Report of the important steps
of the
"e- learning Platform"

One month ago the project offically started in Berlin, and one and a half month since all the participants met in Frankfurt for the first time. This seems to be a good time to give a short reflexion and also an overview of how the team of the four north-south participants worked on the e- learning platform so far.

At the beginning of May a calendar with fixed meeting days was made. These meetings took place in flats, cafes and later at the library.

At this time the meetings were mostly about organisational stuff, collecting ideas for the platform, talking about the different experiences in Germany and Ghana and sharing the own expectations with the others.

A protocol was written for every meeting to see at the end what has been done yet and what need to be done until the next meeting.

The first step concering the platfrom was to research the internet, which e- learning platforms and courses about midwifery, nursing and health science already exist in the internet. The most important websites were put with the webadress in an excel table. It was found out that there are different kinds of platforms:

– interactive Platforms, where students can check there knowledge for example with quizzes

– university related platforms, where only students or tutors from one university can upload informations for example Moodle

– platforms, which offer world wide free online courses to specific subjects. They often include videos, power point and some final tests

– platforms/ forum, which have different subtopics, where all people who are interested in this topic can upload things or ask questions

– topic specific platforms, which teach about an whole topic for example woundmanagement

After this the next step was to have a look at the ghanaian curriculum and for the north participants to get to know the ghanain midwifery/nursing education system.

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The most important part was to find a topic from/ of the curriculum to prepare a kind of prototyp or scrip to get an idea how the platform should look like.
The Topic "Physiology and management of the third stage of labour" was taken as the main topic to work on. The subtopic which is focused now is the "active and the passive management of the delivery of the placenta".
This was chosen, because it offers in many ways the possibility to use the cultural exchange and influence it by the backround of every participant.
Following steps were made to fullfill the script:

1. Brainstorming: which themes need to be in the topic
2. Splitting of the topic in active and passive management of the delivery:
   one south and one north participant in each group
3. Research books about information of the topic
4. Research the internet for platforms, videos, pictures, animations etc. about this topic
5. Sharing all information in the group of four
6. Putting the result all together in one document including the videolinks

After this steps there will be a reflection about of the preparation of the topic from all the other different people, who will be involved in creating the platform (HITA itsself, Ministry of Health in Ghana, IT- Specialists from HITA)

This all is just a small step in creating the e- learning Platform, but we all hope we are on the right way and looking forward to show more results of our work.