

Decolonising Global Health in Africa

July 2021

Recap of our inaugural webinar

On 6 May 2021, we held the first of our webinar series entitled “Decolonising Global Health in Africa”. The virtual event sought to surface the persistent and pervasive manifestations of coloniality in global health such as racism, saviourism and epistemic violence, to mention a few. The webinar was moderated by Gilbert Manirakiza, CEO of Newmark Group IMC. Dr. Lioba Hirsch, a lecturer at the University of Liverpool, delivered the keynote based on her publication in the Lancet entitled “Is it possible to decolonise global health institutions?”. The panelists included Dr. Catherine Kyobutungi, Executive Director of the African Population and Health Research Center and Dr. Mosoka Fallah, CEO of Refuge Place International.

What they said



Dr. Lioba Hirsch – Research Fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

“Most solutions and answers should come from Africa instead of the western countries. African leaders should be more active in participation in forums and conferences as opposed to European leaders. We should be uncomfortable and confident in terms of saying no to unworthy causes and know Africa’s worth.”



Dr. Mosoka Fallah – Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Refuge Place International

Reforming the education system in Africa is important to the decolonization process. Critical minds should come together to identify major critical issues and at the same time find a younger generation to mentor to ensure continuity of the process. The government should be the greatest partner across Africa as all infrastructure needs to be channeled to take Africa to the next level.”





Dr. Catherine Kyobutungi – Executive Director, Africa Population and Health Research Center

In decolonizing education, it is important to remove the monetary factor in education where it is seen as a source of getting income and working in factories and industries but instead education should be seen in terms of the value and knowledge that is gained and equips students in their understanding of the world.”



Gilbert Manirakiza– Chief Executive Officer, The Newmark Group

There is no better time than now to have this conversation to move things. It will never be a perfect time and we will never have everyone agreeing on what needs to be done but now is the time to raise the voice.”

Catch up on the webinar recording here

<https://vimeo.com/561292153/a1a47435ff>

Featured Publications

Decolonising Global Health: where are the southern voices? By Samuel Oti and Jabulani Ncayiyana in BMJ Global Health {Forthcoming}

Global vaccine equity demands reparative justice — not charity. By Sophie Harman et al in BMJ Global Health

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/6/6/e006504>

Announcements

GHDM-Africa is pleased to announce the members of its fully constituted Panel of Movers:

- Mitchelle Opiyo, Secretary
- Mosoka Fallah, member
- Desmond Jumbam, member
- Mariam Fofana, member
- Samuel Oti, member
- Jabulani Ncayiyana, member

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Events

This August 2021, we will be hosting the second webinar in our Decolonising Global health in Africa series.

This time we will hear from representatives of global and regional funding agencies about what role donor agencies can play in dismantling the structural inequalities that plague global health.

