

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

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Clive Kelly et al.'s manuscript "Decolonisation of Health in East Africa" is an intriguing piece in contemporary time, given the inequities of health and health care services between the ex-colonized/third world and the developed or imperial/capitalist countries. Authors have meticulously articulated decolonization at two levels. Firstly, they have rightly linked Britain's gradual withdrawal of funds from East African countries while simultaneously expropriating medical professionals of these countries for the service of Britain. This substantiates the point why appropriate medical training and awareness (both on communicable and non-communicable diseases) in native idioms and pictures with dark skin are the need of the hour (not just transportation services). Secondly, they comprehended decolonization in terms of academic publication and the disadvantage which African medical fraternity experience owing to being non-native English speak and thus, they pertinently stress the need for African Medical Journal and the global journals like BMJ and Lancet should be built on true partnerships. Similarly, authors pertinently emphasized the need for young disabled professionals in medical sector with full tenure in the academy. All these facets direct us to pay attention to intersectionality and respect for diversity. Though I endorse this article from the above mentioned points, I think authors could have broadened the argument of "decolonisation of Health" from another angle that is how aggressive neoliberalism of UK in Africa too is (mining) too not only affecting environment but-also people's health like asthma, cancer, tuberculosis, etc. However, authors mention the onslaught of mining which has been prioritized while underfunding the health care towards the end under the section "academic challenges". Since the title of the article is "Decolonisation of Health" rather health-care, elaborating this would strengthen this paper.