

M&E of HIV/AIDS Programs

MEASURE Evaluation provides regional training workshops to meet a great need in developing countries for professionals with M&E skills

The demand for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) skills is particularly acute in government agencies and local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that implement HIV/AIDS programs. Unfortunately, there are very few places in developing countries where professionals can seek training to increase their M&E skills.

One of MEASURE Evaluation's capacity-building activities is aimed at establishing partnerships in developing countries with selected universities and training/research centers to offer M&E training programs and related activities. In order to build the capacity of professionals, MEASURE Evaluation and its institutional training partners offer two-week non-degree courses in the design and implementation of M&E systems that coordinate the collection of information necessary to inform decisions related to HIV/AIDS programming. Planning for and effectively communicating strategic information are integral components of the course modules.

To deliver these M&E workshops of HIV/AIDS programs, MEASURE Evaluation relies on partnerships with several training institutions around the world. MEASURE Evaluation collaborates with the Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública (INSP) in Mexico, Centre Africain Etudes Supérieures en Gestion (CESAG) in Senegal; University of Pretoria in South Africa, and the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) in India.

WORKSHOP CONTENT

These workshops offer intensive training that covers the fundamental concepts and tools for monitoring and evaluating HIV/AIDS programs. Workshop sessions include strategic information in decision making; M&E frameworks; indicators; information systems; evaluation designs; developing M&E plans; selecting, calcu-



lating and interpreting indicators; and facilitating the use of strategic information. In addition, modules on HIV/AIDS program areas and cross-cutting issues appropriate for each regional context (e.g. Asia, Africa, or Latin America and the Caribbean) are also included. Hands-on experience in designing M&E plans are gained by doing exercises and working in small groups throughout the workshop. The participant groups present the results of their projects during the final day of the workshop.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

These workshops are designed for national and sub-national level M&E professionals and their counterparts, assistants and advisors who are involved with the implementation of HIV/AIDS programs. Applicants should have some analytic skills and current responsibilities for developing program monitoring plans and/or evaluation programs. Courses taught in Mexico at INSP are taught in Spanish. Courses taught in Senegal at CESAG are taught in French. Courses taught in South Africa at University of Pretoria and in India at the PHFI are taught in English.



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Summary of M&E of HIV/AIDS Regional Workshop Participation, 2003-2008

Region/Location	No. of Workshops	No. of Applicants	No. of Participants	No. of Countries Represented	No. of MEASURE Evaluation-funded Participants
Asia/Thailand	2	146	56	15	6
Francophone Africa/Senegal	3	176	102	16	17
Anglophone Africa/Ethiopia	3	301	70	17	11
LAC/Mexico	1	54	27	10	5
Total	9	677	255	58	39

FACULTY

These workshops are taught by faculty members from our partner organizations. MEASURE Evaluation experts also teach at each workshop. Local instructors from ministries of health, NGOs, and other regional experts teach selected modules and facilitate sessions throughout each workshop.

PLANNED WORKSHOPS FOR 2009

- Francophone Africa, at CESAG, Senegal, February 2009
- Anglophone Africa, at University of Pretoria, South Africa, March and August 2009

COMMENTS FROM RECENT PARTICIPANTS

"Since training CESAG February 2007, we conducted two midterm evaluation studies. The techniques and knowledge learned in particular through: (a) methods

of qualitative assessment, (b) impact assessment methods, and (c) quantitative evaluation methods were all very helpful in this job."

— CESAG workshop participant (Senegal, February 2007)

"In addition to providing technical assistance in M&E to USG PEPFAR funded partners [CDC partners in particular], I am actively involved in the development of the new national HIV/AIDS performance management and monitoring plan, which is replacing the national HIV/AIDS Monitoring and Evaluation Plan."

— University of Pretoria workshop participant (South Africa, August 2006)

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