**Fostering International Partnerships on HIV Care and Prevention in Malawi**

**Purpose**
Prevention of HIV infection and unwanted pregnancy is essential for the survival and well-being of women and families throughout the world. In Malawi, a peaceful country in sub-Saharan Africa, there are an estimated one million people living with HIV, one half of whom are women. Our multidisciplinary team of American and Malawian scientists, researchers, students, and practitioners is establishing a longitudinal health program to improve the health and well-being in rural Malawi.

**Impact**
Dr. Kwiek has worked in Malawi since 1995 and has 14 peer-reviewed publications with his Malawian colleagues.

Dr. Kwiek led a team from OSU Health Sciences Center for Global Health to Malawi to establish research and educational opportunities. 24 OSU medical students have since worked in Malawi.

This summer, Drs. Norris (Epidemiology) and Norris Turner (Medicine), and several OSU graduate/professional students will spend three months in western Malawi conducting a baseline survey of health needs of the community.

**Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**
- College of Medicine
- Department of Microbial Infection and Immunity
- Department of Medicine (Infectious Diseases)
- College of Public Health (Epidemiology)
- Institute for Population Research
- Center for Microbial Interface Biology
- Center for Retrovirus Research

**Community Partners Involved**
- Malawi College of Medicine
- Child Legacy International
- Baylor College of Medicine

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