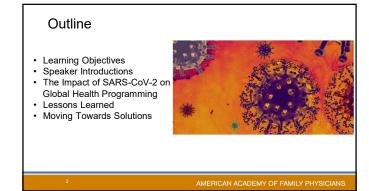


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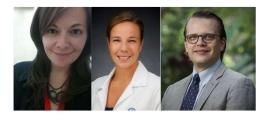


Learning Objectives

- Illustrate how COVID-19 has revealed some of the design flaws in our existing global health programming approaches.
- Establish strategies for how improved investment in local capacity can result in durable health systems improvements that last through times of crisis.
- Identify why engagement and ownership of local partners is critical to creating sustainable solutions.

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Speaker Introductions



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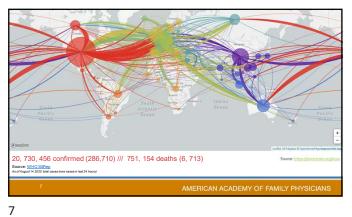
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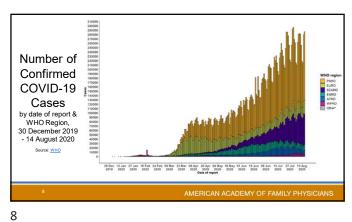
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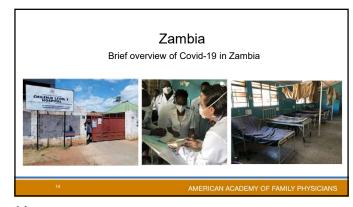














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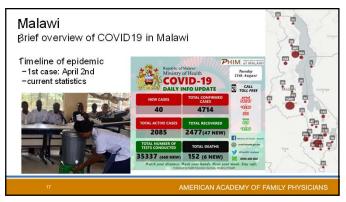
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Malawi Local Response: - community level - district level national level

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What Did We Learn?

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Power (and Potential Harms) of External Influence

- pressure to respond quickly
- assumption that solutions should be the same regardless of context





Human Resources

Impact of heavy reliance on expatriate staffing

- Expatriate staff evacuated
- Scheduled short term/annual visit staff cancel visits

Coordination of remote work

- "death by zoom calls"
- time/cost of coordinating remote workers



Costs

Financial

- Influence and Expectations from Donors Diversion of funds from programs to
- repatriation

Personal

"Survivor's Guilt" / Departure Guilt

Partnership/Relationship

Differential access to PPE

Community Impact

What does it mean to leave communities?

- -highlights disparities in care
- -highlights "footprints"

Value of Family Medicine

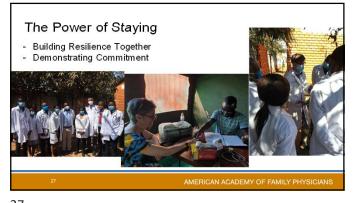
- versatility and adaptability
- Pay attention to what #Covid19 is telling us about "development" & - community oriented specialty foreign aid... Y'all are quick to leave

it can close up shop & evacuate

every single volunteer as soon as sh*t hits the fan?







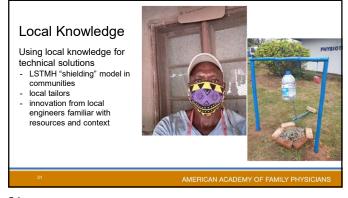


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