

# GEMNet- Health Newsletter



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This newsletter shares information about network activities and updates from the GEMNet-Health member institutions, and provides a way to share other items of interest—including funding opportunities, conferences, and workshops. The GEMNet-Health Coordination and Collaboration (C&C) Committee, which produces this newsletter, aims to **promote and facilitate formal and informal collaboration between GEMNet-Health member institutions** and we hope this newsletter will do just that.

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2017 Workshop on  
Qualitative Methods in Evaluation  
of Public Health Programs  
22nd - 28th October 2017

## Institutional Spotlight

*Each issue of the GEMNet-Health Newsletter will highlight the current M&E activities of a member institution.*

### **Kenyatta University**

Kenyatta University (KU) is a public university chartered by the Republic of Kenya to offer higher education and conduct research in different academic disciplines. KU is the second largest public university in Kenya with a population of over 60,000 students



and over 4200 staff. The university was established through an Act of Parliament in 1985 and in 2013 the university got a new charter under the Universities Act No. 42 of 2012. The university is accredited by the Kenya Commission for University Education and is a member in good standing in various bodies including the Inter- University Council for East Africa (<https://www.iucea.org/>), RUFORUM ([www.ruforum.org/](http://www.ruforum.org/)), Africa Association of Universities (<https://www.aau.org/>), International Association of Universities (<https://www.iau-aiu.net/>), and the Association of Commonwealth Universities (<https://www.acu.ac.uk/>), among other bodies. Kenyatta University is one of the leading universities in Kenya and home to some of the world's top scholars, researchers and experts.

Kenyatta University's mission is to provide quality education and training, promote scholarship, service, innovation and creativity and inculcate moral values for sustainable individual and societal development. The main campus sits approximately 20km from Nairobi along an efficiently managed Thika super highway that connects smoothly to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) about 36 km away through the Eastern Bypass. Aside from the main campus, an additional [nine campuses](#) have been established to enhance access to education nationally and are located strategically in Ruiru, Parklands, Nairobi City, Kitui, Mombasa, Nyeri, Kericho, Nakuru and Embu towns.

The university has [20 teaching schools](#) with specialisations in Medicine, Nursing, Public Health Agriculture and Enterprise Development, Applied Human Sciences, Pure and Applied Sciences, Business and Economics, Creative Arts, Film & Media Studies, Visual and Performing Arts, Architecture and the Built Environment, Engineering and Technology, Environmental Studies, Education, Hospitality & Tourism, Humanities & Social Sciences, Law, Security, Diplomacy and Peace Studies. The Graduate School and the Digital School of Virtual and Open Learning (DSVOL) support delivery of programmes in all other schools. DSVOL manages eight satellite learning centres for students taking open learning/distance education programmes.

Kenyatta University School of Public Health (KU-SPH) which was established in 2011 strives to train and produce public health workers who can promote health for all and the prevention of disease, along with becoming a highly competitive center of excellence in

## **M&E-Related Activities**

### **Training Programs**

- KU's MPH program has multiple tracks that allow students to focus on their specific interests. These programs extend over at least an eighteen-month period, including coursework, an examination, and a thesis.
  - o Master of Public Health – Monitoring and Evaluation Track
  - o Master of Public Health – Epidemiology and Disease Control Track
  - o Master of Public Health – Reproductive Health
- Other Postgraduate Programs also extend over at least an eighteen-month period, including coursework, an examination, and a thesis.
  - o Msc. Health Information Management
  - o Msc. Health Management
  - o Msc. Occupational health and Safety
  - o Msc. Solid Waste Management
  - o Msc. Water and Sanitation
  - o Msc. Environmental Health Sciences
- PhD degree program extend over a period of three years with course work, examination and a thesis
- PhD in Public Health (various specialization)

### **Research**

- Health Informatics Education
- m-health
- Health Policy development
- Human Resource for Health
- Environmental health
- Community engagement and partnerships
- Maternal and child health
- Occupational health and Safety
- Infectious disease control –malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV
- Non-communicable diseases –diabetes, asthma and cancer
- Epidemiology
- Community Health
- Public Health

### **Technical Assistance**

- Data analysis
- Health systems strengthening
- Capacity building in M&E

training, research, and scholarship. The School prides itself in providing high quality programs, developing globally competitive professionals. The School offers various undergraduate and postgraduate courses including, Bsc. Environmental Health Sciences, Bsc. Occupational Health, Bsc. Population Health, Bsc. Health Services Management; Bsc. Health Records and Information Management; Bsc. Health Promotion; BSc Community Health; MPH (M&E, Epidemiology and disease control, Reproductive Health, Nutrition), Msc. Environmental Health Sciences, Msc. Solid Waste Sciences, Msc. Occupational Health and Safety, Msc. Water and Sanitation, Msc. Health Information Management, Msc. Health Management and PhD in Public Health (various specialization areas of Public Health).

