

Monitoring, Evaluation, and Surveillance of Malaria Programs Workshop

May 29–June 9, 2017 • University of Ghana, School of Public Health, Legon, Ghana

Rationale

Since 2010, the University of Ghana, School of Public Health, in collaboration with MEASURE Evaluation, has offered an annual, regional workshop on monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of malaria programs. This workshop was created to fulfill a need for better M&E support to generate high-quality data, and to analyze and use data to better inform program planning at the country-level. In order to build the capacity of professionals in Africa, this non-degree course will provide training in current tools and techniques used to monitor and evaluate malaria programs.

Workshop Objectives

The objectives of this workshop are to:

- Build skills in fundamental concepts, surveillance, and practical approaches to M&E of malaria programs for national malaria control program managers and other professionals working in sub-Saharan Africa
- Discuss programmatic applications of main tools and data systems used to monitor and evaluate malaria programs
- Provide a venue for participants to share and learn from other country experiences to strengthen their M&E systems
- Create an alumni group of M&E experts

Course Content

The course will provide participants with M&E tools, techniques, and resources needed for planning, organizing, and managing malaria programs and projects.

M&E fundamentals of malaria programs

The first week, **May 29–June 2, 2017**, will focus on M&E fundamentals of malaria programs. Modules include: Using Data for Decision-Making; Designing and Implementing M&E Plans; Frameworks, Indicators; Data Sources; Data Quality; Evaluation Designs; Data Management and Analysis; Data Presentation and Interpretation; Data Dissemination and Use. The second week, **June 5–9, 2017**, will offer two track options held concurrently. Participants may choose one track per year.

TRACK 1: Malaria Surveillance

This track contains modules on basic concepts of malaria surveillance, case detection and response, surveillance in malaria control for moderate/high- and low-transmission settings, surveillance for pre-elimination, and evaluating a surveillance system.

TRACK 2: Evaluation Methods for Malaria

This track includes modules on basic concepts of evaluation, statistical concepts, process evaluation, impact evaluation, and practical applications of evaluation in malaria programs.

Throughout the workshop, time will be allotted for practical exercises, group work, field work activities, and discussion around common M&E issues. Resources for further study and research will be provided.

Participants are expected to attend all sessions during the first week and choose one track during the second week. Participants who have previously completed an M&E course can opt for one of the tracks available during the second week. This course will be offered in English.

Eligibility

This workshop targets individuals with approximately 0–5 years of experience working in M&E, who currently work as National Malaria Control Program staff at either the national or subnational level; NGO and donor personnel responsible for oversight of malaria programs, especially in the areas of monitoring, evaluation, and surveillance; and other individuals with a professional interest in monitoring and evaluation of malaria control programs. Applicants should be proficient in English, have some analytic skills, and have current responsibilities for developing and implementing monitoring, evaluation, and surveillance plans. Computer literacy and experience with data systems is desired. Country teams are encouraged to apply.

Individuals interested in attending only one of the two tracks must have attended a MEASURE Evaluation Monitoring and Evaluation of Malaria Programs workshop previously or any M&E course.

Faculty

The course will be taught by faculty members of the School of Public Health, University of Ghana with additional instructional support from experts from the Ghana National Malaria Control Program and the USAID-funded MEASURE Evaluation project.

Application Procedures and Deadline

Persons who wish to take part in the workshop should submit their application and reference form through this link as soon as possible: <https://goo.gl/forms/bp0BsKBjuOps3Z3F2>

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Application materials are due by 14 April, 2017
at: <https://goo.gl/forms/bp0BsKBjuOps3Z3F2>

Fees

The course fees are:

M&E Fundamentals + 1 track=U.S. \$3000

This includes tuition, course materials, housing, and breakfast and lunch for the duration of the workshop. This does not include airfare, health insurance (required), visa fees, dinner, or other travel expenses.

Track only=U.S. \$1750

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Prospective applicants are advised to seek funding from their home organizations or from national or international agencies. Applicants who have requested funding should submit their application forms to meet the deadline, and copies of application materials should be submitted directly to those funding agencies. When funding is confirmed, the applicant should contact the School of Public Health as soon as possible. Full fellowships from MEASURE Evaluation are available for a very limited number of qualified applicants.

Due to the great demand for this workshop and the limited spots available (maximum 25 participants), please note that preference will be given to those candidates who submit their completed applications by the 14 April 2017 deadline.

Teaching Materials

All course materials will be provided as part of tuition. It is advisable to bring a laptop.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available near campus in East Legon. The cost of this accommodation is included in the tuition fee.

School of Public Health, University of Ghana

The School of Public Health (SPH) was established in 1994 to respond to a growing demand for a cadre of public health practitioners to provide leadership in public health

reforms in the country. The mission of the school is to train public health practitioners to be leaders and change agents of health development in Africa. The SPH emphasizes cross-disciplinary approaches to teaching and learning and has experience in running international short courses in Occupational Health and Safety, Social Mobilization for Health and Development, Scientific Communication, Improving Management of Public Health Interventions, Malaria and Planning its Control, and Epidemiology and Health Systems Management for District Health Managers. Visit the School's website at: <http://publichealth.ug.edu.gh/>

National Malaria Control Programme, Ghana

The National Malaria Control Programme (Ghana Health Service) is the main institution in the country that formulates policies and strategies for controlling malaria and translating these into interventions. It is also responsible for coordinating, supervising, and monitoring the implementation of these interventions. The overall goal of the malaria control programme in Ghana is to facilitate human development by reducing the malaria disease burden by 75% by 2020 using 2012 as a baseline. This goal is to be achieved through overall health sector development, improved strategic investments in malaria control, and increased coverage towards universal access to malaria treatment and prevention interventions, including at the community level.

MEASURE Evaluation

MEASURE Evaluation is funded by USAID to strengthen capacity in developing countries to gather, interpret, and use data to improve health. The project creates tools and approaches for rigorous evaluations, providing evidence to address health challenges. MEASURE Evaluation strengthens health information systems so countries can make better decisions and sustain good health outcomes over time.

The M&E of Malaria Fundamentals Workshop is co-organized by MEASURE Evaluation staff from ICF International.

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