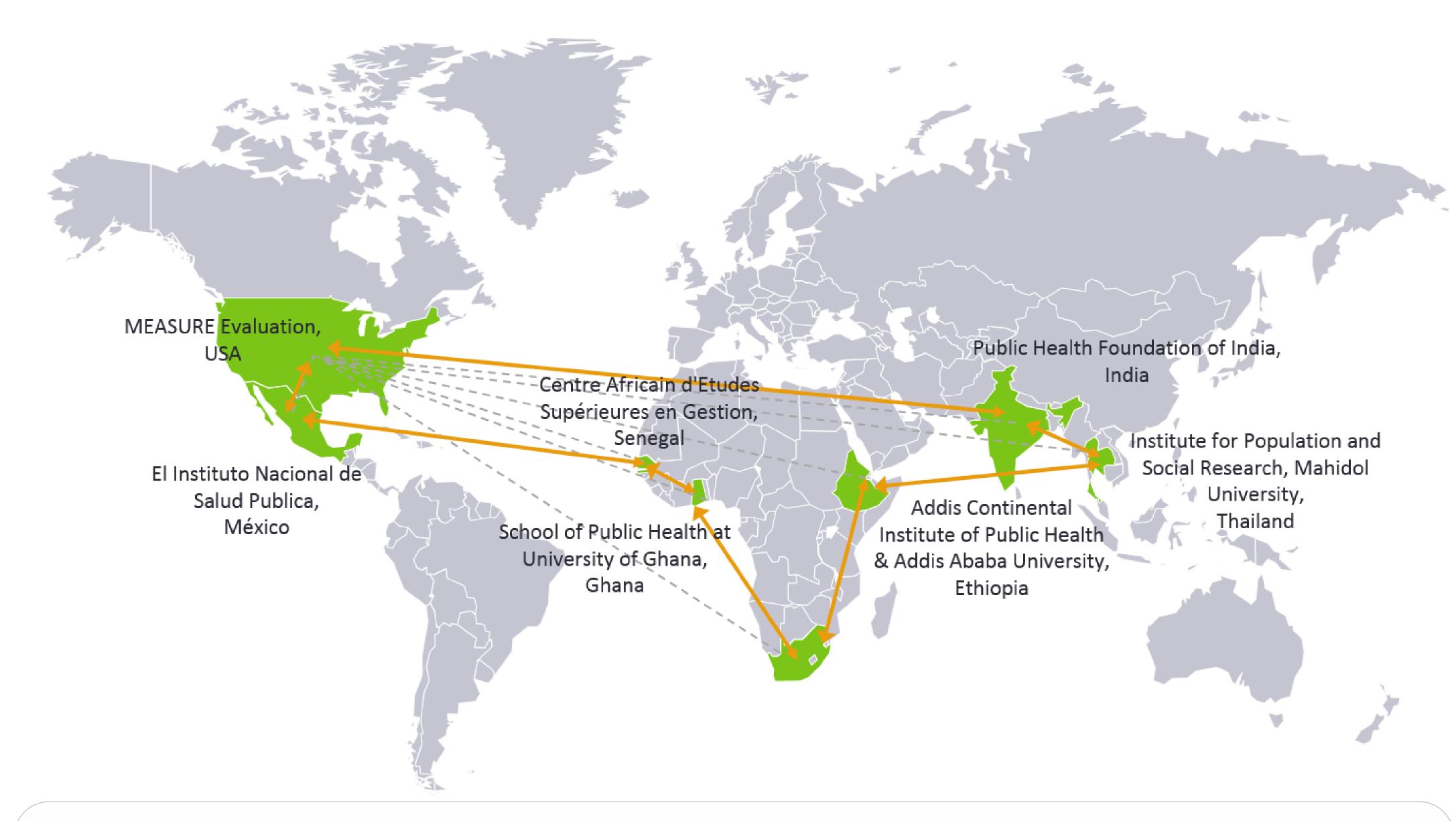
The Global Evaluation and Monitoring Network for Health

International Partnerships as a Tool for Global and Regional Capacity Building

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Introduction

The role of institutional partnerships as a tool for advancing our collective efficacy in public health is becoming more widely recognized. The creation of a network of institutions with expertise in a relatively narrow area of public health can serve as a global resource for technical assistance and training while further strengthening the capacity of network members. These members can in turn better serve as national, regional, and global experts in the field.







Methodology/Process

USAID's MEASURE Evaluation project launched the Global Evaluation and Monitoring Network for Health (GEMNet-Health) in June 2012 with eight of its current and former training partners. The purpose of this network is to foster organizational growth, collaboration, and South-to-South support for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of health programs globally through institutional linkages among members.

GEMNet-Health Members

The eight founding member institutions of GEMNet-Health are shown in the map above. MEAS-URE Evaluation serves as the Secretariat for GEMNet-Health.

Results

Strategy employed and milestones reached:

- ⇒ creating a network identity
- ⇒ leveraging the experiences of individual members to strengthen the capacity of all members
- ⇒ creatively engaging network members

 Strategic planning principles have been followed to guide the network development process. Key achievements of the network:
- conducting joint M&E training programs
- ⇒ curriculum harmonization efforts
- ⇒ sharing knowledge and expertise among members.

It is through these achievements that GEM-Net-Health has made progress toward its mission to empower member institutions to ensure access to quality M&E training, research, and services.



Conclusion

Lessons learned can be applied to plan for the sustainability and growth of GEMNet-Health and be useful to others working with national and international institutional networks.





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