

## Where We Work



Boston University Family Medicine  
Global Health Collaborative  
Primary Care and Health System Strengthening

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### *Vietnam*

Our project goal in Vietnam is to improve primary care by assisting in the development, implementation and evaluation of a national Family Medicine training program. Our collaborative projects aim to develop curriculum, build faculty capacity, and create training sites that will utilize the Family Medicine model as the cornerstone for the delivery of primary health care to the people of Vietnam.

### *Lao People's Democratic Republic*

The Lao People's Democratic Republic has some of the lowest health indicators worldwide. We are collaborating with the University of Health Sciences to train district-based providers as Family Medicine specialists to improve primary health care in disadvantaged rural communities.

### *Partners in Lesotho*

The Collaborative, with its partner the Lesotho-Boston Health Alliance, aims to strengthen management, policy, planning, and clinical capacity in the health sector of Lesotho. We intend to assist the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in their response to the HIV/AIDS crisis.

## Family Medicine

As part of the **Department of Family Medicine at Boston University**, the Collaborative is committed to introducing and improving Family Medicine programs around the world. Family Medicine is a holistic specialty that attends to the health needs of families and communities. Specialists in Family Health are essential to preventing disease and providing quality health care on the primary level. The Department of Family Medicine generously supports the Collaborative's efforts to offer Family Medicine consulting and training to our global partners.



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## Mission Statement

Our mission is to raise the level of health care for underserved populations world-wide by enhancing primary care through medical education, improving health systems management, increasing access to high quality clinical services and promoting research and evaluation



## Vision

As a proven leader, the Collaborative offers expertise in the development and implementation of locally sustainable models of primary care.

## Methods

In order to accomplish our mission, the Collaborative engages in the following key activities:

- Develop and implement educational programs that train health care leaders and practitioners to provide equitable and high quality primary care services
- Build partnerships to improve clinical services to those in need
- Provide health management education and services to strengthen health care systems
- Conduct research projects that promote improved health care

## Our Specialties



### Primary Care System Strengthening

The Collaborative specializes in performing primary care systems and academic needs assessments. Our work includes:

- In-country primary care infrastructure and development work
- Development, implementation, and program evaluation of clinics, delivery networks, new academic degrees and departments
- Long-term opportunities for medical training

### International Faculty Development

The Collaborative offers short term U.S.-based fellowships focused on building primary care infrastructure including:

- Didactics on aspects of primary care academic and systems development
- Clinical and teaching observations
- Applicable customized project work with dedicated mentorship



## Medical Education and Training

In-country faculty development programs provide support in:

- Primary care principles and systems
- Clinical teaching
- Curriculum development
- Customized programs and needs assessments



## Research and Evaluation

Our research capacities extend to:

- Primary care clinics and delivery networks, both private and public
- Academic needs concerning medical training at both the undergraduate and post-graduate levels and the development of a Family Medicine specialty
- Primary care research networks
- Longitudinal faculty development programs in teaching, clinical care, curriculum development, research, management and leadership