ETHIOPIA LIBRARY PROJECT ACTION PLAN

The objective of this project is to further develop the Chief Medical Library in Addis Ababa Ethiopia for improved clinical decision making for patients, their families and community. We plan to achieve our objective as outlined in the attached action plan.

	Start date: Summer 2008 Update: Fall 2010	
ACTIONS	**PROGRESS**	**PROCESS and IDENTIFIABLE GAPS**
1. Improve print medical book collections in Ethiopia through donations to the Central Medical Library in Addis Ababa.	New medical texts continue to be donated by Login Brothers Canada matching requested subject areas from the Black Lion Hospital. Books donated by Mount Sinai Hospital physicians. Communication established with University of Toronto program, Books with Wings. 2008 outreach to community resulted in an opportunity to ship texts in a donated decommissioned ambulance being sent to Ethiopia. Books With Wings conducted successful fundraiser for the first shipment of books to the Black Lion Hospital targeted for August 2010. Shipment of books to Black Lion Hospital including “Toronto Notes for Medical Students” textbooks, and donations from Books With Wings - shipped September 2010.	• TAAPP (Toronto Addis Ababa Psychiatry Project) and TAAAC (Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration) members take books in person. Texts are part of a delivery to Black Lion Hospital Library book inventory. • Books must be labeled as donations to our contact site, inventoried and addressed. Subject areas identified by Chief Medical Librarian (CML) at the Black Lion Hospital. Arrival to be confirmed by CML. • Books with Wings to collect current materials, fundraise for shipping, and investigate alternative methods of delivery.

2. Electronic Resources – clinical decision support resources.	2008 EBSCO Publishing agreed to provide access to Dynamed through the Ptolemy Project (www.ptolemy.ca) and Micromedex agreed to provide access to their database which is currently available through the University of Toronto Libraries site. 2009 Approval from Chief Librarian University of Toronto to provide access to UT library accessible through Ptolemy portal for TAAAC members. 2010 Access to UpToDate made available through Ptolemy registration. 2011 Number of Ptolemy users to be increased in 2011.	• Launched through Ptolemy Project June 25, 2009. • Identify doctors with list of their emails and credentials (OBGYN, Pharmacy and Psychiatry). These groups were welcomed to Ptolemy Spring 2009 • Department of Anesthesia added October 2010.
3. Clinical Librarianship Skills exchange with chief medical librarian and Black Lion Hospital 2008- 2010 initiation.	EBM materials and articles sent to and received by Chief Medical Librarian (CML) Black Lion Hospital. CML receives Medical Library Associations Cunningham Fellowship. Course of study at Yale, George Washington and attendance at MLA annual conference, 2010. Together we also further developed our library action plan.	• Sandy to assess understanding and knowledge by following up with assignments.

4.a Training in clinical librarianship at the university level	To be developed Team of librarians to go to Ethiopia to train the trainers (teach local librarians searching techniques, clinical queries, EBM techniques) Also hold sessions for physicians and students in searching and access. University of Toronto has indicated that they will offer financial support to send UTL medical librarians to Ethiopia to conduct training sessions.	• Course content being developed. • Briefing session available • Target implementation date 2011 • Ptolemy training presentation on library site for TAAAC project leaders to familiarize themselves with Ptolemy and use for teaching on site.
4.b Training clinical librarians to assist patients and family members with consumer health inquiries. Outreach to the Black Lion patient community.	To be developed in collaboration with UofT	• Increase awareness of health library and needs of public for health information.

5.a Technology solution to solve bandwidth issue when downloading articles 2008 – 2011 ongoing	ELIN (Lund University) has agreed to assist in providing access to their integrated portal. Funding is to be pursued for Lund technical staff to go to Addis to set up a server, installation and provide a workshop on site to train local Ethiopian information technology staff. 2 local AAU staff to travel to Lund to complete ELIN server training. Reference: "ELIN@: Electronic Library Information Navigator–Towards the 'One Stop Shop.' " Alwerud, Anna, and Lotte Jorgensen. Co-published simultaneously in *The Acquisitions Librarian* (The Haworth Information Press, an imprint of The Haworth Press, Inc.) No. 33/34, 2005, pp. 85-95;	• Agreement from Chief Librarian, Addis Ababa University (AAU) as to their interest and support for establishing the link with ELIN. Contacts provided to Lund to implement this AAU project. Grant application being established for this project by AAU. • AAU is going forward with project.
5.b Promote improved access to the core EBM resources available in the UofT libraries.	Redesign the layout of the Ptolemy Project library page Redesign completed in 2009 and site is updated periodically with new resources.	• New Ptolemy library layout launched July 2009.
6. 2009-2010 Submit grant applications to assist with library development in Ethiopia.	Applications Pending • Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grant: Access to Learning Award 2011 • Elsevier Foundation Grant: Program for Innovative Libraries in Developing Nations 2010	