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## Press Release

### **THET announces new Chief Executive**

*Pia MacRae joins THET team as new Chief Executive*

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THET, the UK based health charity committed to improving essential health services in developing countries, has just named Pia MacRae as the new Chief Executive. Pia joins THET after working with BP for more than a decade in the External Affairs division and will step into her new role at the end of June.

After working for many years in Asia, heading up BP's Corporate Responsibility practice in China and External Affairs activities in India, Pia decided to turn her long standing personal interests in public and international health into a career. Her experience includes policy work, social impact management, and developing partnerships (including projects in education, energy and health). Pia joins THET at an exciting time – having just celebrated 20 years of successful operation and securing a bid to run a new International Health Links Funding Scheme from the UK Department for International Development and the Department of Health.

"We are delighted that Pia has accepted the position of Chief Executive. We welcome her to THET at an exciting time filled with new opportunities and growth." says THET chairman, Professor Stephen Tomlinson.

Pia has a degree from Oxford University and pursued studies in political science at the Institute of Political Science in Paris, as well as the London School of Oriental and African Studies, London University.

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#### **Note to the editor:**

For more information on the International Health Links Funding Scheme, please contact Karen Peachey on 020 7290 3885, or by email [karen@thet.org](mailto:karen@thet.org). For further application details, please email [healthlinks@britishcouncil.org](mailto:healthlinks@britishcouncil.org)

#### **About THET**

THET believes in the right to health and strives to improve basic health services in developing countries. We provide a unique opportunity for all health professionals to come together across continents to find valuable, low-cost ways of overcoming skills and resource shortages in struggling health systems. For more information on THET projects, initiatives and events, please visit our website at [www.thet.org.uk](http://www.thet.org.uk)

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