

Roads To Health

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Dear Colleague,

Roads To Health (RTH) and partners are inviting you to attend a dialogue session highlighting health and social problems affecting **rural, hard to reach, and other vulnerable population with special attention to women and children in Africa**. The dialogue is being hosted by the **African Student Organization** in partnership with other student organizations at the **Richard Stockton College of New Jersey on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 4-6pm**.



Dr. Jallah Kennedy will conduct the dialogue and serve as one of the key speakers. He is currently working with colleagues in **Liberia, Guinea, Cote D'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, and other African countries** targeting health and social problems with research and other evidence-based approaches using sustainable community-based initiatives. Dr. Kennedy will share data on the challenges of the healthcare situations, especially in West Africa where he has recently visited and carrying out ongoing activities.

Among the areas of presentation and discussion will be exploring the benefits of **agriculture, education, and health** programs to reduce the poor health outcomes and mortality among these vulnerable population with special attention to **pregnant women and children**.



*About 5.9 million children under the age of 5 years died in 2015, the majority in Africa – that is about **11 children deaths every minute**. Everyday about **830 women die** because of pregnancy and childbirth reasons, with 99% occurring in developing countries with majority in Africa – that is about **35 maternal deaths every hour**.*



The focus will also be on filling the enormous gaps of skilled healthcare workers in rural areas with community health volunteers, traditional birth attendants/midwives, and

village outreach services.

We are requesting that you please share with the students, professors, professionals, and other participants some of your experiences and suggestions about developing low resource and community-based approaches to improve health outcomes

especially for people in developing countries. Your presence at this dialogue will help to further motivate students and professionals to join the global community to improve the health, education, and socioeconomic status of all citizens. We will also request **your donation** to help the students and RTH to improve our services. All donation will be tax-deductible and we will also share with you many other ways you can help us. Here are some of the

ways your contributions will be used:



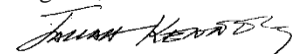
- **\$30-50.00/month for village/community health workers to provide outreach to 1000-5000 people.*
- **\$43.00 can provide **THREE MEALS** for 20 pregnant women for **ONE DAY** in a maternal waiting home where the pregnant women leave their villages/towns when they are about 8 ½ months pregnant to stay near the clinic until they deliver their babies – this reduces maternal complications and deaths especially for high risk mothers and those living far away.*
- **\$8.00 can provide gasoline for a motorbike for one day for the vaccinator and midwife/another health worker to do outreach in villages and schools and to give vaccines and treatment in areas far away from the local clinics.*
- **\$10.00/day for 10 community members to work on a communal garden/farm to reduce the high malnutrition and increase food security.*
- **Investing \$1.00 in providing good sanitation [and clean water] services can yield \$4-12 in return of health and productivity benefits. Poor water and sanitation are related to 80% of illnesses in developing countries.*



Please let us know by **November 9, 2016** if you will attend the event.

Roads To Rural and Vulnerable Population Health (RTH) is a non-profit, integrated healthcare and research organization dedicated to promoting the development and provision of effective, low-resources, and sustainable services to rural, hard-to-reach, and other vulnerable populations using community-based, partnership, and primary healthcare approaches.

Regards,



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