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New eBook on international partnerships for strengthening health care capacity

Health Volunteers Overseas announces release of Frontiers in Public Health Research Topic eBook.

[Washington, DC – August 1, 2018] In a unique collaboration, Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) announces the release of the *Frontiers in Public Health* Special Research Topic eBook, [*International Partnerships for Strengthening Health Care Capacity: Models of Collaborative Education*](#). This HVO-sponsored special collection includes 33 articles by 163 authors, representing 28 countries and 96 different organizations and institutions.

Addressing the global health workforce crisis has never been more imperative – the World Health Organization estimates that the shortage of health workers will reach 12.9 million by 2035. Eliminating the workforce shortage is critical to achieving health for all and realizing the Sustainable Development Goals. This requires increased investment in sustainable, equitable and effective global partnerships in education.

HVO sponsored this research topic through the *Frontiers in Public Health* open-access journal to provide the means and platform for organizations and individuals across the globe to publish invaluable and desperately needed research. These published, peer-reviewed manuscripts represent a diverse array of expertise, with a wide variety of health specialties, geographic locations, organizations and approaches to collaborative education.

“We want to start a global dialogue,” notes HVO Executive Director Nancy Kelly, MHS. “This eBook, created through a unique collaboration with *Frontiers*, is a resource that we want the global community to leverage in order to advance discussions around strengthening health workforce capacity, to promote sustainable global partnerships, and to support future research.”

The eBook is available for download on the *Frontiers in Public Health* Special Topic webpage at www.frontiersin.org/research-topics. For more information about this project or how to continue the conversation, visit www.hvousing.org/frontiers.

ABOUT FRONTIERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Frontiers in Public Health is a multidisciplinary, open-access journal, which publishes rigorously peer-reviewed research and is at the forefront of disseminating and communicating scientific knowledge and impactful discoveries to researchers, academics, clinicians, policy makers and the public worldwide. The journal aims at overcoming current fragmentation in research and publication, promoting consistency in pursuing relevant scientific themes, and supporting dissemination and translation into practice.

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ABOUT HVO

To address the global health workforce crisis, Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO), a Washington, DC-based nonprofit, recruits trained health care professionals - physicians, nurses, dentists, physical therapists and others - willing to donate their time and expertise to work side-by-side with their colleagues overseas. We have built a global health community that is dedicated to improving working conditions for health workers by providing professional support and opportunity. We strengthen health systems by empowering local health workers, and stronger health systems lead to more patients served and more lives saved.

Since 1986, HVO staff and volunteers have collaborated with a variety of health institutions to design, develop and implement each HVO project, working toward better patient care around the globe in trauma care, child and maternal health, essential surgery, cancer care, rehabilitation and more. The organization currently operates 18 program areas, which encompass dozens of health specialties.

All of us have a role to play, whether by educating others and ourselves about the vast, unmet health care needs of vulnerable populations; by volunteering our time and expertise as health professionals; or, by supporting organizations dedicated to building health workforce capacity. Together, we can facilitate professional relationships and reinforce partnerships, harnessing a vital human resource – health care workers – to build the capacity of health systems and to improve patient care.

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