

Review of: "Decolonisation of Health in East Africa: Opinion Piece"

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My comments

This article assumes that western medicine based on NHS, UK model holds the key to improved healthcare in the previously colonized countries and particularly Africa.

They have made no reference to contemporary relevance of African indigenous health knowledge and practice.

Based on the above assumption, they have faithfully documented data about how today Africans trained in western medicine as doctors and paramedics, due to better salary and work conditions serve in NHS UK instead of their own countries in Africa. They express disappointment that UK government does not invest/aid African countries in building a NHS like health infrastructure in African countries.

Thus they conclude that colonial exploitation of Africa continues indirectly in a new form of attracting African professional work force to UK.

The article makes the case of UK government's neglect of Africa's health development successfully.

The socio political expectation that as part of a colonial debt, UK should invest in Africa's development today is questionable. In the reviewer's view governments in African countries should perhaps invest boldly both in education and research to evolve their own healthcare system based on an *integration* of indigenous healthcare knowledge and practice and European medicine. This strategy may be a better way to overcome the colonial legacy.