



# Equity| Are Alliances an Effective Vehicle for Diaspora Engagement?

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# Alliance



# Health Alliance Model

- Uganda-UK Alliance
- Zambia-UK Alliance
- Myanmar-UK Alliance (MUKHA)

# Objectives of MUKHA

- **To encourage closer collaboration between the Myanmar MoHS and UK stakeholders** (Health Education England, Department of Health, Public Health England, Department for International Development, academic institutions, royal colleges, NHS hospitals, INGOs and other UK based health-related organisations active in Myanmar), in areas that are a priority for the Myanmar Ministry of Health and Sports and the UK Government
- **To enhance the cooperation between the Participants** in helping Myanmar achieve compliance with the International Health Regulations as set by the World Health Organisation and their National Health Plan to achieve UHC by 2030

# MUKHA Beginning



**October 2016** High Level UK Delegations led by Prof Ian Cumming visited to Myanmar Minister of Health & Sports

**Team** – Health Education England (HEE)

Public Health England (PHE)

Department of Health (DH)

Imperial College London

Tropical Health & Education Trust (THET)



Met with key stakeholders

Mapping of current UK and Myanmar partners by organising one day workshop - Identified 16 UK partners working in Myanmar healthcare capacity building

8 Key outcomes from the visit – Proposal to develop Myanmar UK Health Alliance to better coordinate the UK partners



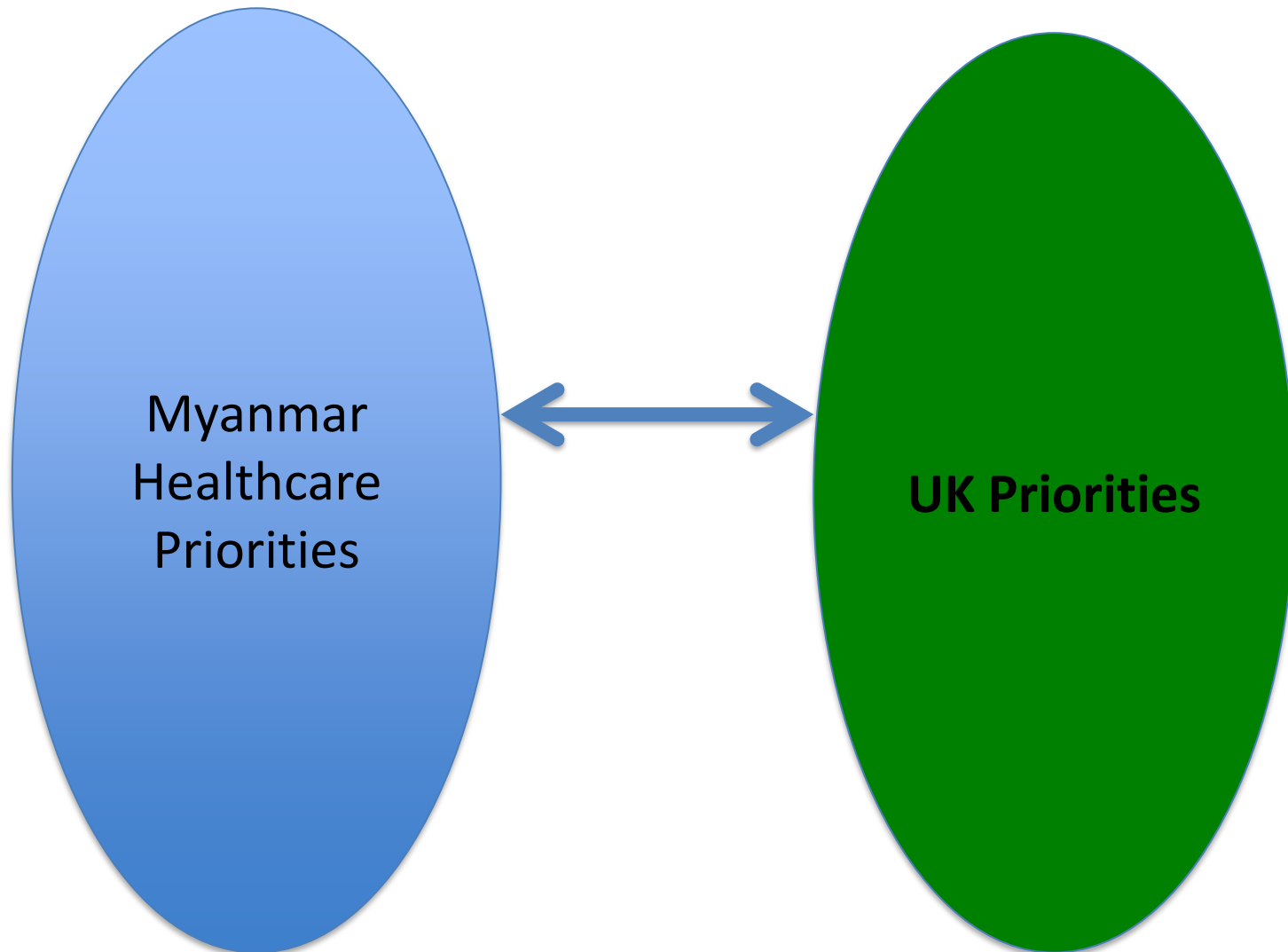




## **July 2017:**

- DFID Minister Mr Alistair Burt visited Yangon & YGH and met MoHS Minister U Myint Htwe
- Minister U Myint Htwe visited UK and had further meeting in London with Minister Burt and key stakeholders

