

SDC Health Project:

Contribution to the Library of the Tajik State Medical University



Country; Coverage area; Beneficiary groups:

Tajikistan; Dushanbe; Tajik State Medical University.

Background:

A good quality medical education system is a precondition for the well functioning of the whole health system. The standards of medical education and investigation provided through the Tajik State Medical University in Dushanbe (TSMU) have badly suffered since the break-up of the Soviet Union due to a drastic lack of funds, equipment and well-qualified teaching staff.

According to the University's standards, each medical student has to be provided with one thematic book for each subject. In reality, one book is given for nine students. The scanty size of stipends, which is less than US\$10 per month, does not allow students to purchase manuals on their own. Moreover, the Government encourages young people from the remotest areas of Tajikistan to enter the State Medical University (by exempting them from entry exams) in order to solve the problem of acute lack of medical doctors in these areas. This means that the knowledge these financially most disadvantaged students can obtain, fully depends on the availability and quality of books/manuals provided by the University's library. Furthermore, many of the books available date from Soviet-times and are neither up-to-date nor in good condition.

By providing funds for the purchase of new basic educational books, SDC makes a small but important contribution to higher quality medical education.

Project description:

Provide the TSMU library with stocks of basic medical educational books, it is foreseen to purchase around 3630 books (32 titles) with the number of copies per title ranging from 50 to 200.

Objectives:

The overall goal of this project is to ensure better quality medical education by providing the library of the TSMU with basic stocks of up-to-date learning materials to be put at the disposal of students for their core medical education.

Results and Achievements:

No information is yet available about achievements.

Financial volume:

CHF 200'000 (about USD 160.000)

Time frame:

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Priority topics:

Medical university education, library, books and manual.

Photo/Map/Table:

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Project Overview
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