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Lack of proper medical training, amongst others is a big issue when it comes to the developing world. Medical professionals are mowed down by low salaries, improper infrastructure support, expensive continuing education, low computer literacy and poor command over foreign language.

Since its establishment almost 50 years back, the UAE has gained immense ground in extending access to Medical Education through the expeditious execution of national and international programs directed towards delivering outstanding healthcare and medical facilities at the International level with a focus on the developing world.

The country launched a first-of-its-kind state-of-the-art worldwide healthcare training officially named as the **Waterfalls Initiative** by the **UAE's Department of Behavioral Rewards in collaboration** with **INDEX Holding** and **Aqdar World Summit** to support professionals for all medical and para-medical fields like medicine, pharmacy, dietetics and nutrition, public health, nursing, dentistry and hospital management. The free online training is being executed by 140 experts and 84 academic and scientific institutes like the **Harvard Medical School** and **United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs** and within a year, **Waterfalls** has delivered continuous education to over 1.2 million healthcare practitioners in 15 different fields through 559 specialized webinars.

On November 18, the United Arab Emirates received an award from **the Parliament Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)** for Waterfalls.

On Oct 19, 2020, in the UAE-India Healthcare Conference, the UAE announced to provide stimulus with financial aid and initiate to create an ecosystem to support selected Indian healthcare companies.

At a critical juncture of Covid 19 outbreak, when the world was in dire need of immense support in the field of medicine, the UAE delved into the problem has come up with best solution by bridging the gaps between developed and developing nations' medical trainings irrespective of nationality, religion, age, religion or economic background.

Similar projects should be worked upon in near future to provide more virtual interfaces and trainings to combat the lack of proper and standardized medical trainings. This will enable all

healthcare professionals, especially in developing nations, to up skill their professions without facing economic burden.