Systems Building: Academics in USA-Turkey-Portugal-Pakistan-Greece learning from one another

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University of Iowa CPP - Mission

- Professional education
- International education in developing countries
  - Focus on Turkiye
    - Collaboration with Gazi University, Ankara University, and other universities
    - Collaboration with TSPCAN
    - Potential collaboration with government
International collaborations

- 2002: Map showing countries in Europe and Asia
- 2009: Map showing Spain and Portugal
- 2010: Map showing Pakistan and Afghanistan

Maps indicate international collaborations in the specified years.
What can I learn from you?

How may I help you?

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- Rule #1: Respect at every turn: Driver must be local collaborators (Turkey, Portugal, Pakistan, Greece), international collaborator (RO) can only be a good guide if acts with humility.
- Rule #2: Learn as much of local culture as possible
  - Social culture
  - Professional culture
Local collaborators’ decisions (Turkey)

- Hospital based MDT building
- Community based interagency collaboration
- Importance of forensic interview
- Need for a national plan for CAN management/prevention
Local collaborators’ decisions (Turkey)

- 2002-2012: National conference every year, 2-6 courses/symposia/workshops annually
- Focus: Ankara (most advanced teams and policy makers/government)
- Secondary focus: Izmir & Istanbul
- Tertiary focus: Peripheral small provinces
Local collaborators’ decisions

- **Portugal**: 3 National conferences/courses since 2010
- **Greece**: 1 Regional symposium, collaboration on a research grant
- **Pakistan**: Collaboration on an I-CATCH grant to train front line workers
Learning from my hosts

- Greece: Pediatrics/Psychiatry partnership to improve the field
- Very strong research basis with associated EU funding
- Government - NGO partnership potential: open to new projects and good response to crisis situations
How may I help you?

- Rule #3: Embrace the reality of the local resources
  - Systems available or not available
  - Politics may or may not be involved

- Rule #4: Show LC what may and should lie ahead, but do not ask them to move forward too many steps at a time
Training Activities

- 2002-2013 Turkey: ~10,000 professionals participated
  - Medicine, mental health, nursing, public health, social work, education, law enforcement, prosecution, NGOs, government, policy makers, prevention...
Outcome of Training Activities (2002-2013)

- 7 faculty (6-Turkey, 1-Portugal) trained at the UI CPP for 1-6 months
- Regional MDT organizations, hospital CPPs (Turkey ~ 30)
- Ministry of Health established a network of CPCs (Turkey 13)
- Numerous international peer reviewed publications (Turkey, Portugal, Greece)
- Professional awareness soared (all countries)
Figure 2. Distribution of the current structured and semi-structured hospital-based CPTs and proposed CPCs.
How can I help you?

- Rule #5: Hold local pulse in your hand to assess right time to move forward together again
- Rule #6: Share all you have
- Rule #7: Take pauses as needed
- Rule #8: Celebrate successes together
One case can make a difference...

* Newspaper columnist, supporting government
* Sexually abused a 14 y/o
* Government tried to cover it up!!

Forensic Medicine Institute: Governmental Agency
Policy makers

Ankara U CPP
Betul Ulukol

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Child Psychiatrist A. Erdogan
Ministry of Health

INTERMINISTERIAL HIGHER COUNCIL
Policy makers and government involved

Debates in parliament on CPC-based child protection response to sexual abuse led the way for CPC to constitution

Network of 13 CPCs in Turkey with a target of 29
Medical field’s involvement in CAN Clinical Research (Turkey)
Future implications

- Integrate university CPTs into MH network of CPCs
- Collaboration between University CPTs and CPCs to conduct research
- Assess efficacy and issues
- Re-evaluate model and improve cultural competency
Current goals for 2014-2015

- Integration of the pilot Child Protection Center Model into Child Protection Law
- Disseminating the model to all targeted 22 provinces (2013-2015, 29 centers)
- Development of a National Database for case and offender tracking
- Enhancing government efforts on implementing ICCR
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Portugal

- Despite economic crisis ...
- Professional training skyrocketed
- ILM has developed guidelines
- More structured MDT response to child sexual abuse
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- ...
Despite economic crisis ...

Evidence base for the alarming rates of CAN and ACEs in Balkan countries have been established

Professional collaboration toward MDT model is improving

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Pakistan

- Despite economic crisis and civil unrest...
- NGO efforts are transforming professional approach to diagnostics and intervention for abused/neglected children
- ...
Thank you...

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