Global Evaluation and Monitoring Network for Health (GEMNet-Health)

Vision

A healthy world population through evidence-based decisions, policies, and programs.

Mission

The mission of GEMNet-Health is to empower member institutions to ensure access to quality monitoring and evaluation (M&E) training, research, and services.

GEMNet-Health fosters organizational growth, collaboration, and peer-to-peer support for M&E of health programs globally through ongoing institutional linkages among members. As a network with a diverse set of skills and experiences and with members located across the world, GEMNet-Health is a global resource for technical assistance and capacity building in a range of M&E topics.



Participants in the 2017 GEMNet-Health Planning Meeting in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

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

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Capabilities and Services

GEMNet-Health was established in 2012, and offers clients a wealth of technical expertise and experience, building on the strong programs present at each of the GEMNet-Health partners. GEMNet members provide consultancy services to build capacity in the field of M&E, including work with health information systems, data dissemination and use, health informatics, and



many specialized evaluation topics.

GEMNet-Health is a consortium with strong experience in competency development and harmonization, curriculum development, international workshops and training of trainers. Faculty from GEMNet-Health partner institutions often serve as reviewers for work in evaluation and routine health information systems carried out by MEASURE Evaluation. GEMNet-Health and MEASURE Evaluation have



collaboratively offered annual impact evaluation workshops since 2014, taught by an international team of instructors drawn from GEMNet-Health pool of experts. GEMNet will offer a workshop on qualitative methods in evaluation of public health programs in Accra, Ghana in November 2017.

In competency and curriculum development, GEMNet-Health has developed core competencies for M&E training programs and postgraduate-level evaluation courses; curricula on M&E of health programs, impact evaluation, and qualitative evaluation; and a postgraduate-level module on evaluation theory. GEMNet is also developing a curriculum for postgraduate education in evaluation.

GEMNet-Health partners collaborate on research and partner with other stakeholders including <u>3ie</u> and CLEAR.



Participants at the GEMNet-Health Planning Meeting in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia

In addition to work building capacity in monitoring, evaluation, and health information systems, faculty from the GEMNet-Health partners have strong experience working at country and regional levels on evaluations, with health systems, and in training and technical assistance activities.

For more information on GEMNet-Health's work in evaluation see the <u>GEMNet-Health Scope of Evaluation Activities</u>.

Background

GEMNet-Health was launched in June 2012 at an inaugural meeting in Pretoria, South Africa. Select faculty from MEASURE Evaluation's current and former regional training partners attended the launch meeting.

The structure of GEMNet-Health allows the network up to serve as an effective mechanism for organizing and building upon the collective technical capacity of network members. GEMNet-Health is well positioned as a key resource and instrument for achieving results, advancing the technical and capacity building goals of the member institutions, and promoting and supporting global work in M&E and health information systems.

For More Information

https://www.measureevaluation.org/resources/networks/gemnethealth

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