

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 both formal and informal collaboration among GEMNet-Health member institutions.**

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## Institutional Spotlight

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

### University of Ghana

The University of Ghana School of Public Health is one of the constituent institutions of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ghana. The school maintains a close working relationship with existing schools, institutes, and faculties of the University. It is one of the few African institutions that subscribe to the philosophy of “public health school without walls.”



Established in 1994, the University of Ghana’s School of Public Health has trained most of Ghana’s leaders in the health industry. The school has been responsible for training district directors for the Ghana Health Service and continues to train public health staff in different specialties. The school has offered short courses in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and is currently preparing to run a full master’s program in M&E. The school is Ghana’s leading center of excellence for training, research, and innovation in public health. Funding for training activities is funded the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), among others.

The faculty of the school includes renowned researchers contributing to world-class scholarly achievement and scientific discovery in infectious disease control, reproductive health services,

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

### **Training Programs**

- Courses at the MPH and PhD levels in: Economic Evaluation; Impact Evaluation; Process Evaluation; Qualitative Evaluation; Population, Family and Reproductive Health; Epidemiology; Health Systems; Biological, Environmental and Occupational Health; and Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Hosts annual short courses on M&E of malaria and M&E of HIV/AIDS
- Hosts a workshop on data analysis for HIV/AIDS
- Postgraduate education—Master of Health Informatics, Clinical trials
- The School of Public Health is the WHO/ Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases' Regional Training Centre, with a specific focus on addressing the skills for implementation research in the health sector

### **Research**

- e-Health
- Informatics education
- m-Health
- Reproductive health
- Infectious disease control—malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV
- Health economics, policy, and systems
- Mental health
- Gender, social, and behavioral studies
- Urban environmental health—sanitation infrastructure, neighborhood environmental conditions, environmental change, and the effect of area-based socioeconomic inequalities on urban mortalities

### **Technical Assistance**

- Data analysis
- Data management for HIV programs
- Supports strengthening program M&E for the country's national malaria program
- Capacity building in M&E systems and curricula

### **GEMNet-Health Activities**

- Hosted the 2016 GEMNet-Health Impact Evaluation workshop
- Hosted the Qualitative Evaluation workshop with MEASURE Evaluation in October 2017
- Developed a curriculum on evaluation theory in conjunction with the Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública (INSP) in Mexico and Kenyatta University in Kenya
- Developed a proposal on impact evaluation of the health insurance schemes in Ghana and India with the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and the University of Pretoria
- Faculty served as external project advisors for the University of Pretoria

- Routine health information system (RHIS) training for Anglophone West Africa, in collaboration with MEASURE Evaluation

## Future Plans

- Preparing to implement programs for a Master of Science in Public Health M&E and a Master of Health Economics
- Collaboration with other GEMNet-Health Partners on impact evaluation activities
- Exploring further GEMNet-Health collaboration through faculty exchange and external examiners

*Those who are interested in collaborating with the University of Ghana can reach out to Justice Nonvignon at [justicenon@yahoo.com](mailto:justicenon@yahoo.com).*

## Upcoming Events

*Please submit information on upcoming conferences, workshops, training opportunities, and funding opportunities to [bkulatil@email.unc.edu](mailto:bkulatil@email.unc.edu).*

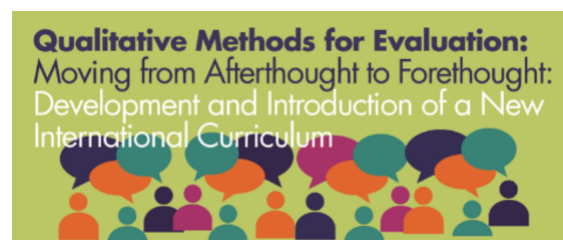
- March 16–18, [CUGH Health Conference](#), New York City, NY
- MEASURE Evaluation will be presenting a poster on “Networking for Effective Training: GEMNet-Health's Global Perspective for Developing Curricula”
- March 19–20, [MERL Tech London](#)
- April 29–May 1, [EERS Annual Conference—Equity, Ethics, and Evidence](#)
- June 4–7, [American Evaluation Association Summer Evaluation Institute](#), Atlanta, Georgia
- October 8–12, [Global Symposium on Health Systems Research](#), Liverpool, United Kingdom
- The deadline for submitting abstracts for organized sessions is January 15, 2018



