medicine leaders from Tanzania, Rwanda, and Uganda were sponsored to attend the 3rd East Africa Family Medicine Initiative meeting in Uganda, following their scientific conference. This tremendously enriching experience combined ideas, strategies, and perspectives around education.



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The goal of the EAFMI meeting was to bring together key leaders and clinicians from the region to share their experiences and thoughts on how to create and support the best Family Medicine programs for the East African context. It involved a number of novel facilitative methods to mobilize dialogue around the development of these programs at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

There were group sessions on four major topics: Advocacy, Teaching Skills, Research, and the Role of the Family Medicine Doctor. Small group sessions were again utilized to conduct an Appreciative Inquiry, which was designed to share success stories and positive outcomes. They were also used for the World Cafe exercise which had the attendees discuss the

following questions: what does your institute need, how could EAFMI help, and what will you do? Needless to say, these were veritable gold mines of information!

A discussion panel 'Advocating for Family Medicine- How Do We Do It?' was a fascinating exploration of some of the issues surrounding Family Medicine and the best ways to work through them. The day also included presentations on case studies, research, and outlined individual experiences in Family Medicine.

It's amazing how many activities fit into one immensely rewarding day. The work involved in making it happen was rewarded by a day full of inspiration and motivation for all those present. We hope that the seeds planted during the third EAFMI meeting will bear the fruits of progress in the years to come!