

➤ **African Programme for Advanced Research Epidemiology Training (APARET)**

APARET is an advanced training initiative whose goal was to support independent research activities by graduates of Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Programs (FELTP) in Africa. The four year programme was supported by a grant of over 2 million Euros from the European Union. The programme was initiated to combine the training of qualified professionals in advanced skills in epidemiology with an opportunity for the host training institutions to obtain highly remunerated research grants that can promote self-driven research. The APARET consortium was composed of 13 organisations. These are; School of Public Health, University of Ghana; Bernard Nocht Institute of Tropical Medicine, Germany; African Field Epidemiology Network, Uganda; WHO Multi Disease Surveillance Centre, Ouagadougou; Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology center for collaborative research in tropical medicine, Kumasi-Ghana; Makerere University School of Public Health, Uganda; University of Ouagadougou; University of Zimbabwe; Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences; Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria; Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute; Vienna School of Clinical Research, Austria; and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta. Prof. (Col. Rtd) Edwin Afari is the lead investigator at the School of Public Health.