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Healthcare Mission Summary Report

Priority areas for Healthcare Mission Forum

The following are the main issues that the iGroup feel that the forum needs to take forward over the next year or more.

1. Mapping Christian healthcare mission: what is being done by whom, where and how, and with what impact?
 - a. Who is this for and how will the data be used?
 - i. For donors/governments/international bodies
 - ii. For ourselves?
 - iii. For the church?
 - iv. All of the above?
 - b. Who will do this?
 - c. Who else is already doing similar research, and what can we learn from them/work with them on?
 - d. What are the gaps in healthcare?
 - e. What new ideas and projects are different groups looking at developing (to avoid duplication of services).
2. Funding – mapping what the sources of funding for health projects are at all levels: UK Charitable funders, UK government, national governments, UN bodies, other major international donors, etc, etc.
3. Engaging and enabling of church leaders with healthcare mission – including impacting on theological training
4. Further exploration of a grounded, Christological missiology of healthcare mission.
5. Develop a framework (or frameworks) for how agencies work together constructively and strategically on healthcare mission

Proposed Plan of Action

1. Steering group of Healthcare Mission Forum meets in next 3 months to identify from the above specific, time bound projects to develop over the next couple of years.
2. Explore establishing an ongoing, virtual 'think tank' on healthcare mission
 - i. Producing occasional papers based on research/discussions/best practice models based on the above five priorities
 - ii. Organising occasional study days on these issues (some jointly with other Global Connections fora).
3. Explore establishing an online forum/discussion group for general sharing of ideas, questions, resources etc.
4. Consider the possibility of a major conference in 2010/2011 (themes and focus arising out the think tank and forum)

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