Availability of cervical cancer prevention and treatment is limited in Ghana. Cervical cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among Ghanaian women.

To improve Women’s Health in Ghana, the School of Public Health, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science (KNUST) (Dr. John Amuasi, Dr. Edward Dassah) and Technical University of Munich (TUM), Chair of Epidemiology, Department of Sport and Health Sciences (Prof. Dr. Stefanie Klug) and Center for Global Health, Department of Neurology (Prof. Dr. Dr. Andrea Winkler) jointly organized a two-day workshop on cervical cancer prevention in Kumasi, Ghana. On world cancer day, February 4th and on February 5th 2020, clinicians, epidemiologists, health care workers, policymakers and students explored the question of how to improve cervical cancer prevention and treatment in Ghana and how cervical cancer can be put into the global context of non-communicable diseases. The main goal was to assess the current situation and ongoing research projects on these issues. Moreover, challenges as well as possibilities regarding availability and affordability of HPV vaccination and screening were discussed. Field site visits to cervical cancer screening facilities at the Kumasi South Hospital and the Catholic Hospital in Battor provided more insights into cervical cancer screening and treatment on site.

This project aims to develop collaborative research and capacity building strategies to support national efforts to improve cervical cancer prevention and treatment in Ghana. Moreover, this project supports the exchange of lecturers and students between KNUST and TUM. It is also a reinforcement of the existing Hospital cooperation between TUM and Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital.
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