

Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of Malaria Programs

Legon, Ghana 20-31 May 2013

Rationale

Currently, national malaria control programs in sub-Saharan Africa have a shortage of capacity for monitoring and evaluation (M&E). In recent years, funding has greatly increased for malaria control. This influx of funding has created a tremendous need for monitoring and evaluation of programs, yet national program staff remain undertrained in the area of M&E. In order to build the capacity of professionals in Africa, this two-week non-degreed course will provide training in current tools and techniques used to monitor and evaluate malaria control programs.

Workshop Objectives

The objectives of this workshop are:

- ❑ To train national malaria control program managers and other professionals working in the area of M&E of malaria programs in sub-Saharan Africa in fundamental concepts and practical approaches to M&E of malaria programs;
- ❑ To discuss programmatic applications of the main tools and data systems used to monitor and evaluate malaria programs.
- ❑ To provide a venue for participants to share and learn from other country experiences to strengthen their M&E systems.

Course Content

The course will provide participants with M&E tools, techniques and resources needed for planning, organizing, and managing malaria programs and projects. The course will include modules on: Using Data for Decision-Making ; Developing Monitoring and Evaluation Plans; Frameworks and Indicators; Data/Information Sources & Systems; E (including surveillance, surveys, and HMIS); Programmatic applications: LLIN, IPT, Case Management, IRS, etc.; Evaluation Designs; Data Management; Data Analysis; Data Presentation; and Data Dissemination and Use.

Throughout the course of the workshop, time will be allotted for practical exercises, group work and discussion around common M&E issues. Resources for further study and research in the M&E field will be provided.

Participants are expected to attend the full two weeks. This course will be offered in English.

Eligibility

This workshop targets individuals with approximately 0-5 years of experience working in M&E, 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 the areas of reporting, monitoring and evaluation; and other individuals with a professional interest in monitoring and evaluation of malaria control 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 is desired. Country teams are encouraged to apply.

Faculty

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

Application Procedures and Deadline

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

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Application materials should arrive in Legon, Ghana
not later than 15 March 2013 (final deadline).

Fees

The course fee (including tuition, course materials, housing, and breakfast and lunch for the duration of the workshop) is U.S. \$2800. This does not include airfare, health insurance (required), visa fees, dinner 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 sponsorship from the USAID's MEASURE Evaluation project is available for a very limited number of qualified applicants from USAID assisted developing countries.

Interested candidates who obtain funding after the 15 March 2013 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 (maximum 25 participants), please note that preference will be given to those candidates who submit their applications by the 15 March 2013 deadline.

Teaching Materials

All course materials will be provided as part of tuition. It is advisable to bring a laptop; however, arrangements will be made to accommodate participants who do not have access to one.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available near campus at the Jaria Hotel at East Legon. The cost of this accommodation is included in tuition.

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. The mission of the school is to train public health practitioners to be leaders and change agents of health development in Africa. The School emphasizes cross disciplinary approach 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 and Planning its Control" and "Epidemiology and Health Systems Management for District Health Managers".

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National Malaria Control Program, Ghana

The National Malaria Control Programme is the main institution in the country that formulates policies and strategies for control malaria and translating these into interventions. It is also responsible for coordinating, supervising and monitoring the implementation of these interventions. The overall goal of the malaria control programme in Ghana is to facilitate human development by reducing the malaria disease burden by 75% by 2015 using 2006 as a baseline. This goal is to be achieved through overall health sector development, improved strategic investments in malaria control, and increased coverage towards universal access to malaria treatment and prevention interventions, including the community level.

The MEASURE Evaluation Project

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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