# Concept of MUKHA







The Rangoon General Hospital  
Reinvigoration Charitable Trust



Public Health  
England



Department  
of Health

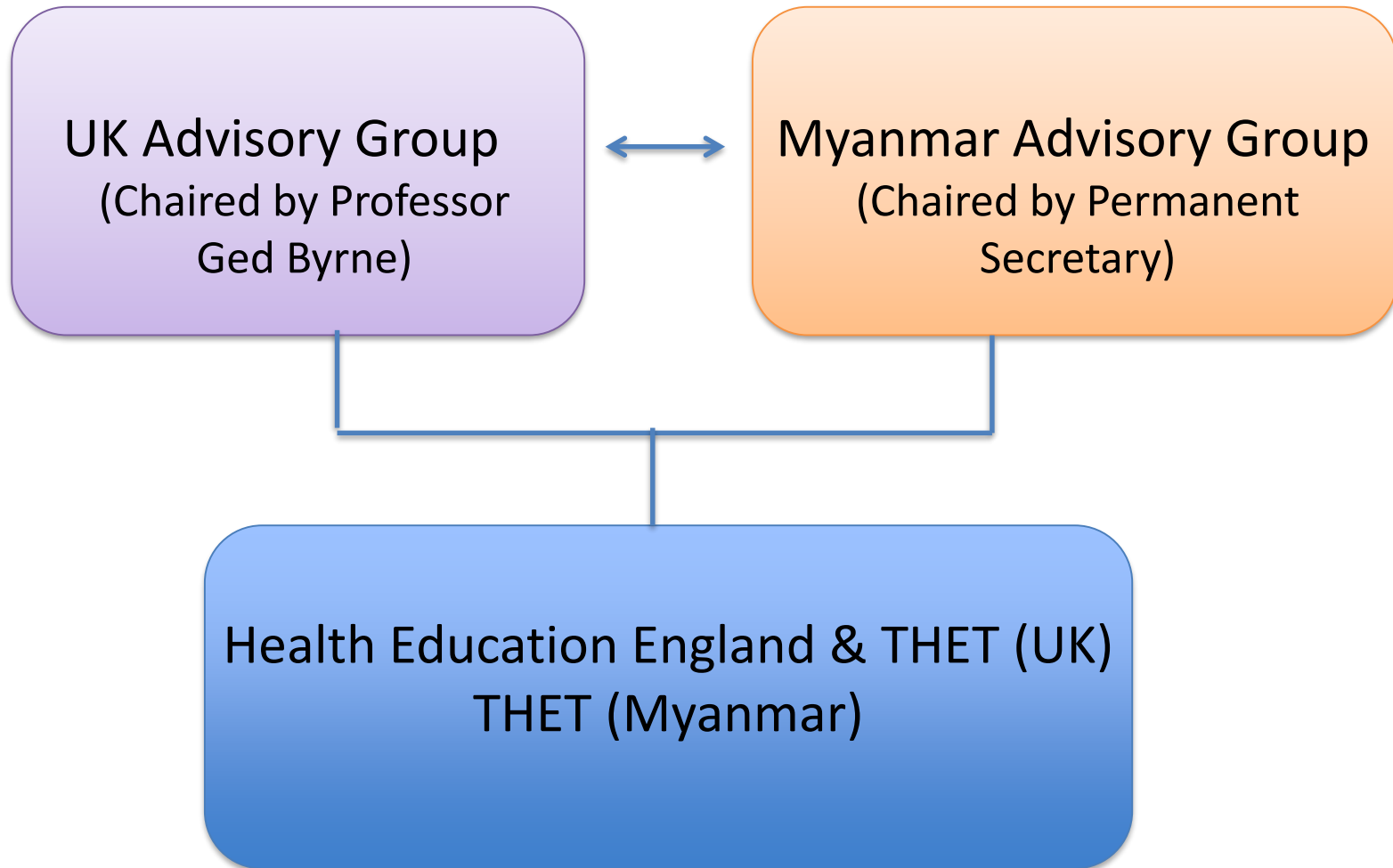


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London



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# MUKHA Governance



# Myanmar MoHS Priorities

Medical Education  
Reform

General  
Practitioners  
Training  
Development

Nursing Training

Laboratory Services  
Improvement

Digital Health  
Information System  
Development

# MUKHA Thematic Working Groups

GP	ME	Laboratory	Nursing	Digital
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Dr Than Soe	David Trolley	Dr Ye Lin Hoke		Richard Price
		Dr Thynn Thynn Yee		

# Myanmar MoHS Priorities

Medical Education Reform  
(Continued support and planning)

General Practitioners Training Development  
(Post-graduate family medicine development plan)

Nursing Training  
(1-year ToT plan developed for specialty training and bridging program)

Laboratory Services Improvement  
(1-year and 3-year plan developed and disseminated)

Digital Health Information System Development

# MUKHA (Other activities)

- Support to UK partners (Public Health England, DFID, Improving Global Fellow programs, Royal colleges)
  - logistic (to arrange meetings)
  - technical
  - mentorship
- Continued engagement with MoHS
- Continued support and engagement with diaspora

# Is MUKHA An Effective Vehicle for Mobilizing Diaspora







**UK GENERAL**

- Armenian Medical Society of Great Britain
- Association of Afghan Healthcare Professionals UK
- British Islamic Medical Association
- Burmese Doctors and Dentists Association UK
- Cameroon Doctors UK
- Egyptian Medical Society UK
- Medical Associations of Nigerians Across Great Britain
- Nepalese Doctors Association
- Romanian Medical Society UK
- Sudanese Junior Doctors Association UK
- Sudanese Medical Association UK and Ireland
- Syrian British Medical Society
- Tanzania UK Healthcare Diaspora Association

