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# Healthcare Mission Summary Report

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### *Priority areas for Healthcare Mission Forum*

The following are the main issues that the iGroup feel that the forum needs to take forward over the next year or more.

1. Mapping Christian healthcare mission: what is being done by whom, where and how, and with what impact?
  - a. Who is this for and how will the data be used?
    - i. For donors/governments/international bodies
    - ii. For ourselves?
    - iii. For the church?
    - iv. All of the above?
  - b. Who will do this?
  - c. Who else is already doing similar research, and what can we learn from them/work with them on?
  - d. What are the gaps in healthcare?
  - e. What new ideas and projects are different groups looking at developing (to avoid duplication of services).
2. Funding – mapping what the sources of funding for health projects are at all levels: UK Charitable funders, UK government, national governments, UN bodies, other major international donors, etc, etc.
3. Engaging and enabling of church leaders with healthcare mission – including impacting on theological training
4. Further exploration of a grounded, Christological missiology of healthcare mission.
5. Develop a framework (or frameworks) for how agencies work together constructively and strategically on healthcare mission

## ***Proposed Plan of Action***

1. Steering group of Healthcare Mission Forum meets in next 3 months to identify from the above specific, time bound projects to develop over the next couple of years.
2. Explore establishing an ongoing, virtual 'think tank' on healthcare mission
  - i. Producing occasional papers based on research/discussions/best practice models based on the above five priorities
  - ii. Organising occasional study days on these issues (some jointly with other Global Connections fora).
3. Explore establishing an online forum/discussion group for general sharing of ideas, questions, resources etc.
4. Consider the possibility of a major conference in 2010/2011 (themes and focus arising out the think tank and forum)

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