

## Winter 2015

### Current Project Growth Opportunities (Supports U-M trainees)

We are working with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health and several universities in Ethiopia to develop an interdisciplinary, collaborative approach to learning that will pair trainees from the US and Ethiopia to tackle global health challenges in Ethiopia. We have preliminary funding to support 4-6 University of Michigan student-learning teams in the areas of environment, engineering, and health. Your funds could support additional learning teams that fit the priorities of the Ministry.

### In-country Support for International Partners

1. We have a robust set of maternal and child health research and programmatic endeavors underway in Ghana, including but not limited to such things as:
  - Projects aimed at identifying the social and cultural factors that impact maternal and neonatal deaths. Your funds could support the Ghanaian research and implementation teams on the ground.
  - The exploration of novel delivery strategies for antenatal care. Your gift could support the Ghanaian team in the pilot stages.
  - Exploration of interdisciplinary application of geomapping technology to key health indicators. Your gift could support the expansion of this initiative.
  - Identification of factors that impact contraceptive utilization. Your gift could support the qualitative inquiry into these issues.
2. We have several research capacity-building endeavors underway throughout Africa (Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya) that involve identifying African researchers and providing mentorship, research training, and research support. Your funds could support additional research capacity development initiatives, such as manuscript or grant writing workshops, statistical workshops, qualitative methods workshops, or general research methods workshops.
3. We have several post-graduate training programs and fellowships in Ghana and Ethiopia that - while operated entirely locally - were borne out of collaborations with Michigan. These include OB/GYN, Family Planning, Maternal / Fetal Medicine, Internal Medicine, Surgery, etc. Each of these programs could benefit from additional support for faculty, residents, research and educational supplies, etc. Your funds could be used to support one or more of our educational initiatives in country.