HEAL Initiative Fellow Role Description

**Position Title:** Primary Care HEAL Fellow

**Organization:** Abwenzi Pa Za Umoyo/Partners In Health (PIH)

Since 2007, Partners in Health in Malawi, known locally as *Abwenzi Pa Za Umoyo*, has worked in partnership with the Ministry of Health in the rural district of Neno to provide comprehensive care for about 150,000 people.

When PIH began working in Neno, there was no district hospital, its public health centers were in disrepair, and a network of religiously affiliated clinics charged user fees that placed care out of reach for the majority of Neno’s residents. In the years since, PIH has constructed Neno District Hospital and a community hospital, revitalized the health centers (now all providing free care) and built a new model primary health center in one of the district’s most isolated catchment areas.

**Department:** Primary Healthcare

Fellow will divide his/her time between Neno District Hospital, Lisungwi Community Hospital, and four primary health care facilities (Dambe, Nsambe, Matope, Chifunga).

**Position Description:**

Fellows will spend their time mainly on:

1) Clinical teaching, mentorship, and project management focused on improving the quality of primary health care in Neno; current areas of emphasis include adolescent and women’s health (family planning including LARC, prenatal care, STI diagnosis and management, gender-based violence, cervical cancer screening), newborn care, and community management of pediatric malnutrition

2) Clinical rounds with Malawian clinical officers, nurses and doctors on patients admitted to the hospital (pediatric ward, nutrition rehabilitation ward (NRU), neonatal nursery and kangaroo mother care, inpatient med/surg wards, maternity and postpartum).

3) Lead in quality improvements initiatives at primary health care facilities depending on local needs.

4) Represent the organization in various meetings whenever necessary

**Job Requirements:** By 1 July 2023 applicants must have completed residency training at a US-based residency program. Applicants must be able to provide highly competent clinical care and have a clear passion for serving the underserved and expanding access to high quality primary health care. Important traits are the ability to be mentors and trainers and a deep affinity for education. Ability to perform without supervision in an environment that does not have the same resources as the US is vital.
HEAL Initiative
HEAL (Health, Equity, Action, and Leadership) trains and transforms front line health professionals through building a community dedicated to serving the under-served as their lifelong choice.
ABWENZI PA ZA UMOWOY/ PARTNERS IN HEALTH
Malawi, Southeast Africa

ORGANIZATION PROFILE
Known locally as Abwenzi Pa Za Umoyo, Partners In Health (PIH) in Malawi has been working in partnership with the Ministry of Health in the rural district of Neno to provide comprehensive care. Since 2007, PIH has revitalized many of the health centers that had been falling into disrepair in Neno. Through two hospitals and 12 health centers, PIH is able to provide comprehensive care for about 140,000 people.

SINCE 2015
HISTORY OF HEAL
11 rotating fellows total:
FM, Med-Peds, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Ob/Gyn, Anesthesia
8 site fellows total

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