

Health and Development

**The role of the African Diaspora in
the revitalisation process of health
systems in Africa**

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Context

Global health issues which requires a coherent global effort at local, national, regional and international levels

The need for “joint” action at the following levels:

- Policy
- Operational and Resources levels
- Technical levels

The Role of the Diaspora

- ◆ Raising and mobilising the Public and Mass populace on the critical issues and challenges
- ◆ Pressure and Lobby body
- ◆ Mobilisation of Resources
- ◆ Campaign on public/international policies and public health
- ◆ Engagement in decision making process
- ◆ Facilitating health policy processes
- ◆ Information and Knowledge management
- ◆ Dialogue with key stakeholders

Raising and mobilising the Public-critical issues and challenges

- ◆ Providing key information on constraints such as IMF structural adjustment programmes and its impact
- ◆ Need for determinants of Health to be addressed by all e.g. Environment, Transport, Education a “Whole Systems Approach”
- ◆ Calling governments to account using the ballot boxes

Pressure and Lobby body

Call for Action on many of the commitments not implemented

National Governments	International community e.g. donors/G8	Private Sector
<p>Heads of State of African countries made a commitment in Abuja to allocate at least 15% of their annual budgets to the health sector – current average budget allocation is 8%.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Implementation of G8 commitment's◆ Reinforce the social movement of donors◆ Legislative policy and budget to enable Diaspora engagement◆ Remove the crippling effects of capped budgets by IMF◆ Compensation in kind or cash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Access to affordable medicine◆ "Dumping syndrome"◆ Best practices in the developing countries

Mobilisation of Resources

Skills Mobilisation local-global using various mediums such as:

- Volunteering
- Secondment
- Mentoring
- Sabbaticals
- Internship

Infrastructure and Equipment Mobilisation

Medication and other disposal items

Way Forward: Key Stakeholders

