

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. One of the goals of the GEMNet-Health Coordination and Collaboration (C&C) Committee, which produces this newsletter, is to promote and facilitate both formal and informal collaboration among GEMNet-Health member institutions. We hope that this newsletter will do just that.

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The 2017 GEMNet-Health Impact Evaluation of Population, Health and Nutrition Programs workshop hosted by ACIPH.

Institutional Spotlight

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

Addis Continental Institute of Public Health

ACIPH is an accredited, private, higher learning institution in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and a founding member of GEMNet-Health.

ACIPH's work spans a wide range of activities related to monitoring, evaluation, and health information systems—from implementation to training and technical assistance (TA).

Research

Engages in research of the following topic areas:

- Maternal and child health
- Maternal and child nutrition
- Infectious diseases: malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV
- Chronic diseases: mental health, diabetes, hypertension
- Gender: gender-based violence, empowerment
- Health systems
- Medical waste management
- Road traffic accident



Participants in the International Workshop on Impact Evaluation of Population Health and Nutrition Programs, July 24-August 4, at the Addis Continental Institute of Public Health.

- Disability
- Nutrition and environment
- Urban health
- Quality of care

Technical Assistance

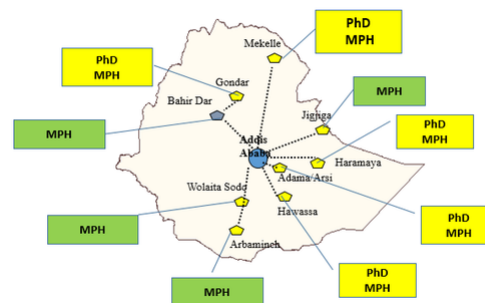
- Supports strengthening program monitoring and evaluation (M&E) for the country's national malaria program
- Provides TA to the national malaria program and Oromia regional state to strengthen surveillance and the health information system
- Provides TA in evaluation to many other governmental and non-governmental organizations in areas of project design, research, and M&E

M&E Training Programs

- Partners with public universities (see map) in supporting graduate-level training in public health and M&E. A strong doctoral degree program has been established in five universities in Ethiopia through ACIPH partnership
- Offers short-term trainings on basic M&E, advanced M&E, impact evaluation, data quality, data analysis, surveillance, qualitative methods, gender, reproductive health, scientific writing, and research methods
- Partners with government and non-governmental organization to provide tailored M&E training at basic and advanced levels

M&E Activities

- Works with CARE Ethiopia to conduct M&E for an adolescent girl's empowerment project, which aims to address structural challenges and social norms that hinder adolescent girls' achievement of their educational and reproductive health potentials
- Works with the International Food Policy Research Institute to conduct an impact evaluation of the Alive and Thrive initiative to reduce childhood stunting in Tigray and the Southern Nation Nationalities and People Region (SNNPR), Ethiopia
- Works with International Food Policy Research Institute to conduct evaluation of Alive and Thrive multi-sectoral community-based approach to improving infant and young child feeding in Amhara, Ethiopia
- Conducted a post-integrated measles campaign evaluation in Ethiopia, supported by the Clinton Health Access Initiative
- Conducted M&E of health facility networking for improving pregnancy outcome supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation through the Maternal Health Taskforce, Harvard Chan School of Public Health
- Works with Global Health Department, Harvard Chan School of Public Health, to conduct evaluation of integrated agriculture and nutrition-sensitive interventions for the African Chicken Genetic Gains



- Hosted the GEMNet-Health impact evaluation workshop in collaboration with other GEMNet-Health partners and MEASURE Evaluation July/August 2017
- Plans to establish joint training programs with other GEMNet-Health members

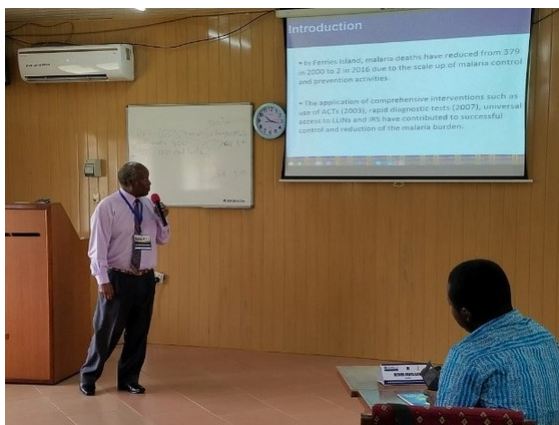
GEMNet-Health Activities

- Participates in several GEMNet-Health standing and *ad hoc* committees
- Hosted the GEMNet-Health 2013 annual general meeting in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia; the meeting was conducted at ACIPH training and research center
- Signed a memorandum of understanding with the Public Health Foundation of India to further strengthen bilateral collaboration in both short-and long-term trainings in M&E

Interested in collaborating with ACIPH? Contact aciphaddis@gmail.com or aciph@addiscontinental.edu.et

Collaboration Spotlight

GEMNet Health members collaborate on research, joint training, and curriculum development.



Ephantus Kabiru, of KU, presenting Kenya's malaria surveillance system, at the malaria ToT in Accra, Ghana.

