

Rationale

Policymakers, program staff, and researchers face many questions related to the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of population, health, and nutrition programs in developing countries. There is, however, a shortage of staff with the skills to answer these questions. Such monitoring and evaluation skills are crucial to the successful implementation, design, monitoring, and evaluation of population, health, and nutrition programs. In order to build the capacity of professionals in Anglophone Africa, this three-week non-degreed course will provide training in state-of-the-art monitoring and evaluation tools and techniques.

Workshop Objectives

The objectives of this workshop are:

- to understand the basic concepts and practical approaches for performance monitoring and evaluation;
- to learn state-of-the-art tools and techniques used specifically to monitor and evaluate population, health, and nutrition programs; and
- to gain hands-on experience in designing monitoring and evaluation plans.

Course Content

The workshop offers an intensive training that will cover the fundamental concepts and tools for monitoring and evaluating reproductive health/family planning, maternal health, child health, poverty and equity, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) including HIV/AIDS, infectious disease, and nutrition programs.

The course modules include sessions on program design frameworks, data sources and systems, routine health information systems, indicators, evaluation designs, building performance M&E plans, data collection methods, calculating and interpreting indicators, utilization and feedback of M&E results, M&E of maternal health, child health, family planning, STD/HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, nutrition programs, and facilitating use of M&E results by policymakers and program developers.

An optional session covering the use and mastery of computer software programs (i.e. SPSS and Microsoft PowerPoint) will be provided for interested participants.

Throughout the workshop, participants will gain hands-on experience in designing M&E plans through in-class exercises and working in small groups.

At the mid-point of the workshop, the course will complete a fieldwork experience in a local Ethiopian village. This field trip will involve visiting local health facilities or nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) implementing health programs.

Eligibility

This course targets mid-level health and population officers, program managers, and other professionals involved with the implementation of population, health, and nutrition programs. Applicants should be proficient in English, have some analytic skills, and have current responsibilities for developing program M&E evaluation plans. Computer literacy and experience with data systems would also be advantageous.

Faculty

The course will be taught by faculty members of the School of Public Health, Addis Ababa University; experts from the MEASURE Evaluation project, Tulane University; and the Institute of Population Studies, Addis Ababa University.

Application Procedures and Deadline

Persons who wish to take part in the workshop should send the completed application forms and other application documents as soon as possible to:

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Application materials should arrive in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia **no later than May 23, 2008** (final deadline).

Fees

The course fee (including tuition, course materials, housing, and breakfast and lunch for the duration of the workshop) is U.S. \$4,750. This does not include airfare, visa fees, or other travel expenses.

Prospective applicants are advised to seek funding from their home organizations or from national or international agencies. Applicants who have requested funding should submit their application forms to meet the deadline, and copies of application materials should be submitted directly to those funding agencies. When funding is confirmed, the applicant should contact the School of Public Health as soon as possible. Full or partial sponsorship from the USAID's MEASURE Evaluation project at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA, is available for a very limited number of qualified applicants from USAID-assisted developing countries.

Interested candidates who obtain funding after the May 23 deadline should submit a statement or notify the coordinators that they have secured funding, as space may still be available for participants who are fully funded. Due to the great demand for this workshop, please note that preference will be given to those candidates who submit their applications by the May 23 deadline.

Accommodations

The venue for training is the Ethiopian Red Cross Training Institute (ERCTI). ERCTI, located in Addis Ababa, is a full-service training center and will provide room, breakfast, and lunch for all participants, as well as all training facilities for this workshop. If pre-arranged, dinners may also be purchased at ERCTI. In the unlikely situation of change of venue, participants will be contacted ahead of time.

The School of Public Health and the Institute of Population Studies, Addis Ababa University

School of Public Health (SPH) has been part of the Faculty of Medicine of the Addis Ababa University, first as Department of Community Health (DCH) since its inception in 1964, then upgraded to school in 2007. Initially, the engagement of DCH was only to the teaching of the undergraduate medical students. The master of public health (MPH) training started in 1984. Postgraduate training at a doctoral level began in 2003.

In addition to its teaching and research activities, SPH renders services to public and NGO agencies. SPH has also made substantial contribution to the strategic development of the Ethiopian Public Health Association and its multi-disciplinary peer-reviewed journal, *The Ethiopian Journal of Health Development*, available at:

<http://www.cih.uib.no/journals/EJHD>

These services have made SPH the national center of public health. SPH works closely with both governmental and NGO health care

institutions in Ethiopia. The Ethiopian Ministry of Health and regional health bureaus are especially close partners of SPH in all areas of training, research, and consultancy activities. SPH also has ample experience in developing training programs that are linked with bilateral and multi-lateral international institutions.

Institute of Population Studies (IPS), established in 1982, is a population research and training center. It was created by the United Nations and the government of Ethiopia to undertake training and research activities in the areas of population and development in the country. The goal of IPS is to provide highly qualified personnel capable of addressing the country's population and development problems through a variety of educational, research, and advocacy efforts.

As the only institution of its kind in the country, IPS has provided training at various levels (short-term in-service training to mid-level government experts at federal and regional levels, undergraduate service courses to students in other departments of the university, and postgraduate training leading to a master of science degree) and conducts research in the areas of population and development.

Ethiopian Public Health Association

The Ethiopian Public Health Association is an autonomous, nonprofit, voluntary professional organization, established in 1989 to promote public health services and professional standards through advocacy, active involvement, and networking. It is one of the most prominent professional associations with large membership in Ethiopia. The association

has successfully organized and conducted many workshops and conferences in collaboration with national and international organizations.

The MEASURE Evaluation Project and Carolina Population Center

MEASURE Evaluation is one of five USAID-funded MEASURE projects that examine the impact of a wide range of activities, with the goal of improving human health and well-being.

MEASURE Evaluation works with USAID and its country missions and collaborating agencies, as well as governments and NGOs worldwide, to help countries measure their progress in confronting disease, population issues, and poverty. The project's technical leadership and training programs build the capacity of policymakers and public health leaders to improve public policy and health programs.

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