# Global Evaluation and Monitoring Network for Health (GEMNet-Health) Scope of Evaluation Activities

## **Purpose**

The purpose of GEMNet-Health is to foster organizational growth, collaboration, and peer-to-peer support for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of health programs globally through ongoing and future institutional linkages among members, beginning with a core of MEASURE Evaluation's current and former training partners. The aim is for GEMNet-Health to serve as a stable, sustainable, and independent global network for M&E training, technical assistance, and research.

## Membership

The nine member institutions of GEMNet-Health are:

- Addis Ababa University (AAU), Ethiopia
- Addis Continental Institute of Public Health (ACIPH), Ethiopia
- Centre Africain d'Etudes Supérieures en Gestion (CESAG), Senegal
- Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública (INSP), Mexico
- Kenyatta University, School of Public Health
- Mahidol University's Institute for Population and Social Research (IPSR), Thailand
- Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), India
- University of Ghana (UG), Ghana
- University of Pretoria (UP), South Africa

MEASURE Evaluation serves as the Secretariat for GEMNet-Health.

## **Evaluation Expertise**

The member institutions that make up the network have well-established programs in the M&E of health programs. GEMNet-Health's current strategic plan identifies evaluation as the primary area of focus for the network's activities. GEMNet-Health has members skilled in a wide array of evaluation-



related technical areas, with capacity to conduct trainings, collaborate on research, and provide technical assistance. The network exhibits a strong ability to grow its own technical skills and to contribute to the global community of M&E professionals.

## **Scope of Evaluation Activities**

Curriculum Development/ Harmonization

Developing and harmonizing curricula is a priority for GEMNet-Health. The network has adopted a competency-based approach to curriculum harmonization, with the aim of promoting a more consistent and coordinated approach to M&E training among the GEMNet-Health partners. GEMNet-Health has developed core competencies for postgraduate evaluation courses (abstract accepted for presentation at the 2016 American Evaluation Association conference), as well as core competencies and learning objectives for basic and advanced workshops on M&E of population, health, and nutrition programs (presented at the World Congress on Public Health in Kolkata, in February 2015).



Global reach of GEMNet-Health's member institutions.

Ongoing and planned curriculum harmonization efforts are developing core training materials and a syllabus for a 60-hour evaluation course for master's programs; developing a qualitative evaluation curriculum; developing a curriculum module on evaluation theory; and developing a short course on impact evaluation for program managers and policymakers.

# Training Programs

Starting in 2014, GEMNet-Health has conducted annual international workshops on impact evaluation of health programs. Locations to date are South Africa, India, and Ghana. These workshops have high demand. More than 150 applications were submitted for the 2016 workshop in Ghana; ultimately 23 participants from 13 countries attended. The workshop's international team of instructors was drawn from the pool of experts across GEMNet-Health member institutions. The network plans to continue offering this workshop annually, and is also developing materials for other trainings to be offered in the future.

## Technical Assistance

As a network with a diverse set of skills and experiences and with members located throughout the world, GEMNet-Health

is well-placed to offer technical assistance to others interested in pursuing activities around capacity building for evaluation and other M&E topics. Examples include developing a new course for inclusion in a master's program, adapting existing materials to a particular country or regional focus, and developing online learning courses.

#### Collaborative Research

GEMNet-Health members collaborate on research activities on evaluation topics. One ongoing example is a process evaluation of national health insurance schemes in South Africa, Ghana, and India.

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