## Announcing a Webinar on Qualitative Evaluation

**February 22 at 9 am EST**

MEASURE Evaluation and GEMNet-Health will present “*Qualitative Methods for Evaluation: Moving from Afterthought to Forethought*,” a webinar on the collaborative process of developing a 50-hour short course on qualitative evaluation methods for professionals in developing countries.



The short course on intermediate qualitative evaluation methods was designed and taught by

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tested at a training-of-trainers workshop and then piloted with monitoring and evaluation professionals. This webinar will highlight innovative content at the intermediate level and will share experiences addressing challenges from working with teams of diverse trainers and participants.

The webinar will be held on February 22 at 9 am EST. This webinar is open to the public, so please share this announcement widely within your networks. Registration for this webinar can be found at [www.measureevaluation.org/resources/events/qualitative-methods-for-evaluation-webinar](http://www.measureevaluation.org/resources/events/qualitative-methods-for-evaluation-webinar).

## Upcoming Trainings—GEMNet Institutions

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

### **Institute for Population and Social Research (IPSR), Mahidol University, Thailand:**

- [Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS Programs](#)
- [Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of Population Health and Nutrition Programs](#)

### **Addis Continental Institute of Public Health (ACIPH), Ethiopia:**

- M&E of Population Health and Nutrition Programs, January 22–27, 2018
- Qualitative Methods in Public Health Evaluation, July 23–27, 2018

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

### **University of Pretoria:**

- Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation for Health Managers, May 14–18
- *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–September 7
- Principles in Monitoring and Evaluation—Performance M&E, *by request*
- Health Data Management, October 15
- 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).

## Resources on Teaching Strategies

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, for readers to explore on their own.



This edition of the GEMNet-Health newsletter provides resources on teaching methods. As we transition into the new year—and for many, a new semester—now is a good time to review your teaching methods and add new strategies to your toolbelt. Check out the resources below to learn more foundational information on teaching adult learners, along with specific strategies to try.

#### [Adult Learner Techniques](#)

This six-page document provides a concise look at the principles of adult learning, guidelines for those facilitating learning, and an overview on andragogy, along with teaching techniques that can be easily incorporated.

#### [UNICEF Knowledge Exchange Toolbox](#)

This toolbox includes over 20 teaching tools that will assist in effectively engaging an adult audience.

#### [Active Learning Examples](#)

This two-pager from the University of Pittsburgh highlights several examples of active learning. It includes activities to promote class discussion, activities for lecturers, individual activities, and activities for groups.

#### [Facilitating Effective Group Discussions: Tips](#)

Discussion is a powerful mechanism for active learning. A well-facilitated discussion allows the participant to explore new ideas while recognizing and valuing the contributions of others. This site offers a few helpful tips for facilitating group discussions.

## **Resources from MEASURE Evaluation**

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



### **A World of Data—Video**

This short video shows how geography can interfere with access to health care. Spatial data helps health planners and policymakers make smart decisions to navigate potential barriers that sometimes stand in the way of reaching the care they need. Check it out [here!](#)

## **What Is GEMNet-Health?**

*The nine member institutions of GEMNet-Health are: Addis Ababa University (AAU), Ethiopia;*

*(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 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 includes formal memoranda of understanding, faculty exchange, webinars, and more. GEMNet-Health's work spans the fields of evaluation, health systems, and related areas. For more information, see:

[www.measureevaluation.org/resources/networks/gemnet-health](http://www.measureevaluation.org/resources/networks/gemnet-health)

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