



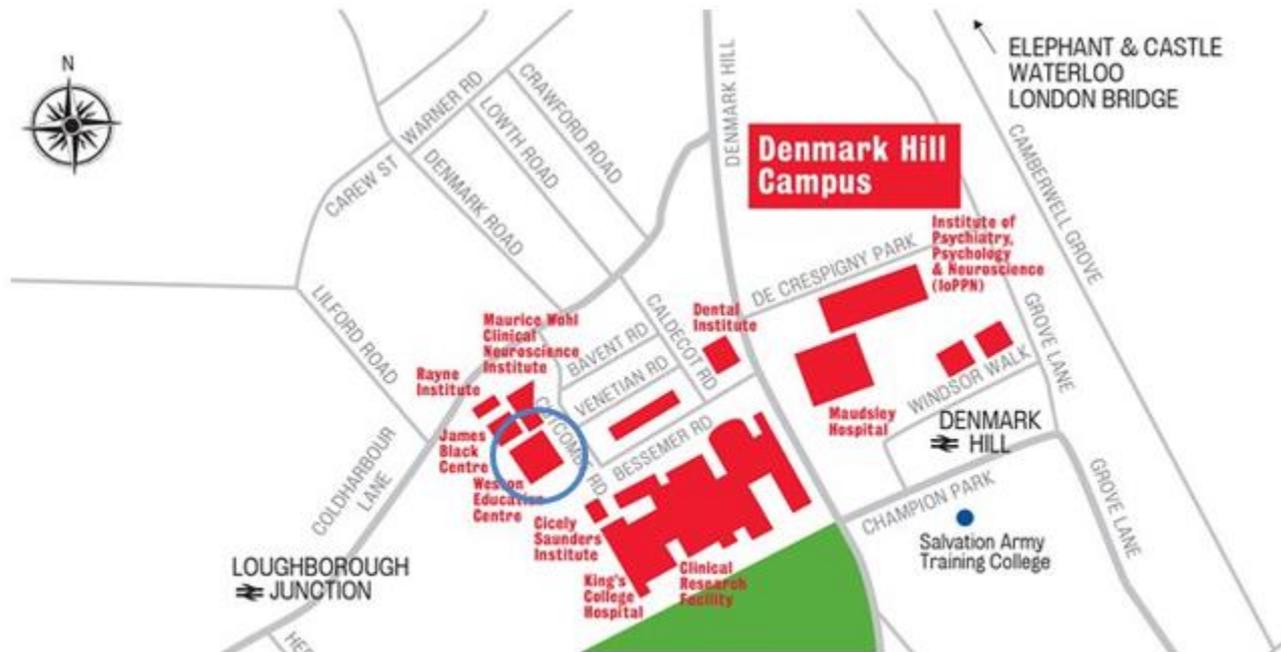
# King's Somaliland Partnership

**Somaliland is a self-declared but internationally unrecognised state in the Horn of Africa. A civil war ending in 1991 destroyed much of Somaliland's health infrastructure and displaced many of its health workers.**

- Some of the world's worst health indicators
- Young, weak institutions
- Health worker shortage
- Lack of postgrad training opportunities





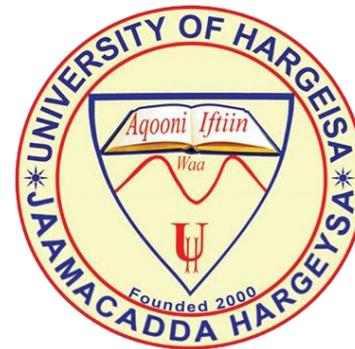
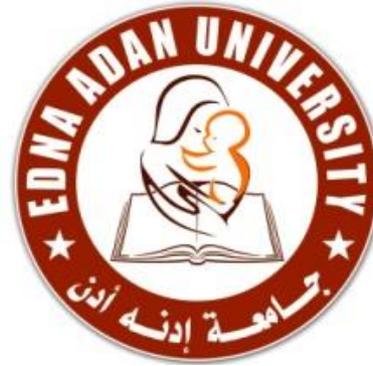
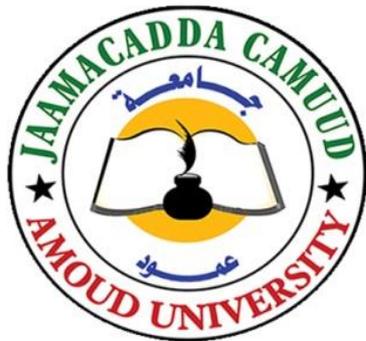


**King's Somaliland Partnership adopts a collaborative approach to healthcare system strengthening, with a focus on higher education and training.**

- **17 years** working in Somaliland
- **150 volunteers experts** developing and delivering our work, including KCL academics and educators and NHS health workers
- **21,000+ hours donated** by volunteers to-date
- **12 speciality areas** covered, including education, research and clinical specialities
- **11 institutional partners**, including Somaliland's main universities
- **ODA funding since 2007**, including new 5-year DfID grant as part of the Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education Innovation and Reform (SPHEIR) programme

- ✓ **Examined every doctor** and most nurses that have graduated since Somaliland's founding
- ✓ **Introduced mental health** into the undergraduate medical curriculum and delivered psychiatric training to every doctor that has graduated since
- ✓ **Pioneered online teaching:** first organisation to deliver a programme of real-time, interactive online learning in a fragile state
- ✓ **Fostered research skills:** co-published 12 academic articles with Somaliland authors, representing 35% of Somaliland's entire research output
- **Establish Somaliland's first Masters in Health Education** in 2017 and fully hand-over to partner universities by 2022
- **Co-deliver training to double medical workforce** by 2022

# 1. Equal Partners



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*“Volunteers reported learning in the domains of communication, interdisciplinary working, teaching, management, leadership and service development...This learning came from observing familiar practices in unfamiliar environments; alternative solutions to familiar problems, experiencing Somali culture, opportunities to assume higher levels of responsibility and new professional relationships.”*

- “Learning from Somaliland? Transferability of learning from volunteering to National Health Service practice in the UK” Globalization and Health (2016)

*“It is a fun, stimulating, challenging, enjoyable experience which tests your own abilities as a clinician teacher but also enables you to inspire and collaborate with future doctors in Somaliland.”*

## 2. Think Like an International Development NGO (well, sometimes)

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**Our ultimate aim is for all programmes to be developed and delivered by Somaliland institutions and health workers. Our current work serves as a necessary stopgap until such in-country capacity exists.**

1. King's designs and delivers programmes to Somaliland colleagues
2. Somaliland colleagues co-design and co-deliver programmes with King's
3. Somaliland colleagues design and deliver programmes with King's support
4. Somaliland colleagues fully take over programmes and build capacity of other Somalilanders



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