

**King's Congo Central Partnership: Primary Trauma Care
Report Instructor Revalidation Course
Boma and Matadi November-December 2020**



L: Course participants in Boma; R: Course participants in Matadi

1. Background

King's Global Health Partnerships works with health facilities, academic institutions, and governments to strengthen health systems and improve the quality of care in four countries: Somaliland, Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Zambia. The first PTC training took place in Kongo Central the year 2016 and the first instructors trained in 2017. There are 280 doctors and nurses trained in PTC in the province of Kongo Central and 40 instructors. The trainings took place in Matadi, Boma, Tshela, Lukula, Muanda and Kimpese. Given the time that has elapsed since the first instructors were trained, the fact that some trained instructors have not yet conducted PTC courses, and the professional obligation to keep abreast of all the latest developments, it was deemed important to offer a refresher course for all trained instructors.

2. Logistics and organisation

The course was organised with the Kongo Central PTC Committee. The course was delivered by Dr. TISSINGH Elizabeth with the support of Dr. BALU MABIALA Constant, Dr. MAMBU VANGU Achim and PEITHI ANIES Katerina.

All participants trained since 2017 in Central Kongo have been invited.

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3. Programme

Boma, 20th November 2020
For instructors from Boma, Muanda, Mayombe

Matadi, 10th December 2020
For instructors from Matadi and Kimpese

The day was a mix of theoretical instruction but the emphasis was on practical testing and observation. All participants were observed conducting a scenario and a teaching session. The MCQs were done verbally as group work. There was time for personal reflection and participants answered a series of questions. The answers to these questions were then presented and the responses were collected as feedback.

4. Feedback from participants

- It is important to increase the presence of TPC in the province to improve the quality of care, to expand the geographical coverage, to motivate the instructors, even if the principle is to receive for free and give for free, he thinks that it is necessary to pay.
- Appreciates the fact that she can apply what she has learned in her job. But she thinks we need to revalidate the learning more and that it would also be helpful to do something to motivate them to continue this wonderful initiative
- They really enjoy the course, to add something to their medical practice and make progress. Practice is really important, training with just knowledge is not enough. They need to practice what they learn, so more opportunities to practice with cases.
- What she thinks of PTC is that this course has changed their practice, the way they work now is logical and not in a mess, now they work in a chronological order.
- You have to love PTC, improve your knowledge by constantly learning and keep practicing by going to trauma centers to practice with cases.
- We learn by reading, doing and teaching. We have to do it with TPC.
- We have the skills, but the equipment is often lacking.
- We have the knowledge, but we lack the equipment.
- We need to quantify the good work we do. We need to measure and correlate road fatality rates with PTC training rates.

- Our province is very unique. RN1 gives us a unique geography that has implications for how the province is affected by trauma. We need to look at this as a public health emergency.

- The little things I do in my clinical practice make a big difference.

A full and detailed report is available in French.