



INVITATION

How 7 PhD's Changed Uganda and World Health Policies The Swedish Model for Research Capacity Building

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In the Swedish model for research capacity building, PhD students are based at their home universities, pursuing research of local relevance and with local ownership. The students get part of their training and supervision at a Swedish university, while the home universities also receive support to build and strengthen research infrastructure such as administration, library services, ICT etc. The Swedish model has a high success rate: PhD graduates stay in their home countries continuing their academic work, as documented in several tracer studies.

You are most welcome to this seminar, where the Swedish research capacity building model is exemplified with the more than fifteen years long collaboration between Makerere University in Uganda and the Karolinska Institutet in Sweden.

Apart from building research capacity, the research conducted in this collaboration has influenced health policies and decision making at national and international levels. A concrete example is child mortality, where the co-existence of malaria and pneumonia has been identified, and led to policies of integrated treatment, also endorsed by WHO/UNICEF for all of Africa. In addition, the research has explored problems of the formal health system, developed methods to strengthen community health workers, and introduced an integrated management of childhood illness at drug shops.

Apart from the overarching objective of developing research capacity, this specific research directly contributes to several of the SDGs, while building long-term scientific cooperation on an equal footing beyond development assistance.

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