

## Primary Health Care Sector Policy Support Programme – grant contract

Project title:	Strengthening primary health care through primary care doctors and family physicians
Implementing organisation	Stellenbosch University
Partners (=co-applicants, associates, affiliates)	Departments of Family Medicine and Primary Care at University of Limpopo, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, Pretoria University, University of Witwatersrand, Free State University, Walter Sisulu University, University of Cape Town, University of Ghent (Belgium). South African Academy of Family Physicians, South African College of Family Physicians, Royal College of General Practitioners (UK).
Location(s) of the project:	South Africa (mainly in Western Cape, Gauteng, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Limpopo, North-West, Eastern Cape, Free State Provinces)
Total duration of project:	30 months (from 1-3-2014 until 31-8-2016)
Project budget	€1 131 259.60
Objectives of the project	<p>To strengthen primary health care through capacity building of primary care doctors and family physicians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To build the capacity of primary care doctors and family physicians to function in support of community-based primary care teams and to improve the quality of PHC services</li> <li>ii) To build the capacity of family physicians to offer effective leadership and clinical governance to PHC facilities</li> <li>iii) To evaluate the contribution of family physicians to strengthening district health services</li> </ul>
Target group(s)	Primary care doctors and family physicians
Final beneficiaries	Communities served by primary health care teams
Estimated results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) A new nationally designed Diploma level training programme to up-skill and re-orientate existing primary care doctors.</li> <li>ii) The quality of and number of family physicians available to the country is increased</li> <li>iv) All family physicians involved in the clinical training of registrars are trained for this specific role</li> <li>iii) That all family physicians involved in assessment are trained for this specific role and that the quality of assessment in the national exit exam is improved</li> <li>v) That all MMed training programmes for family physicians include a new module on clinical leadership and governance</li> <li>vi) An applied research project on the impact and benefits of family physicians in the district health system that is completed and the results disseminated</li> </ul>
Main activities	<p>Designing, developing and implementing a national Diploma level training for existing primary care doctors, from either the private or public sector, to enable them to better support the ward-based primary care teams and to offer services commensurate with the government's PHC revitalisation programme</p> <p>To provide training in clinical supervision/training and in assessment for all family physician training programmes</p> <p>To develop a national training module on leadership and clinical governance for family physicians that is incorporated into all training programmes</p> <p>To evaluate the impact and benefits of family physicians within the district health system.</p>