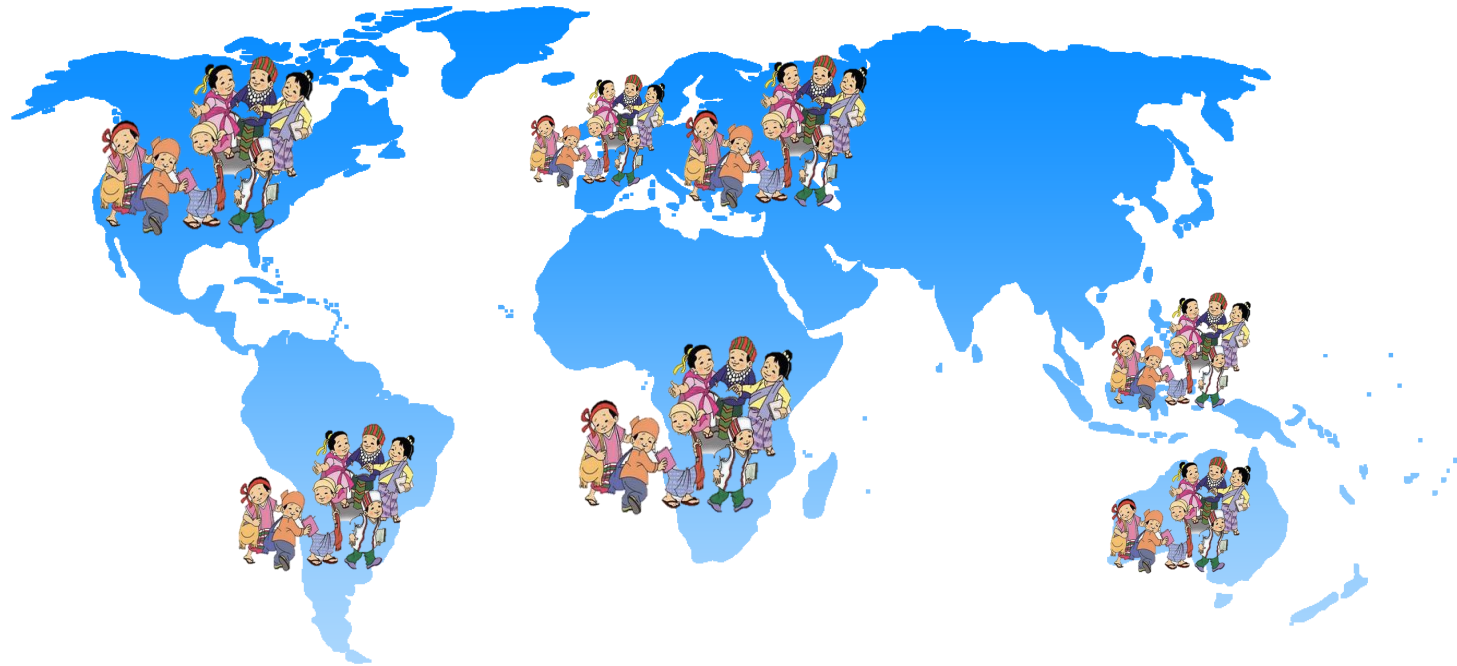
**ENGLAND**

- Association of Pakistani Physicians and Surgeons of the UK
- Bangladesh Medical Association UK
- British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin
- British Iranian Medical Association
- Ghanaian Doctors & Dentists Association
- Iranian Medical Society UK
- Iraqi Medical Association UK
- Organization of Sierra Leonean Healthcare Professionals Abroad
- Pakistan Medical Association UK
- Sri Lankan Medical and Dental Association of the UK
- Ukrainian Medical Association of the UK

Medical diaspora organizations in the United Kingdom

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# Myanmar Diaspora & Overseas Volunteers