*Those who are interested in collaborating with Kenyatta University School of Public reach out to George Otieno at [otieno.george@ku.ac.ke](mailto:otieno.george@ku.ac.ke) or [dean-publichealth@ku.ac.ke](mailto:dean-publichealth@ku.ac.ke)*

### **GEMNet-Health Activities**

- Developed curriculum on evaluation theory in conjunction with the Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica (INSP) in Mexico and University of Ghana in Ghana
- Developed Curriculum on Introduction to Health Informatics in conjunction with Measures Evaluation (USA), University of Ghana in Ghana and the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) in India
- Faculty serving as external examiner for MPH for the University of Pretoria

### **Future Plans**

- Prepare and implement short course in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) (Impact evaluation; qualitative evaluation)
- Prepare and implement a short course in health data analysis for decision making
- Host a short course in introduction to health informatics
- Collaborate with other GEMNet-Health Partners on impact evaluation activities
- Explore further GEMNet-Health collaboration through faculty exchange and external examiners

## Upcoming Events

Read here about upcoming conferences, workshops, training opportunities, and funding opportunities. Please submit suggested items to [ljbart@email.unc.edu](mailto:ljbart@email.unc.edu).

- June 4-7<sup>th</sup>, [American Evaluation Association Summer Evaluation Institute](#), Atlanta, Georgia
- June 11-22<sup>nd</sup>, [Anglophone Regional Workshop on Surveillance, Monitoring, and Evaluation \(SME\) of Malaria Control Programs](#), Ghana
- June 11-15<sup>th</sup>, [Monitoring and Evaluation for Humanitarian Programs Workshop](#), Cambridge, MA
- October 8-12<sup>th</sup>, [Global Symposium on Health Systems Research](#), Liverpool, UK
  - *The deadline for submitting abstracts for organized sessions is January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018*
- October 8-19<sup>th</sup>, [Evaluation Capacity Development \(ECD\) Seminar](#), Antwerp, Belgium



# Upcoming Trainings – GEMNet Institutions

The GEMNet-Health network is rich in training resources relevant to M&E and HIS. Check out some of the upcoming trainings for 2018 from GEMNet-Health institutions!

## GEMNet-Health

- International Workshop on Qualitative Methods in Evaluation of Public Health Programs, September 20-29, 2018 in Pretoria, South Africa
- International Workshop on Impact Evaluation of Population, Health and Nutrition Programs, October 1-12, 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand
- Health Informatics Workshop, 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya

## Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University:

- [Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS Programs](#)
- [Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of Population Health and Nutrition Programs](#)
- Regional Workshop on Impact Evaluation, October 1-12
  - o Contact Manasigan Kanchanachitra at [manasigan.kan@mahidol.edu](mailto:manasigan.kan@mahidol.edu) for additional information on this

## Public Health Foundation of India:

- Economic Evaluation of Health Care Programs, May 21-25, 2018
- Operations Research in Public Health

## Addis Continental Institute of Public Health:

- Qualitative Methods in Public Health Evaluation, July 23-27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

A full list of training opportunities for ACIPH is available [here](#). Contact Dagmanit Tewahido at [daymanittaciph@gmail.com](mailto:daymanittaciph@gmail.com) or Seada Beyan at [seadabaciph@gmail.com](mailto:seadabaciph@gmail.com), for additional information and to register for courses.

## University of Pretoria:

- [Outcomes-based Monitoring and Evaluation Implementation](#), May 7-11<sup>th</sup> and July 23-27<sup>th</sup>
- Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation for Health Managers, May 14-18<sup>th</sup>
  - o For more information on this course, contact Inonge Kamungoma-Dada at [Inonge.kamungoma-dada@up.ac.za](mailto:Inonge.kamungoma-dada@up.ac.za)
- Program in the Monitoring and Evaluation of Health Programs, August 21<sup>st</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup>
- Principles in Monitoring and Evaluation – Performance M&E, *by request*
- Health Data Management, October 15<sup>th</sup>
- M&E for Malaria Programs

Several training opportunities from this list can be found [here](#). Information on other courses can be found by emailing Reuben Semanya at [reuben.semenya@up.ac.za](mailto:reuben.semenya@up.ac.za).

