IN EMERGING COUNTRIES, KIDNEY DISEASE ACCOUNTS FOR OVER A MILLION DEATHS A YEAR. A LACK OF FORMAL MEDICAL TRAINING, INADEQUATE SCREENING TOOLS AND LIMITED FUNDING MEANS THAT THESE POPULATIONS ARE LOSING OUT ON PROPER CARE.

By focusing on prevention, education and awareness, there is hope for better treatments. Bringing together the expertise of its members, the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) is leading the way for better prevention and more effective treatments to reduce the impact of renal and associated cardiovascular diseases in the developing world.

ISN Global Outreach (GO) Programs (formerly known as COMGAN) identify the educational and clinical needs in emerging countries through the ISN GO regional committees. They offer valuable training and educational activities for kidney specialists of all levels, clinical physicians and other healthcare professionals.

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- Improve the level of global medical care by sponsoring an Educational Ambassador or supporting an ISN Fellow to study in the developed world.
- Fund a CME course or site visit in the developing world. Alternatively, provide financial support for a specific course or an expert’s travel costs. For an overview of upcoming courses, visit www.isn-online.org.
- Provide funding to develop lasting partnerships between emerging renal centers and centers of excellence.
- Play a role in advancing the treatment and diagnosis of kidney disease by supporting the costs of a training course or a screening and prevention program in an emerging country.
- Increase networking and educational opportunities for doctors and physicians to attend ISN conferences by funding a travel grant.

YOUR DONATIONS COUNT

Your donations make a difference in so many ways. They further the ISN philanthropic and humanitarian goals that include delivering expert nephrology training and education, screening patients for kidney disease in regions where there are no facilities and helping hospitals in developing countries become leaders in preventing and treating kidney diseases.

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FELLOWSHIPS

Central to ISN GO Programs, the Fellowship Program promotes and helps educate physicians coming from emerging economies. So far, over 500 ISN-trained nephrologists from developing countries have taken on leading healthcare positions in their regions.

Glendah Kalunga will become the second nephrologist in Zambia thanks to the ISN Fellowship Program.

Dibya Singh Shah carried out the very first renal transplantation in Nepal with her Australian colleagues. Many transplantations are now being carried out by an independent Nepalese surgical team.

LEARNING FROM LEADING EXPERTS

The Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program shows how ISN GO Programs are educating future experts in the field. It connects small groups of ISN experts to medical audiences throughout the emerging world.

A CME meeting in Mexico focused on educating primary care physicians on Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) detection and prevention.

The committee was invited to work with Mexico’s Health Secretariat to implement this initiative.

In Africa, a very encouraging aspect of this CME trip was visiting nephrology leaders in several countries who have emerged from the ISN Fellowship Program.

BUILDING A NETWORK OF EDUCATIONAL AMBASSADORS

The recently-launched Educational Ambassadors Program sends experts to developing renal centers for one to four weeks. These specialists provide hands-on training or help develop new services, community-based research or screening programs.

Creating Centers of Excellence

The Sister Renal Center (SRC) Program links renal units in the developing world with centers of excellence in the developed world. Each year, it provides funding and education to some 30 sister-center pairs.

Arabkir Joint Medical Center in Yerevan, Armenia and the Institute of Child and Adolescent Health at Antwerp University Hospital, Belgium, in 1999, this partnership led to the first kidney transplantation performed with a living donor in Armenia. Since then, some 35 Armenian doctors and nurses have been trained in Antwerp. Equipment has also been upgraded with 19 dialysis machines and new laboratory facilities.

Zhong Da Hospital at the Southeast University of Nanjing, China and Cardiff University of Wales, UK, in 2007, a peritoneal dialysis unit was established in Nanjing thanks to this partnership. The Zhong Da Hospital has now become the key center in teaching clinical and renal research in China’s Jiangsu province.

SUPPORTING KIDNEY DISEASE RESEARCH

SCREENING, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH

So far, the Research and Prevention Program has implemented 28 research, prevention and screening programs in 19 emerging countries. The Kidney Disease Data Center in Bergamo, Italy, has been set up to follow and analyze data from over 40,000 individuals recruited through this program.

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TRAVEL GRANTS

To increase accessibility, ISN provides travel grants to its biennial World Congress of Nephrology, the ISN Forefronts conferences, the Nexus Symposia and other selected educational events of high scientific value.

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