



Anglophone Regional Workshop on Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation of Malaria Control Programs

June 24 - July 5, 2019 | University of Ghana School of Public Health, Legon, Accra, Ghana

Rationale

Since 2010, the University of Ghana, School of Public Health, in collaboration with MEASURE Evaluation, has offered an annual, regional workshop on surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation (SME) of malaria programs. This workshop fulfills a need for better SME support to generate high-quality data and to analyze and use data to better inform program planning at the country level. To build the capacity of professionals in Africa, this non-degree course provides training in the tools and techniques used to monitor and evaluate malaria programs.

Workshop Objectives

The workshop aims to:

- Build skills in fundamental concepts and practical approaches to SME of malaria programs
- Discuss programmatic applications of main tools and data systems used to monitor and evaluate malaria programs
- Provide a venue for participants to share and learn from other country experiences to strengthen their SME systems
- Create an alumni group of SME experts

Course Content

The course will provide participants with SME tools, techniques, and resources needed for planning, organizing, and managing malaria programs and projects.

The first week, **June 24-28, 2019** will focus on SME fundamentals of malaria programs. Modules include: Using Data for Decision-Making; Designing and Implementing SME Plans; Frameworks, Indicators; Data Sources; Data Quality; Evaluation Designs; Data Management and Analysis; and Data Presentation, Interpretation, and Use.

The second week, **July 1-5, 2019** will offer two track options held concurrently. Participants may choose one track per year.

TRACK 1: Malaria Surveillance

This track contains modules on basic concepts of malaria surveillance, case detection and response, surveillance in malaria control for moderate/high- and low-transmission settings, surveillance for pre-elimination, and evaluating a surveillance system.

TRACK 2: Evaluation Methods for Malaria

This track includes modules on basic concepts of evaluation, statistical concepts, process evaluation, impact evaluation, and practical applications of evaluation in malaria programs.

The workshop will include practical exercises, group work, field work activities, and discussion around common SME

issues. Resources for further study and research will be provided.

Participants are expected to attend all sessions during the first week and choose one track during the second week. Participants who have previously completed an M&E course can opt for one of the tracks available during the second week. This workshop will be offered in English.

Eligibility

This workshop targets individuals with 0–5 years of experience working in SME, who currently work as National Malaria Control Program staff at either the national or subnational level; NGO and donor personnel responsible for oversight of malaria programs, especially in surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation; and other individuals with a professional interest in SME of malaria control programs. Applicants should be proficient in English, have some analytic skills, and have current responsibilities for developing and implementing SME plans. Computer literacy and experience with data systems is desired.

Individuals interested in attending one of the two tracks only must have previously attended a MEASURE Evaluation Monitoring and Evaluation of Malaria Programs workshop or any M&E course.

Faculty

The course will be taught by faculty members from the School of Public Health, University of Ghana, with additional support from experts from the Ghana National Malaria Control Program and MEASURE Evaluation.

Application Procedures and Deadline

Individuals who want to take part in the workshop should submit their application and reference form through the following link as soon as possible:

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Fees

SME Fundamentals + 1 track = U.S.\$3,300

This includes tuition, course materials, housing, and breakfast and lunch for the duration of the workshop. This does not include airfare, health insurance (required), visa fees, dinner, or other travel expenses.

Track only = U.S. \$1,930

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Applicants are advised to seek funding from their home organizations or from national or international agencies. Those who have requested funding should submit their application forms to meet the deadline, and copies of application materials should be submitted directly to funding agencies. When funding has been confirmed, the applicant should contact the School of Public Health as soon as possible. Full fellowships from MEASURE Evaluation are available for a limited number of qualified applicants.

Due to the great demand for this workshop and the limited spots available (maximum 25 participants), preference will be given to candidates who submit their completed applications by the **April 30, 2019** deadline.

Teaching Materials

All course materials will be provided as part of tuition. A laptop is required.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available near campus in East Legon. The cost is included in the tuition fee.

Post-training mentorship and alumni networking

Mentorship of alumni by seasoned mentors will be encouraged and supported where participants, after completion of the training program may undertake projects such as reviews of their national malaria SME plans or evaluation of malaria surveillance systems, etc. with the experiences from such collaborative works further strengthening the program and skills of the participants. Social media forums and discussion blogs will be developed from the alumni databases.

School of Public Health, University of Ghana

The School of Public Health (SPH) was established in 1994 to respond to a growing demand for a cadre of public health practitioners to provide leadership in public health reforms in the country. Its mission is to train public health practitioners to be leaders and change agents of health development in Africa. The SPH emphasizes cross-disciplinary approaches to teaching and learning and has experience in running international short courses in Occupational Health and Safety, Social Mobilization for Health and Development, Scientific Communication, Improving Management of Public Health Interventions, Malaria Control, Epidemiology, and Health Systems Management for Health District Managers. Visit the SPH website at publichealth.ug.edu.gh

National Malaria Control Programme, Ghana

The National Malaria Control Programme (Ghana Health Service) is the main institution in Ghana that formulates policies and strategies for controlling malaria and translating these into interventions. It is also responsible for coordinating, supervising, and monitoring the implementation of these interventions. Its overall goal is to facilitate human development by reducing the malaria disease burden by 75 percent by 2020 using 2012 as a baseline. This goal will be achieved through overall health sector development, improved strategic investments in malaria control, and increased coverage toward universal access to malaria treatment and prevention interventions, including at the community level.

MEASURE Evaluation

MEASURE Evaluation is funded by the United States Agency for International Development to strengthen capacity in developing countries to gather, interpret, and use data to improve health. The project creates tools and approaches for rigorous evaluations, providing evidence to address health challenges. MEASURE Evaluation strengthens health information systems so countries can make better decisions and sustain good health outcomes over time.

This regional SME workshop is co-organized by MEASURE Evaluation staff from ICF.

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