



# **Building Capacity in Family Medicine in Low and Middle Income Countries**

An International Strategic Consultation Meeting

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The Sadok Besrouer Centre  
for Innovation in Global Health

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## Executive Summary

From November 9 to November 12, 2012, Canadian and international delegates convened at the Kingbridge Conference Centre for a Strategic Consultation Meeting on family medicine capacity building in low and middle income countries (LMIC). Organized by the Global Health Committee of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the purpose of the Consultation Meeting was to develop a mission, vision, and action plan for the Besroure Centre for Innovation in Global Health.

Thanks to the generous support of Dr. Sadok Besroure, the Consultation Meeting will be the first of three such annual gatherings of Canadian departments of family medicine and their LMIC partners to collectively determine the role and collective actions of the Besroure Centre.

Participants in this year's Meeting included representatives of the CFPC, faculty from academic departments of family medicine across Canada, and delegates from 10 LMICs at various stages in the development of family medicine. Over the course of the Strategic Consultation Meeting, participants elaborated the following four strategic directions for the Besroure Centre:

- #1. Strengthening continuing education and knowledge support for family physicians towards a comprehensive, effective, and community responsive scope of practice.**
- #2. Adapting standards for family medicine accreditation and certification.**
- #3. Developing a cadre of effective family medicine faculty.**
- #4. Building knowledge for family medicine through scholarship, and evaluating the impact of family medicine on health outcomes.**

The strategic directions were framed by a statement of the vision, mission, and values of the Besroure Centre, which the delegates collaboratively shaped. Through breakout group discussions and broader consultation, the delegates further defined the Besroure Centre's functions by identifying implementation priorities for the short, medium, and long term, and

### Vision

A global catalyst for innovative collaborations in Family Medicine towards a healthier world for all.

### Mission

The Besroure Centre for Innovation in Global Health will reduce health inequities by enhancing the positive impact of Family Medicine on the health of vulnerable populations at home and across the world through collective learning

In the context of Family Medicine we will:

- Share knowledge to promote high standards of medical education and community based care
- Support training and capacity building
- Encourage scholarship and disseminate knowledge
- Engage with all sectors involved in primary care
- Enable sustainable, multilateral partnerships
- Promote the convergence of primary care and population health.

identified their corresponding key enablers and expected outcomes.

The formal and informal exchanges of ideas, knowledge, and experiences between the delegates were invaluable to the strengthening of global capacity building initiatives in family medicine. The CFPC Global Health Committee has summarized the proceedings and

outcomes of the 2012 Strategic Consultation Meeting in the following report, which will serve as a blueprint for the Besrouer Centre for Innovation in Global Health.

#### Values

- **Equity** – by recognizing the inherent dignity of every human being and the just distribution of resources and access with respect to marginalized and vulnerable groups.
- **Justice** – by ensuring that individuals and groups have fair and impartial and access to the benefits of society including the right to health.
- **Excellence** – by striving and adhering to the highest standards of quality, integrity, professionalism, leadership and evidence informed and patient centred care.
- **Reciprocity** - by promoting the collaborative and multidirectional exchange of experience, knowledge and capacity building between and amongst partners and their communities.
- **Respect** - for each other's cultures, norms and perspectives.