

TGHN Health Systems Research Open Working Group

COVID Hub – Survey results

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Location: Jisc

Introduction

The ongoing establishment of 'COVID-19 working Groups' is addressing the discussion and consensus building around identified research gaps across low resource settings. All attendees of this WG have been invited to participate by completing a survey and expressing their interest within the themes that were observed in the first WG call.

The purpose of this groups is leading to the creation of communities of practice and developing protocols that are applicable in their setting to obtain locally led evidence.

During the week of the 06-10th of July, The Global Health Network supported the HSR Coordination WG team in launching a survey in response to questions and themes raised on the first call held by this WG on the 16th of June.

The coordinators of this WG invited and guided the members of this WG to complete the survey as follows:

“We are very pleased to inform you that after the first call and a couple of email communications our Health Systems Research Working Group is taking good shape, thanks to the TGNH team and those Working Group (WG) members who have come forward to facilitate the operation of the group.

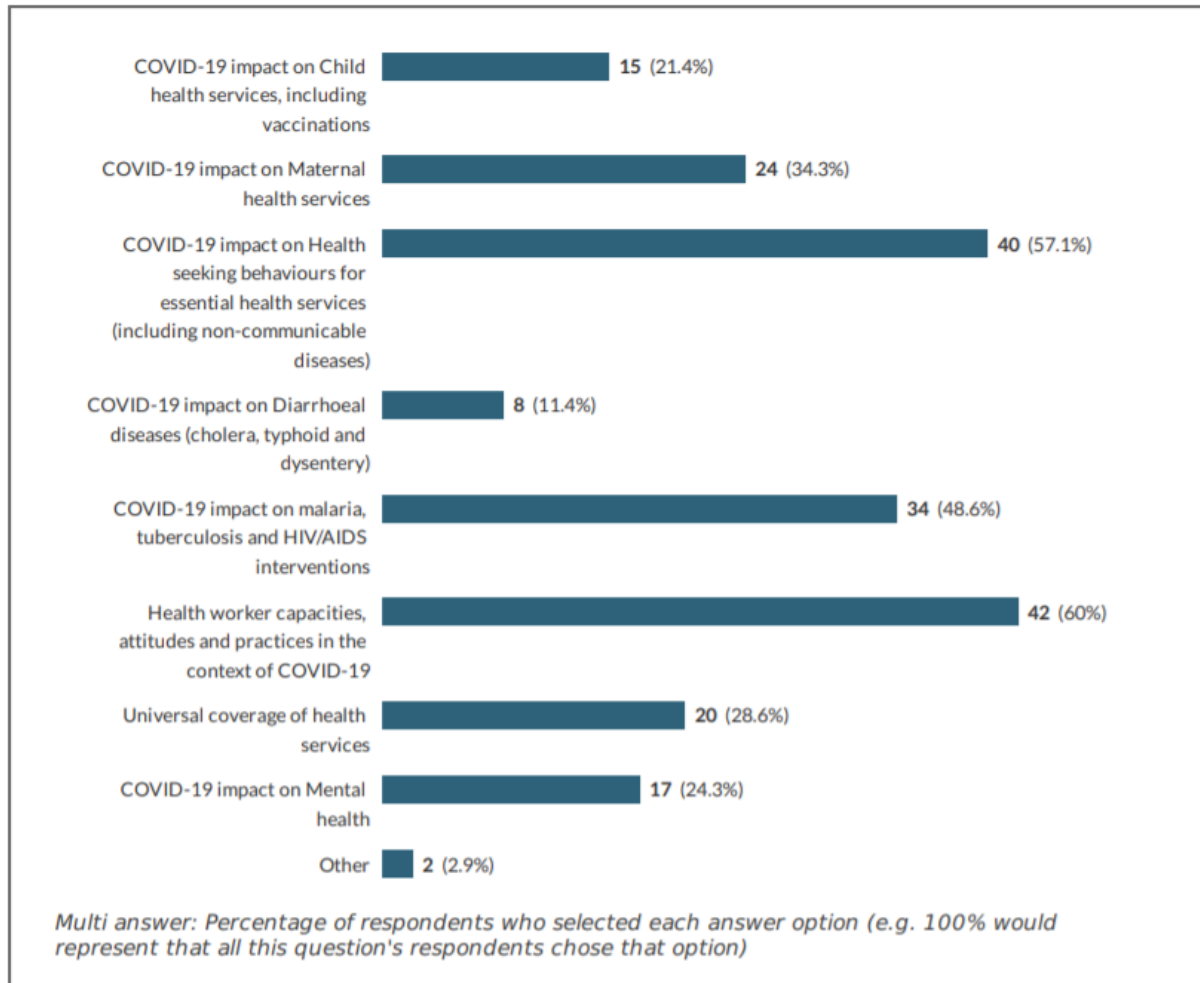
The primary purpose of this WG is to network, share ideas and resources, collaborate and leverage on funding opportunities for health systems research areas relevant to our countries/institutions. The coordination group, of 5 members and several TGHN colleagues, has proposed some themes and sub-themes of priority research areas in the contemporary COVID-19 context.

This survey aims to identify the themes which each member of the WG is best suited to working on. After the survey, we plan to convene another call to discuss the work plan for the chosen themes/sub-themes.”

Responses

70 Members replied to the survey. The results were as follows:

What topics of research would you most like to work on within this Working Group, based on research experience and personal interest? Please select a maximum of 3 options



Two members suggested the following other topics:

- Consistency of infection prevention and control measures being followed including access to PPE and proper use
- Pragmatic clinical trials or research within a health system
- Covid-19 and environmental health services and practices at household and institutional levels
- Health system accountability

Call to action and next steps

HPSR studies are critical right now! With the results of this report, the leaders of the WGs will hold a second meeting with the whole Group. Date TBC.

‘If you are involved in Health Systems Research and would like to join this working group please get in touch and share any relevant protocols, associated tools and your experience. You can get in touch here info@theglobalhealthnetwork.org’