





Paediatric Anaesthesia Trainer, Kamuzu Central Hospital, Lilongwe, Malawi.

November 2021 - March 2022 (min 2 months commitment)

This is a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the safety and quality of paediatric anaesthesia in Malawi by training and mentoring existing Anaesthetic Clinical Officers (ACOs) to subspecialise in paediatric anaesthesia. Duties would include:

- Supervision of ACOs in provision of anaesthesia for neonatal and paediatric surgery.
- Quality improvement projects
- Identify opportunities for curriculum development in ACO training program

The post is open to anaesthetists in latter part of training and at consultant level and would be appropriate for a career break at any career stage. The successful candidate will have at least 1 year of experience in paediatric anaesthesia at postgraduate level, hold FRCA (or equivalent) and be able to independently anaesthetise neonates. Positions are available for 3 months or longer, with the start date being flexible. The appointee will be supported throughout by a consultant anaesthetist familiar with the host department having worked there for a year.

The project is run by Kids Of Malawi UK, supported by a grant from the Tropical Health Education Trust (THET) as part of their Africa Mother and Child Grants Program funded by Johnson and Johnson. Costs and living expenses will be covered and we will help find suitable accommodation.

Kamuzu Central Hospital is the government referral hospital for the central region and is situated in Malawi's capital city, Lilongwe. It's paediatric anaesthetic case load is c1000 cases per year covering all specialties except cardiothoracic. General surgery, orthopaedics, plastics / burns, ENT and neurosurgery (mostly CSF diversion procedures) all feature commonly.

Malawi is a friendly and beautiful nation of c18m people more than half of whom are children.

To discuss the position and for further details, please contact:

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