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SEVENTH MEETING OF DIRECTORS OR  
REPRESENTATIVES OF SCHOOLS OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH

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SUMMARY REPORT ON THE ADDRESS  
OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES  
OF SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
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A. Name

Institute of Public Health  
Faculty of Medicine  
Makerere University  
Kampala, Uganda.

- Public Health Course started 1967, but the Institute started 1 July 1974.

B. Academic Staff

Number of teaching staff - 15 in the establishment 1973/1976

	National	International
Full time	9	1
Part time	-	-
Double appointment	-	1
Lecturers from outside	10	-
Visiting lecturers	-	-

C. Student Body

1. Duration of the courses:

M.B.Ch.B. - 5 academic years  
D.P.H. - 1 academic year  
M.Med. - 3 academic years including basic D.P.H.

2. Graduates:

(a) 1974/75

(N.B. - Institute of Public Health established)

M.B.Ch.B. - 94

D.P.H. - 6

M.Med. (Public Health) 0, but 40 M.Med. (Clinics, Specialities -  
doing Biostatistics, Epidemiology, etc.)

(b) 1975/76

M.B.Ch.B. - 89

D.P.H. - 4

M.Med. - Nil

(c) 1976/77

M.B.Ch.B. - 103

D.P.H. - 9

(d) Total number studying in 1976/77

	National	International
M.B.Ch.B	515	46
D.P.H.	7	2
M.Med. (Clinical)	60	2
M.Med (Public Health)	1	-
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Total	503	50
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D. Teaching Activities

1. New teaching activities:

- M.Med. (Public Health) - One student has enrolled.
- Diploma for Nurses Tutors, Midwifery Tutors - interdepartment with Ministry of Health Training Schools and Colleges since 1970 as a certificate only - 8 students in each.
- A One Year certificate for Health Visitors<sup>1</sup> started in January 1976 and 14 students obtained the certificate at the end of the year.

2. Teaching activities: See -

- Handbook of Community Health Teaching at Makerere University 1974/75 for:
  - (a) M.B.Ch.B. Course
  - (b) D.P.H.
- Nurses Tutors, Midwifery Tutors and Health Visitors Syllabus  
Both cover Community Health approach to teaching using Epi demiological principles on Health & Vital Statistics indices.

E. Research Activities.

1. National Health Problems

- Malaria in rural areas covered by Teaching Health Centres
- Venereal diseases in rural and urban Trading & Commercial Centres
- Schistosomiasis in the West Nile Districts
- Hookworm disease in subsistence farmers
- Nutrition (Malnutrition) in rural areas
- Accidents in the Home, on the Road and in Industries.

2. Health Planning, Management and Delivery of Health Services
  - Health Centre - Kasangati (Operational Research)
  - Health Centre - Wakiso (ICH (Nutrition) Project)
  - Health Centre - Kampala (ICM (Family Planning) Project)
  - Primary Health Care Unit - Makerere Kivulu (Operational Research)
  
3. Human Ecology and Environmental Health
  - Hepatitis B-Antigen among Africans in Uganda.
  - School Environment and Health Surveys in rural areas.
  
4. Human Reproduction and Population Dynamics
  - (a) Kasangati Health Centre
    - Demographic Survey and Trends of Vital Statistics in Rural Areas.
  
  - (b) Kampala Family Health Project
    - Vital Statistics and Population movements (mobility).
    - Acceptors to contraceptive methods.

F. Service Activities:

On going community services:

1. National Health Planning - as reported previously, i.e. mainly:
  - Advisory
  - Participation in epidemiological investigations
  - Participation in Seminars and Working Groups.
  
2. Management and Delivery of Health Services - as reported previously
  - Rural Health Centres
    - Kasangati
    - Wakiso
    - Makerere Kivulu.
  
  - Now we have Urban Health Centres:
    - Kampala Family Health Clinics
    - University Health Service (for students and employees)

3. Human Ecology and Environmental Health

(a) Urban and rural population:-

- Kasangati - defined area
- Wakiso - defined area
- Kampala - defined area

(b) Occupational (Industrial) Hygiene

- Mines (e.g. Copper, etc.)
- Factories (e.g. Textiles, etc.)

4. Family Health

(a) Family Planning Association (Uganda) Clinics:

- Kampala Family Health
- Kasangati Health Centre

(b) MCH-Project

- Wakiso Health Centre
- Makerere Kivulu.

5. Cooperation and Collaboration:

1. Other Schools

(a) In the country - there is good cooperation and collaboration with:

- Ministry of Health Schools for auxiliaries  
(Health Inspectors, Assistant Health Visitors, etc.)
- Departments within the University (Sociology, Social Work and Social Administration, Law, Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary, etc).

(b) In the region

- Exchange of teachers with Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam Universities.
- External Examiners from Accra.
- Visit of Biostatistician to West African Countries.
- Visit of Parasitologist to Dar-es-Salaam as External Examiner.

(c) Other three regions

Nil; but we receive some Public Health bulletins from Alexandria, Jerusalem, Tokyo and Iran. A visiting Professor came from Japan.

(d) Other parts of the World

Yes: University and Medical Schools of London, Dundee, Harvard, California, Illinois, etc. - for postgraduate training of our staff.

2. Schools of Medicine

(a) Joint Research Programmes - a few e.g. MCH Project (with University of California (Berkeley)).

(b) Exchange of Professors - sometimes e.g. Nairobi, London, California, etc.

(c) Exchange of Students - NIL

(d) Exchange of Teaching Materials - through the WHO and the A.M.S.A. conferences.

(e) Exchange of books and documents - Seldom - only Public Health bulletins from Alexandria and Tokyo.

(f) Other activities - External examiners from Accra and Harvard and to Dar-es-Salaam.

3. Strong Disciplines to Offer Cooperation

- Biostatistics (just published, a text-book by S.K. Lwanga "Biostatistics for Medical Students".

4. 4. Wishing to receive cooperation and collaboration

- Occupational Health

- Epidemiology

- Family Health & Population

- Dynamics

- Management (Public Health Administration)

- Parasitology.

5. Members and Associate Members

- A.M.S.A. (Medical School in Africa)
- A.S.P.H. (Schools of Public Health)

H. Objectives

1.1 - Same as reported previously, but see the 1974/75 in pages 3, 5, and 33: (i.e. to produce a specialist and consultant in Public Health, .... and competent practitioner of Community Medicine).

- To produce medical auxiliaries tutors oriented in Community Health (Nurse/Midwifery Tutors Course)

1.2 Makerere is a national University and so is the Institute for Manpower Planning and Development.

Ministry of Health, Local Health Department and the University as well as other organizations in the country and region are the consumers.

I. Plans of re-organization and re-structure

1. <sup>None</sup> ~~1.~~ Institute of Public Health remains in the Faculty of Medicine so as to teach:

- undergraduate
- postgraduate
- auxiliaries tutors

2. DEVELOP:

Develop in the next 5 years plan (1976/81) Specialized units in the Institute to cover teaching and research as well as some service as far as possible in the following fields:-

- (a) Preventive and Social Medicine/Public Health Planning and Administration.
- (b) Epidemiology/Biostatistics
- (c) Surveillance of Endemic & Epidemic Diseases/Parasitology.
- (d) Maternal and Child Health/Nutrition.
- (e) Environmental Health/Occupational Health.