Training of Trainers on Malaria Evaluation and Surveillance

Representatives from four GEMNet-Health member institutions—ACIPH, Kenyatta University (KU), the University of Pretoria (UP), and the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)—participated in a training of trainers (ToT) at the Malaria Evaluation and Surveillance course on June 5–9, 2017, in Accra, Ghana. PHFI and UP participants attended the evaluation track, and ACIPH and KU participants attended the surveillance track. These institutions are interested in

incorporating curriculum material on malaria into existing training at their institutions, offering a regional workshop on M&E of malaria, and adapting the malaria course curriculum for country-specific workshops. In June, ToT participants drafted institutional action plans that outlined how they might incorporate the malaria curriculum material at their home institutions.

UP has incorporated materials from the malaria M&E ToT workshop in its three-week course “Monitoring and Evaluation of Population, Health and Nutrition Programs.”

Short Course on Health Informatics

A short course on health informatics is being developed by the Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC), a group comprised of health informatics experts selected from GEMNet-Health institutions. The need for this course was identified via a rapid assessment of health informatics programs in low- and middle-

Evaluation. The assessment identified gaps in skills within these programs that could negatively impact the sustainability of ongoing health informatics interventions.

The CAC, convened by MEASURE Evaluation, will develop this curriculum by November 2017. GEMNet-Health representatives on the CAC are Dr. Suresh Munuswamy (PHFI), Neo Ledibane (UP), George Otieno (KU), Sam Dery (University of Ghana), and Yemane Berhane (ACIPH, Ethiopia).



A look at the University of Pretoria's campus.

Faculty Exchange between UP and UG

Faculty at UP and UG have found ways to share expertise. Andy Beke from the UP serves as an external examiner at UG in the Population, Family and Reproductive Health's Master's of Public Health program. Seth Segbedzi from UG is supervising a Master's dissertation at UP.

The MEASURE Evaluation Secretariat can assist you to identify and link with experts at

other GEMNet-Health institutions. Please contact Lauren Hart at ljhart@email.unc.edu.

Upcoming Events

Read here about *upcoming conferences, workshops, training opportunities, and funding opportunities*. Please submit suggested items to ljhart@email.unc.edu.

- October 22–28: [International Workshop on Qualitative Methods in Evaluation of Public Health Programs](#), Accra, Ghana
- October 23–27: [SAMEA Conference](#), Johannesburg, South Africa
UP faculty are serving on the planning and abstract review committees, along with their MPH students serving as rapporteurs covering the conference proceedings!
- November 6–11: [American Evaluation Association Conference](#), Washington, DC
- March 16–18: [CUGH Global Health Conference](#), New York, NY



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Population and Social Research (IPSR)

Dr. Pojjana recently arranged a training on 'Burden of Disease and Cost-effectiveness Analysis' for Ministry of Health staff from Myanmar. This training was funded through the World Health Organization.



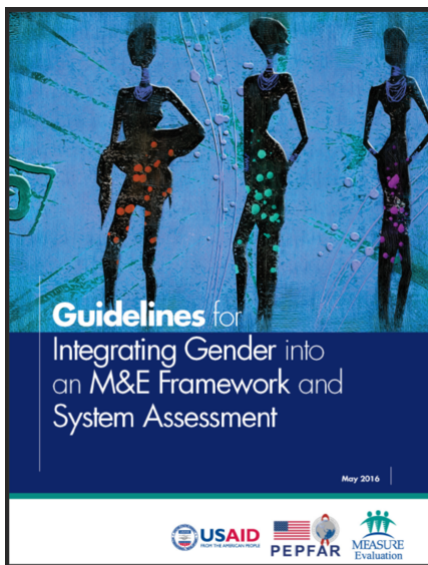
Mahidol University's beautiful IPSR building!

University of Pretoria

UP conducted a module on health data management in September 2017. Students this year will also have the opportunity to participate in a new session on data visualization using Tableau software.

Resources from MEASURE Evaluation

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



Webinar Resources: Developing Gender-Sensitive M&E Systems

This webinar, based on the *Guidelines for Integrating Gender into an M&E Framework and System Assessment* (MEASURE Evaluation, 2017), discusses the importance of applying a gender lens to M&E processes and structures, along with how to think about gender in the context of the development of an M&E system.

Access the [webinar recording](#) and the [guidelines](#).

Video Resources: Gender Matters

Check out [this video](#). It discusses strategies to integrate gender sensitivity into health programs and M&E of those programs.

For more information and for resources on integrating gender into health programs, read an overview of MEASURE Evaluation's gender work at <https://www.measureevaluation.org/our-work/gender>.

This section of the website includes a wide range of resources—from training modules to program examples.

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.



health programs globally through ongoing 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. GEMNet members provide consultancy services to build capacity in the fields of M&E, including work with health information systems, data dissemination and use, health informatics, and many specialized evaluation topics. Linkages among members includes formal memoranda of understanding, faculty exchange, webinars, and more. For more information, see:

<https://www.measureevaluation.org/resources/networks/gemnet-health>

The *GEMNet-Health Newsletter* shares news submitted by readers—faculty and staff at GEMNet-Health member institutions. Submissions can be related to GEMNet-Health or items specific to each institution. **Please send ideas, comments, and submissions** to ljhart@email.unc.edu.

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