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Title	A documentary on the Clinical Officer in East Africa and around the world
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Content	<p>The East African clinical officer (CO) and their international equivalents serves an important role in their respective country. They not only serve as primary care providers but also have more community engagement and practice more public health and disease surveillance. Understanding the east African CO and their international colleagues will help clinicians and health systems learn how to better address the SDOH.</p> <p>Description and Methodology:</p> <p>The authors of this proposal spent two weeks in March 2020 observing the Clinical Officer (CO), in Uganda and Kenya. Multiple CO's were interviewed, and the team documented their work in hospitals, community health centers and in rural villages. CO training sites were visited as well. Our team attended an international meeting of this cadre in Rwanda and interviewed multiple CO's from around the world. This documentary will report on the clinical officer in east Africa and around the world in regards to their accreditation, regulation, training, workload, job duties, clinical skills, workplace locations, role in community disease surveillance, public health work and role in the health care system.</p> <p>Results/ Conclusions:</p> <p>The documentary will report on the East African clinical officer and their equivalent cadres around the world specifically in regards to their service in the health care system as well as how they implement the SDOH into health care delivery systems.</p>