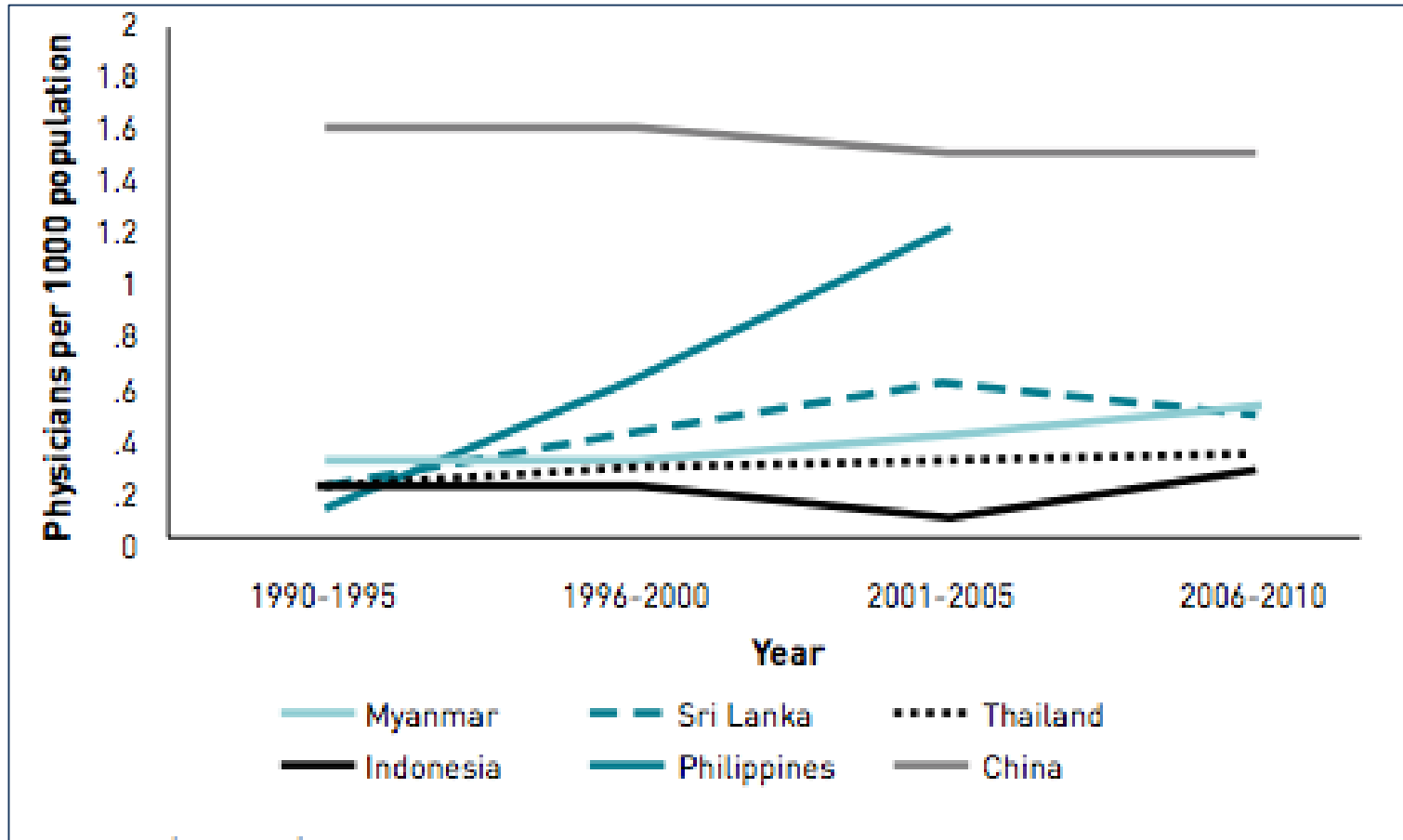


Diaspora - a population who have moved from their original homeland

There are > 1000 Myanmar medical diaspora and overseas volunteers all around the world

Training cost of one specialist in the UK - \$525000

# Myanmar Health Workforce Density



# Myanmar Diaspora in UK

>200 Myanmar doctors  
in the UK

20% are active in  
Myanmar's  
healthcare work

# MUKHA

## (Opportunities for Diaspora)

- Logistic support
- Updated information of ongoing agenda: via newsletters, emails
- Advocacy to Ministry of Health & Sports – to create a systematic pathway who integrate into the major health system

# Health Alliance & Diaspora

Figure 3.2 Elements of health care quality



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