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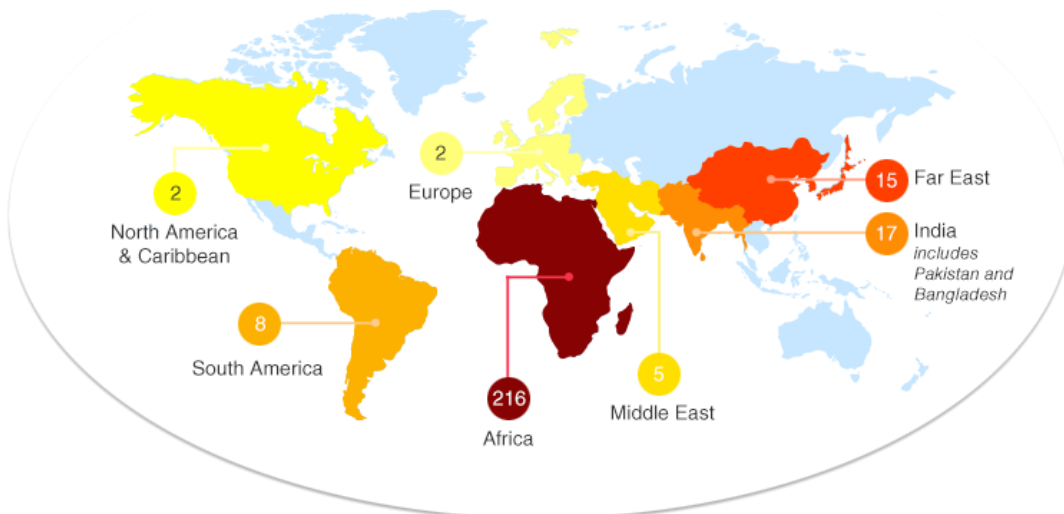
Since the start of the HIV epidemic, almost 78 million people have become infected and about 39 million have died of AIDS-related illnesses. AIDS is one of the leading causes of death worldwide and is the leading cause of death of women of reproductive age in resource-limited (low-middle-income) countries.

Access to comprehensive HIV services continues to expand worldwide however ending the HIV epidemic requires a multi-faceted approach. A key component of this is a commitment to invest in the skills development of researchers and the research capacity of institutions in resource-limited settings.

THE HIV RESEARCH TRUST

The HIV Research Trust is a Charity which supports study and research into the causes and treatment of HIV infection. It achieves this by providing financial support to early/mid-career HIV health care professionals located in resource-limited settings. All aspects of research related to HIV infection and its consequences are supported including clinical care, basic and applied biology, epidemiology, psychological, ethical, economic, educational and societal aspects.

HIV Research Trust – building capacity in HIV Research for over 10 years
260+ scholarships awarded to scholars from 25+ countries



The scholarships are quite unique in terms of allowing the scholar access to another research unit to learn skills and techniques not available at their own institution and often provide ongoing collaboration with these centres. The aim is that these acquired skills will assist the scholar's career development and the capacity of their home institution to carry out research related to prevention and treatment of HIV. The awards are made annually and support travel, tuition, accommodation and other associated costs for a period of up to 6 months.

WHAT OUR SCHOLARS SAY....

Scientific Officer, Senegal

Knowledge/skills gained have strengthened capacity for immunological analyses at my institution.

PhD Student, Ethiopia

I gained basic knowledge, a deeper understanding and practical experience of epidemiology, biostatistics, research methodology and the quantitative approach to epidemiologic data analysis. I am confident to share and apply this in my future academic and professional/research career.

Paediatrician, India

The training enhanced my academic skills and knowledge and also paved the way for collaborations to benefit our HIV patients and care providers.

Data Manager, Mali

The training improved my skills in good clinical data management practices, database development/processing and quality control and assurance of the data.

Paediatrician, Nigeria

I received exposure to the best practices and gained skills to enable me to provide strong leadership. It also made me visible on the national landscape as a provider, clinical mentor and national level trainer.

Clinical Researcher, Tanzania

With the training I developed four manuscripts on estimating the costs and cost-effectiveness of delivering different aspects of HIV care from the provider and patient perspectives and most importantly the retention of HIV-infected individuals in care.

Regulatory Affairs and Training Coordinator, Uganda

The training equipped me with skills and knowledge necessary for my transition to Regulatory Affairs and Training Coordinator whilst enhancing my research career at a personal, institutional and country level.

Youth Peer Counsellor, Social Worker & Research Assistant, Uganda

I acquired advanced therapeutic communication skills, trouble-shooting and problem-solving skills to support individuals in care programmes. I have transferred and started applying the same on my return.

HIV Epidemiology Specialist, Rwanda

The training allowed me to learn how to better design a research project, analyse data and write manuscripts. I also built relationships that will help shape my research career.

FIND OUT MORE

The Trust is committed to continuing to award the research scholarships, which are quite unique in terms of their duration and the spectrum of health professionals funded. If you are interested in learning more about future opportunities to get involved as a sponsor, please contact Professor Sir Ian Weller at hivresearchtrust@ashfieldhealthcare.com

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