

INTRODUCTION

Evidence-Informed Policy Making Training

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WELCOME & OPENING



OBJECTIVES

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GROUP ACTIVITY INTERVIEW YOUR NEIGHBOR

- 1. Find someone you do not know. Move around.
- 2. Take 2 minutes each to ask:
 - Name
 - Professional information: position, institution
 - Role in using evidence for decisions in your organisation
- 3. Return to group
- 4. Introduce your partner to the group; share what you learned

OVERVIEW OF TRAINING - PART 1

Goal

Objectives & Outcomes

Needs Assessment Results

Training Design

Pre-training & follow-up components

Adult Learning

TRAINING GOAL

To enhance capacity of mid-level policy makers in accessing, appraising, synthesizing, & applying research evidence



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TRAINING OBJECTIVES

Strengthen participants' skills & knowledge to:

- Define policy questions
- Identify leading sources of health evidence
- Conduct systematic and effective/productive searches of evidence
- Critically appraise evidence
- Adapt research findings from elsewhere for use in other contexts
- Review various evidence sources & synthesize messages and recommendations
- Develop a policy brief with recommendations for a current policy issue
- Effectively communicate policy recommendations to officials

EXPECTED TRAINING OUTCOME

- 1. Practical skills strengthened in accessing, appraising, synthesizing & applying evidence
- 2. Evidence-to-policy products created: Draft policy brief or memo, presentation outline or key messages
- Ultimately, technical capacity improved to increase demand for and use of evidence in decision-making within MoH & parliament

WHY TRAINING? NEEDS ASSESSMENT RESULTS



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NEEDS ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED IN MOH & PARLIAMENT IN KENYA & MALAWI INDICATED A GAP IN TECHNICAL SKILLS

Respondents in the needs assessment on status of evidence use in health policy making in 2014 said they lacked skills to:

- Analyze routine data
- Access evidence search & assess quality of documents
- Interpret & synthesize findings from various documents
- Summarize evidence into clear policy messages

TRAINING DESIGN

Integrated approach: pre-training, multi-day training, follow-up

Interactive and practical

The Modules

A great deal of information!

Introduction Module 1: Foundation Module 2: Accessing Evidence **Module 3: Appraising** Module 4: Synthesizing Module 5: Applying Wrap up & Way Forward

TRAINING DESIGN: PRE-TRAINING & FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM

Pre-training

- Needs assessment
- Participant selection
- Policy issue identification
- Pre-reading
- Pre-test

Follow-up

- Participant contract
- Support to complete deliverables (e.g., policy brief)
- Training debrief at work organization
- Routine check-in sessions for progress & assistance.
- Refresher meeting

TRAINING DESIGN: ADULT LEARNING PRINCIPLES

 Draw on knowledge, expertise, & experiences of participants

Keep the training relevant to work

Encourage participants to put learnings into practice

Foster collaboration & exchange among participants,
 & between facilitators

YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

- Listen deeply
- Speak up when you have something to add
- Encourage everyone to speak
- Serve in roles for group work
- Take notes during group work
- Do background reading & assignments

TRAINING OVERVIEW PART 2

Logistics

Agenda

The Participant Guide

Group Agreements

Expectations, Hopes, & Fears

Pre-test Results







Tea and Lunch Break Times



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TRAINING AGENDA

Sunday - Pre-1	Agenda	
Sunday - Pre-4	Agenda	
Sunday - Pre-test Survey		
DAY 1 (MON 2015)		
2 hours 15		
min	Session 1: Introduction	
	Learning Objectives	
	 Introduce participants and facilitators to each other and to the SECURE Health project Introduce the training objectives, materials, and logistics Research for pre-test Create on effective learning environment 	
5.50-5.55	Praver [3 min]	
3 35-9 15	Opening Coremony - Introduction [3 minutes] - Remarks by AFIDEP - <u>Liya</u> Zulu, Executive Director [10 minutes] - Remarks by Representative of Parliament - [10 minutes] - Remarks by Representative of Ministry of Health - [10 minutes]	
9.15-9.25	Official Opening Remarks of Training Workshop - [10 minutes]	
9.85-9.45	Group Photo	
9.65-10.00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
10.00-10.45	A. Introductions - participants [45 min]	
10.45-11.00	B. Logistics and participant roles [15 min]	
11.00-12.00	C. Workshop Overview and SECURE Health Program Overview [1 hour]	
	a. Why Training?	
	Energizer	
	b. Objectives, Agenda, Participant's Guide ['10 minutes']	
12.00-12.15	D. Group agreements [15 min]	
12.13-12.50	E. Review pre-test results: what and why [15 min]	
12.80-1.80	LUNCH	
5 hours 40		
min	Session 2: Foundation of Policymaking and Evidence Use	
	Learning Objectives	
	5. Examine the role of evidence in policy making: importance and value	

PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE



GROUP DISCUSSION GROUP AGREEMENTS

What do we want to agree on as guidelines for working together?

SOME SUGGESTED GROUP AGREEMENTS

- Mobile phones, iPads & laptops on silent mode/switched off
- Commit yourself to attend
- Keep time
- Allow each person time to talk
- Ask questions

- Keep on topic
- Keep personal comments confidential
- Take care of yourself

GROUP ACTIVITY YOUR EXPECTATIONS

- 1. Write your expectation for the training
- 2. Pass it forward to facilitator
- 3. Process with Agenda & Parking Lot

GROUP ACTIVITY YOUR HOPES AND FEARS

- 1. Write your hopes on one color Post-It
- 2. Write your fear on the other color Post-It
- 3. Post each on chart paper on wall
- 4. Process

Take just 2-4 minutes for this

PRE-TEST RESULTS



Summary of scores & areas for emphasis

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