

This is the first issue of the *GEMNet-Health* (Global Evaluation and Monitoring Network for Health) *Newsletter*. 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 between GEMNet-Health member institutions and we hope that this newsletter will do just that.

Our intended audience is faculty and staff at the GEMNet-Health member institutions involved in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) activities. This includes those who are hearing about GEMNet-Health for the first time, as well as those who have already encountered GEMNet-Health in some way.

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## GEMNet-Health Planning Meeting Report

The GEMNet-Health Planning Meeting was held in Cuernavaca, Mexico from February 23 – 25, 2017, to review network accomplishments and develop the 2017-18 action plan. The newly released GEMNet-Health Planning Meeting Report is available for download at:

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



## Collaboration Spotlight

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

## Course: Theory-driven Evaluation Approaches

In May, Juan Pablo Gutiérrez (El Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública, Mexico) and George Otieno (Kenyatta University, Kenya) traveled to Accra to work with Duah Dwomoh at the University of Ghana to review and finalize a syllabus and relevant materials for a course on theory-driven evaluation approaches.



The three will now collaboratively work to refine the syllabus and course materials and a final version will be shared with all GEMNet-Health partners.

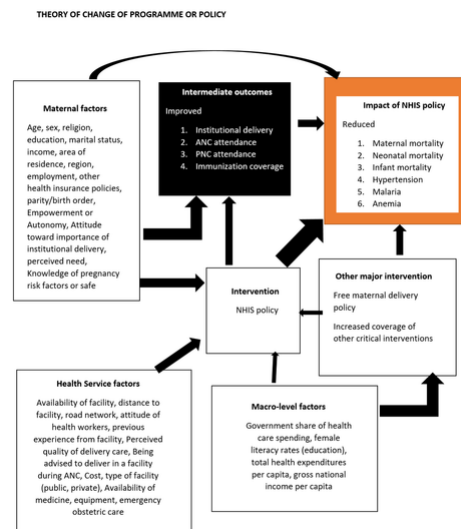
This work ties in closely with the ongoing work of the GEMNet-Health task group that is currently working on developing curriculum materials for a postgraduate overview course in evaluation. The task group is chaired by Juan Pablo.

*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](mailto:ljhart@email.unc.edu).*

## Proposal: Impact Evaluation of National Health Insurance Schemes

Faculty from Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and the University of Ghana (UG) have been working together on a collaborative research initiative. Faculty from the University of Pretoria were also involved in initial discussions. This activity, led by Anup Karan of PHFI, included Himanshu Negandhi (PHFI), Genevieve Aryeetey (UG), Duah Dwomoh (UG), and Justice Nonvignon (UG). The final product will be two separate proposals for impact evaluations of the national health insurance schemes in Ghana and India.

By working together on these proposals, the teams were able to pool their expertise to develop the appropriate methods and plan for these two activities.



*Theory of change from the health insurance proposal.*



## M&E Research

*If you or a colleague have recently published a paper, please send us the title and authors, highlighting those from GEMNet-Health partners, and we will include a citation in the next newsletter.*

## Upcoming

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

- July 24–August 4<sup>th</sup>; **GEMNet-Health International Workshop on Impact Evaluation of Population, Health and Nutrition Programs**, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- August 28–September 8, 2017; INSP's **Workshop on Impact Evaluation of Population, Health and Nutrition Programs**, Cuernavaca, Mexico
- September 11–15; INSP's **Qualitative Methods Course for the Evaluation of Health Programs**, Cuernavaca, Mexico
- November 5–9, 2017; **American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Annual Meeting**, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- November 8–11, 2017; **The American Evaluation Association (AEA) Conference**; Washington DC, USA
- July 23–26, 2017; **International AIDS Society (IAS) Conference**; Paris, France



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## Resources from MEASURE Evaluation

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



### Webinar Resources: How Do We Know If a Program Made a Difference?

A series of webinar discussions of the popular MEASURE Evaluation manual *How Do We Know If a Program Made a Difference? A Guide to Statistical Methods for Program Impact Evaluation* (Lance P, Guilkey D, Hattori A, Angeles G, 2014) reviewed key topics from chapters through verbal discussion and graphical presentation. The **webinar recordings and presentations are**

available to help users understand the resources offered in the manual—a learning tool for use of methods to estimate program impact—and provide stand-alone training tools for the topics covered. **Access the webinar recordings here:**

<https://www.measureevaluation.org/our-work/evaluation/webinar-resources-how-do-we-know-if-a-program-made-a-difference>

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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>

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