#### Clinical Topics in Global Health:

#### What is "global health"?



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#### Brief discussion

- Some images and questions to explore dimensions of GH
- Your definition of "GH"
- Others' definitions of "GH"



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...common causes of mortality and morbidity?...





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...humanitarian assistance?...



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...disaster response?...



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...traditional/community practices and partners?...

[ Non-public photo of a new brick hospital building in Rwanda ]

...building infrastructure?...

[ Non-public photo of a hospital's medical records office in Rwanda ]

...health information systems?...



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...introducing technology?...



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...short-term trips?...

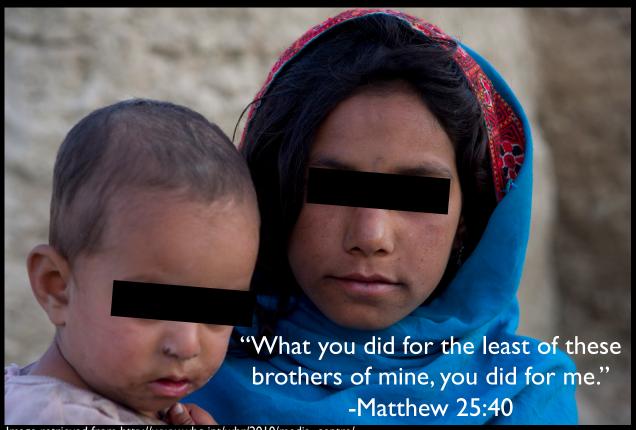


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...medical missionaries?...



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...medical tourism?...

# How do you define "global health"?

#### Other definitions of GH

"Global health is an area for study, research, and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide. Global health emphasizes transnational health issues, determinants, and solutions; involves many disciplines within and beyond the health sciences and promotes interdisciplinary collaboration; and is a synthesis of population-based prevention with individual-level clinical care."

- Consortium of Universities for Global Health

#### Other definitions of GH

It is more than the study of diseases of the developing world: it is the study of the many factors that contribute to health and disease world-wide. It is conceptualizing health as the end point of such complex processes involving economic, cultural, historical, political, commercial, and environmental factors on a global scale.

- International Health and Medical Education Centre (London)