



## **GEP NEWSLETTER – December 2013**

### **BSU PHASE TWO GRANT APPROVED**

The External Grant Committee of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs at their meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November approved the grant for BSU Phase two. The grant amounts to 100 million DKK. The programme covers the period 1 January 2014 – 1 November 2016.

The second phase builds upon the lessons learned and results achieved during the first phase, and many activities will continue. The organisation and management of the programme, however, has been strengthened to enhance the ownership of South institutions.

The seven partners in the South are: University of Ghana (UG), Ghana; Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana; Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Tanzania; Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College (KCMC), Tanzania; State University of Zanzibar (SUZA), Tanzania; Gulu University (GU), Uganda and Kathmandu University (KU), Nepal. With the exception of Kathmandu University, all these partners also participated in the first phase.

You can read the full BSU Phase two proposal [here](#)

### **INFORMATION MEETING ABOUT BSU PHASE TWO**

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs invites to an information meeting about the Building Stronger Universities programme phase two. The meeting takes place on:

**Tuesday 7 January 2014 10-12 am**

**Eigtveds Pakhus Conference Room II, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

The meeting is called to present the programme and the plans for the match-making process to interested researchers from Danish universities. It is not necessary to register for the meeting.

See the invitation letter and agenda for the meeting [here](#).



## **THE 19 MILLION DKK BSU GRANT**

The 19 million DKK BSU grant on “Research communication, dissemination and networking” will be continued in 2014-16 as five individual sub-projects. All South partners of BSU Phase one will participate in these activities. The five sub-projects have been approved by Danida on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013. For each sub-project a task force has been established. The sub-projects and leaders of the task forces are:

### **Capacity Building within Research Communication, Dissemination and Networking**

Task force coordinated by Martin Damgaard Larsen, Aarhus University, Department of Culture and Society  
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### **E-learning and Problem Based Learning (PBL)**

Task force coordinated by Henrik Bregnhøj, University of Copenhagen, Department of International Health, Immunology and Microbiology [henrikb@sund.ku.dk](mailto:henrikb@sund.ku.dk)

### **Knowledge Sharing, Research Dissemination and Communication**

Task force coordinated by Arne Wangel, Technical University of Denmark [arwa@dtu.dk](mailto:arwa@dtu.dk)

### **Establishing the University of Ghana (UG)’s Centre for Sustainability and Enterprise Development (CSED) to facilitate sustainability advocacy**

Task force coordinated by Robert Hinson, University of Ghana Business School [bsugepchair@ug.edu.gh](mailto:bsugepchair@ug.edu.gh)

### **Knowledge Sharing, Research Dissemination and Communication (KSRD&C)**

Task force coordinated by Bjørg Elvekjær, University of Copenhagen (UC), Department of International Health, Immunology and Microbiology Bjørg Elvekjær [belv@sund.ku.dk](mailto:belv@sund.ku.dk)

The task force leaders can be contacted for further information.

## **FINALIZING BSU PHASE ONE AND THANKS**

All activities of BSU GEP Phase one have now come to a conclusion. We can be proud of the achievements: 23 PhD courses have been developed and implemented, ToT courses in PhD supervision and fund raising/proposal writing have been implemented at all four BSU GEP South partner institutions, 16 PhD studies are well under way, 22 activities to enhance research collaboration between South and Danish researchers have been successfully implemented (WP3 activities) - just to mention a few key ones. What remains now is the narrative and financial reporting for 2013 and for Phase in totality. This will be done by the GEP Secretariats at UG, KNUST, UDSM and SUA together with the Danish GEP Secretariat in the first months of 2014.

The Growth & Employment platform will cease to exist as of 31 December 2013, but the key activities will be maintained in BSU Phase two. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have been involved in BSU GEP activities in Phase I for their input and commitment.



Please note that all Activity Completion Reports (ACRs) for Phase one activities have been uploaded on the GEP website [www.bsuge.org](http://www.bsuge.org)

## SEASONAL GREETINGS

We would like to thank all partners and individuals involved in the GEP activities in 2013 for their engagement and endurance in getting this initiative moving ahead. We look forward for the continued collaboration in BSU Phase two and through other means.



Seasonal greetings and the very best wishes for 2014!