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- Pilot Bridge2Aid “Training the Trainer” programme for Tanzanian Senior Dental Personnel working in urban hospital clinics
  - 2 days pedagogical teaching and practice
  - 9 days mentoring delivering training programme to 7 Rural Health Workers
  - 9 days observation and assessment of successful delivery of a second training programme for 7 more Rural Health Workers several months later

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- Four Senior Dental Personnel working in Tanzania developed the necessary skills to lead a training programme effectively.
- They successfully led a second programme at a later date with positive feedback from Rural Health Workers, patients and Bridge 2 Aid mentors.

Can you help rid the world of dental pain?
Please visit [www.bridge2aid.org](http://www.bridge2aid.org) for more details and to donate. Thank you.