

NURTURE: MAKERERE UNIVERSITY'S QUEST FOR A TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT ON HEALTH RESEARCH

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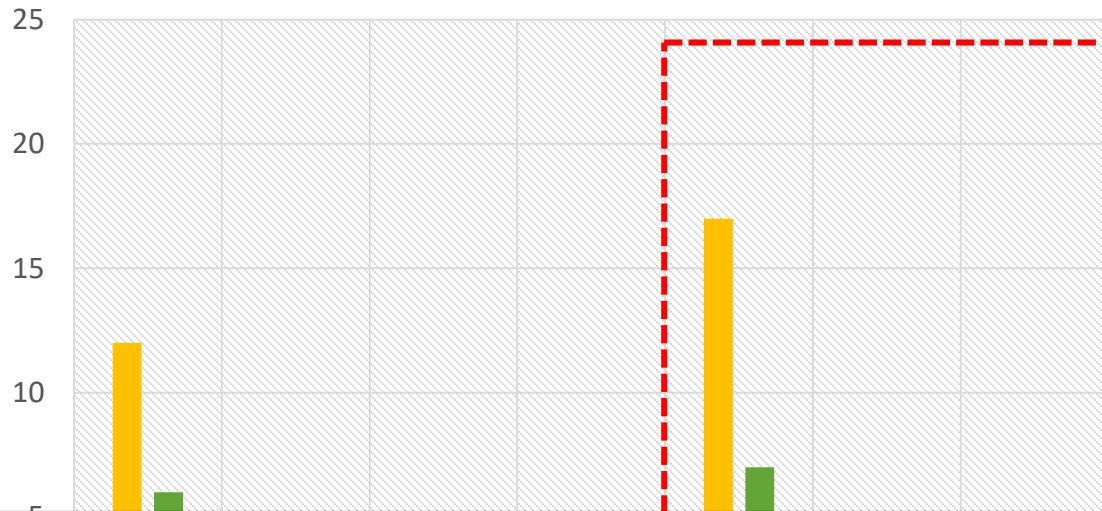
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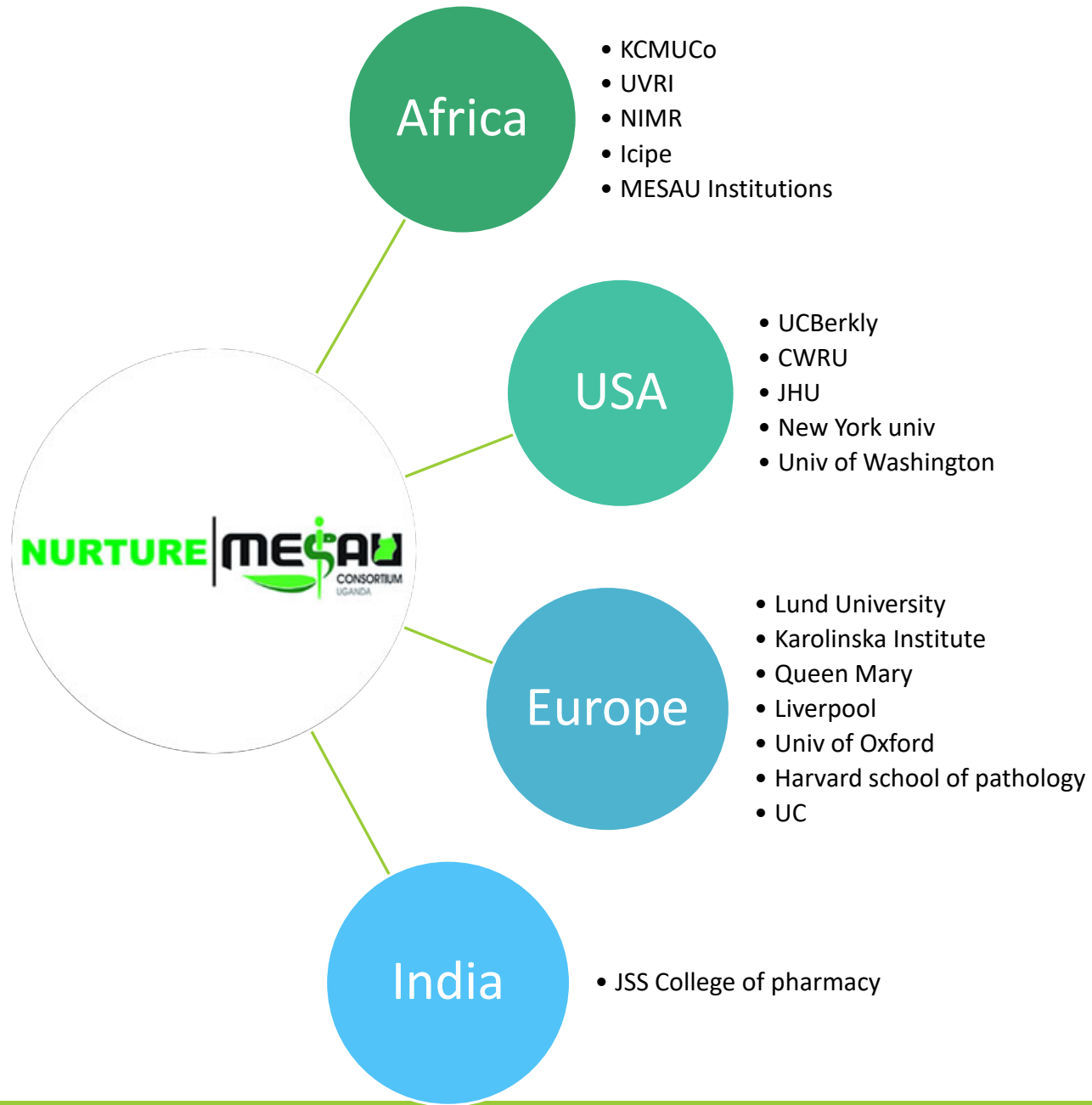
- Our program is supporting assistant lecturers to senior lecturers.
- Provide targeted training and mentorship for individualized research capacity development.
- Increase faculty retention by facilitating research career progression.
- Facilitate continued development of a conducive research environment.

Successes in the last 12 months



NURTURE Fellows





Challenges

- Unmet need for faculty capacity development that cannot be fulfilled by NURTURE alone.
- Delays by fellows to complete their research.
- Institutional research administration inefficiencies
- Mentorship needs to be strengthened
- Some areas being undersubscribed.
- Slow publication rates.

Opportunities for collaborations

- A study to document the dynamics of these capacity building programs.
- Our study groups that have been nurtured in **NURTURE** e.g Cardiovascula, malaria, mental health, maternal health, HIV/AIDS, dental health, ethics
- Linkages with AFREhealth institutions.
- Collaborations with D43 research administrators and managers.

Lessons learnt



- Group mentorship contributes meaningfully to capacity building.
- Making junior faculty principle investigators is an exciting way of enhancing their participation in research.
- Institutions should devise means of having research funds that junior faculty can compete for.



Conclusion

- This the largest junior and mid-level project nurturing research capacity at MakCHS
- There is need to study the resulting research ethos and ecosystem

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