

**MY EH
TEACHING/LEARNING
EXPERIENCES IN
RWANDA**

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THE EH TEAM



WORK ACTIVITIES

- Taught 2 modules relating to Food Inspection/safety
- Discussions/idea sharing with Head of department.
- Developing a Basic Food Hygiene course for Rwandan food handlers.
- Support the work of RWAEH
- Networking - finding replacement for me
- with UWIC
- 'Any other duties' - store room arranging, assisting with English language, invigilating, exam preparation and marking of exams/coursework.

ARRANGED PRACTICAL - LOCAL ABATTOIR.....



LATRINE BUILDING LESSONS



GAVE TALK TO ALL FIRST YEAR STUDENTS ON 'WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH'



TAUGHT FOOD HYGIENE/INSPECTION IN THESE CLASSROOMS



2ND VISIT - JULY 2008

- Took food safety materials to assist with launch of first ever food hygiene course in Rwanda for food handlers.



2ND VISIT JULY 2008

EH POLICY APPROVAL

- ◉ Whilst there, news arrived that EH policy had been approved by the Gov.
- ◉ In practice this means:
 - . EH recognised as profession for the first time.
 - . Structured framework within Min Health to be created.
 - . 400 EH jobs to be created at Sector/District level

2ND VISIT JULY 2008

APPROVAL OF BRIDGING COURSE

- ◉ Diploma course - 3 years introduced 2002 (over 100 successful graduates to date)
- ◉ Degree course - 4 years - started 2007.
- ◉ Content of one year bridging course has been approved.
- ◉ Funding/staffing/graduate availability are all issues!

2ND VISIT JULY 2008

COMMONWEALTH

- ◉ Application for Rwanda to enter The Commonwealth currently being considered.
- ◉ If successful funding and opportunities will follow.
- ◉ Exchanges funded.
- ◉ Watching situation in DRC closely.

THE FUTURE

- ◉ Professional development discussed with Head of Dept. and others.
- ◉ Limited survey with first ever graduates conducted.
- ◉ Work to be done!
- ◉ I am currently studying MA in Professional Development Education & Training.
- ◉ Dissertation will be on development of professional development of EHOs in Rwanda
- ◉ Hope to return and implement my findings!

WANT TO KNOW MORE.....??

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