## University of Ghana:

- Malaria M&E Workshop, June 11-22, 2018
- Impact Evaluation Workshop, July 9-13, 2018

## Mark your calendars for the following 2019 training opportunities!

### Public Health Foundation of India:

- Introduction to Economic Evaluation of Vaccines, February 25-28
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Health Programs for Improved Decision Making, March 25-29

# Resources on Qualitative Evaluation

In October of 2017, MEASURE Evaluation surveyed GEMNET-Health members on topics of interest for a webinar. The top areas of interest were data analysis, qualitative evaluation, teaching strategies, and research. In addition to planning a webinar, we want to provide other relevant resources that align with these topics, to explore on your own.

In this edition of the GEMNet-Health newsletter, we're providing resources related to Qualitative Evaluation and Research with the hopes that they will be helpful in your research endeavors. Below you'll find examples of qualitative studies in practice, methods for determining if a qualitative evaluation is appropriate, and methods for analyzing qualitative data.

## [Developing Measures of Reproductive Empowerment – A Qualitative Study in Zambia](#)

This resource from MEASURE Evaluation discusses qualitative research with women and men in Zambia exploring reproductive empowerment. It can be used as an example of qualitative research in action.



## [Analyzing Qualitative Data for Evaluation](#)

This brief focuses on analyzing qualitative data that your program has collected. It includes an overview of qualitative data; how to plan for qualitative data analysis; how to analyze qualitative data; and the advantages and disadvantages of qualitative data.

## [Qualitative Evaluation Checklist](#)

This checklist provides a guide for evaluators in determining when utilizing qualitative methods is appropriate for an evaluative inquiry. It also provides factors to consider in selecting qualitative approaches that are appropriate for an evaluation's expected uses and questions, collect high quality and credible qualitative evaluation data, and analyze and report qualitative evaluation findings.

## [Evaluating Using a Qualitative Perspective](#)

Washington State University has provided several webinars that discuss qualitative evaluation. These webinars cover how to use qualitative methods in your evaluation and analyzing qualitative evaluation results.

# NEW! MSc Public Health Monitoring and Evaluation at University of Ghana

Congratulations to the UG team on the launch of their new Master's degree program in Public Health Monitoring and Evaluation. The deadline for application for the first year is June 30, 2018. For more information see the UG website: <http://www.ug.edu.gh/announcements/call-application-msc-public-health-monitoring-evaluation-me>

## Resources from MEASURE Evaluation

*Please share relevant publications from your institution to highlight in the newsletter.*



### Qualitative Methods for Evaluation: Moving from Afterthought to Forethought - Webinar

Did you miss the Qualitative Methods webinar, a webinar focused on a new short course on qualitative evaluation methods for professionals in developing countries? Check out the recording [here!](#)

## What Is GEMNet-Health?

*The nine member institutions of GEMNet-Health are: Addis Ababa University (AAU), Ethiopia; Addis Continental Institute of Public Health (ACIPH), Ethiopia; Centre Africain d'Etudes Supérieures en Gestion (CESAG), Senegal; Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública, Mexico; Kenyatta University, School of Public Health; Mahidol University's Institute for Population and Social Research (IPSR), Thailand; Public Health Foundation of India, India; University of Ghana, Ghana; and University of Pretoria, South Africa.*



GEMNet-Health fosters organizational growth, collaboration, and peer-to-peer support for M&E of health programs globally through ongoing and future institutional linkages among members. MEASURE Evaluation serves as the Secretariat for GEMNet-Health.

GEMNet-Health's scope of work includes joint training programs, development of competency-based curricula, collaborative research, and links with external stakeholders. Linkages among members can range from formal memoranda of understanding to faculty exchange, external examiners, webinars, and guest lectures. GEMNet-Health's work spans the fields of evaluation, health systems, and related-areas. To find out more about GEMNet-Health, see: <https://www.measureevaluation.org/resources/networks/gemnet-health>

The *GEMNet-Health Newsletter* will be populated with items submitted by readers—faculty and staff at the GEMNet-Health member institutions. Submissions can be related to GEMNet-Health or items specific to your institution. **Please send ideas, comments, and submissions would like included in the newsletter to [ljhart@email.unc.edu](mailto:ljhart@email.unc.edu).**