

Our aim is the elimination of podoconiosis in our lifetime



PROJECT UPDATE 2017

The National Institute for Health Research in the UK has awarded the Centre for Global Health Research at Brighton and Sussex Medical School a £5.7 million four-year award to establish a neglected tropical diseases research unit at BSMS.

Next phase for Footwork.

Building on the opportunities created by the NIHR funding for NTDs, the centre of gravity of Footwork will shift to the UK from late November, 2017. Comms will be aligned with that of the NIHR Global Health Research Unit, and advocacy and implementation will be more directly linked to the operational research generated by the Unit.

MAPPING UPDATE



 CAMEROON: mapping of Cameroon has been completed. Overall 10,178 individuals from 4,603 households participated in the study. In total, 79 communities in 40 districts surveyed. Two manuscripts arising from this work have been prepared and one is under review.

 RWANDA: preparation for mapping completed. The survey will be conducted in November-December 2017.

 UGANDA: mapping scheduled to happen in early 2018.

 GUATEMALA: no cases found so far. Waiting for approval from the Ministry of Health for further mapping.



GoLBeT trial

GoLBeT (the Gojjam Lymphoedema Best Practice Trial) has been completed, and three manuscripts (primary outcome, screening and enrollment, and process assessment) are currently under consideration by international peer-reviewed journals. Two workshops to communicate preliminary results were held with key stakeholders in Addis Ababa and Debre Markos in May.



Phase II Izumi

Footwork, International Orthodox Christian Charities and Ethiopia's National Podoconiosis Action Network continue the work on the \$100,000 Phase II Izumi Foundation-funded project to provide treatment and care to podo patients in Gondar, Ethiopia who have not previously received treatment and to also prevent new cases by raising awareness and training. Izumi has requested a letter of inquiry for a project renewal.



100 & Change

Footwork partnered on a \$100 million "100 & Change" bid to the MacArthur Foundation with Helen Keller International. Although we did not win the MacArthur bid, our proposal was in the top 25% of the proposal submissions.



Film Award

Footwork is the co-winner of the 2017 Consortium of Universities of Global Health Pulitzer Global Health Advocacy video competition for the video 'Best Foot Forward', developed in partnership with Ripple Effect Images. The video depicts the source, treatment and prevention of podo.

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

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