The Global Health Network Nigeria Country Centre launch event: **Strengthening Nigeria’s research capacity development**

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- **Professor Trudie Lang** - Professor of Global Health Research; Director of The Global Health Network (TGHN), University of Oxford
- **Christine Kirima** - African Regional Coordinator, The Global Health Network
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- Unveiling of Mentors
- Good will messages
- Vote of thanks
Joining us today

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Resources

- https://africa.tghn.org/country-centres/nigeria/
- https://oauife.edu.ng/
Welcome address

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Professor Akanni Akinyemi
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Introducing The Global Health Network (TGHN)

Professor Trudie Lang
Director of The Global Health Network (TGHN), University of Oxford, United Kingdom
The Global Health Network

Equity in where research happens, who leads & who benefits

Health research methods are evolving fast – **new approaches should benefit everyone, everywhere**

Too few studies are undertaken in the Global South – the 90:10 Gap persists

Of those, too few are led by local researchers and are not tackling local priorities

Old norms of capacity building focus on one disease, product or protocol

A trusted facility used by researchers and research organisations for mobilizing knowledge and delivering capacity and abilities to teams over the long-term in the workplace; Enabling research where evidence is lacking

A WHO collaborating Centre for research information sharing and capacity development
Globally Unique – transferring know-how across disease areas, types of research and between organisations, networks & regions

Communities of Practice

Vast interconnected communities of Practice mobilizing know-how across research topics and diseases

Active dissemination: raising standards & creating efficiency by transferring excellence and know-how between research projects and programmes

Applying the strongest information management technology so researchers anywhere can have the same access to the best methods, processes and training

Workplace based implementation of research skills – by doing

Working within existing networks, research organisations and in communities

Cascading research skills across healthcare settings

Delivering learning-by-doing in specific studies to share expertise beyond centers of excellence, to support lasting, leading and internationally competitive research teams.

This knowledge mobilisation works as the barriers and knowledge don’t differ between diseases

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The Health Research Ecosystem - *The whole set of evidence vital to understand, treat, prevent and manage any disease*

**The Health Research Cycle** - *The required steps and processes for all studies – that don’t vary between diseases*

Learning-by-doing generates evidence to tackle local priority health burdens & creates active abilities in place to spot and stop a new outbreak.

The Global Health Network does this at scale by active knowledge sharing and supporting teams.
Used by organisations such as WHO, CEPI, IDRC, EDCTP and Wellcome
To reach the research community and deliver systematic methods and research system strengthening
Sharing expertise through **joined up** tools, resources, webinars, workshops, training & career development

- Many different collaborators
- Open access, globally applicable
- Peer reviewed, regularly updated
- Certificate issued > 80% in quizzes

100,000 people taken courses
Barriers to research: Quantitative Results (n=6,000)
The Global Health Network GOVERNANCE
A Federated and Decentralised Franchise

- Global Scientific Advisory Board
- Global Strategic Partners Forum

TGHN LAC
- Steering Committee
- Working groups

TGHN AFRICA
- Steering Committee
- Working groups

TGHN ASIA
- Steering Committee
- Working groups

Global Operations Team

Also adding MENA

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Wins a grant!
A data science w/s joins the PDS scheme
Attends a research club
Joins a working group
Grant-writing workshop
Ethics course
GCP online
Finds an SOP template
Drafts a protocol using tool
Id collaborators
Sets up a classroom session
Research Club  
Skills Sharing  
Supported Learning  
Twinning
Regional in-person Capacity & Skills Sharing Activities

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Ongoing access to more training, tools, resources and each other online
1000 Challenge  
...this about flipping the Pyramid

Developing careers, skills and leadership

Typically health research is hierarchical, expensive, often led by a few PI’s, sometimes from elsewhere: The top of the pyramid

In a pyramid the power is in the base: Pragmatic, practical and immediately implementable, studies led by the health workers answering questions to tackle the gaps they see
1000 Challenge
Developing careers, skills and leadership

A mechanism for nurses, midwives, community health workers and other allied health professionals to lead research studies that gather evidence to address priority issues in their communities.

It is a powerful opportunity for leadership and career development. The challenge will be delivered through workplace learning whilst generating vital evidence to improve health outcomes in their communities.
The guidance system

What is the problem or gap in understanding?

What question would address that gaps or understand the problem?

What will you measure to answer your question?

What data are you capturing and how will you record it?

How will you analysis your data?

How will your findings be used, shared and disseminated?

Possible Outputs
- training
- new management protocols?
- guidance?

Who needs to be involved?

= Do you need help with this step?

The Global Health Network is a WHO collaborating Centre for research information sharing and capacity development
Access to Resources and Training – discovering what they didn’t know

- **Free eLearning courses + certificates**: Accessible to anyone, 24/7, and covering topics in essential research skills.
- **Research Toolkits**: Covers essential topics related to health research.
- **Professional Development Scheme (PDS)**: Tool which captures core competencies, qualifications, training and experience. Measures skills and impact of training.
- **Webinars and Workshops**: Online or in-person seminars, for skills transfer and information sharing.
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**The Global Health Network Research Cycle Resource Centre**

- **The Question**: Uptake and Impact
- **Community Engagement**: Measuring
- **Data Science**: Operations
- **Uptake and Impact**: The Global Health Network Research Cycle Resource Centre

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Enabling research by sharing knowledge
The Global Health Network, Nigeria Country Centre (TGHN-Ng)

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OUTLINE

- AIM OF TGHN NG
- Activities of the TGHN Ng
- Organization
- Funding
- Proposed Timeline of activities for TGHN Ng in 2024
- Acknowledgments
Aim of TGHN Nigeria Country Centre

Aim of the The Country Centre:

- “Work with The Global Health Network to strengthen the country’s and region’s health research environment”.
- The Country Centre will be an active leader towards scaling up access to TGHN resources to serve more research communities in Nigeria and other nations in the Global South.

Through this partnership, country-level hubs are also granted:

- Access to all the eLearning and resources
- Research support
- Skills-based training opportunities
- Career development initiatives
- The development of high-quality and competitive research teams.
- Opportunities for supporting funded research
Activities of the TGHN Ng

Identify research priorities, needs, gaps and challenges faced by researchers.

Building of capable research teams, enhancing skills and promoting the training of young researchers.

Strengthening research capacity and knowledge mobilisation, without the institutional barriers and associated perceptions.

Provide recognition for high-quality local research and work in healthcare for the country’s researchers, teams and institutes on the neutral, trusted and internationally recognised platform of The Global Health Network.
Activities of the TGHN Ng

Ensure connectivity with wider partner organisations and networks in a particular focus area or multiple interest areas with The Global Health Network as an agency for convening networks and partnerships.

Provide opportunities for stronger collaborations and participation in multi-centre funded research programmes.

Secure access to all the eLearning modules and resources afforded through the platform for wider educational benefit.
Activities of the TGHN Ng

Career development activities to support leadership potential and ensure the development of high-quality and competitive research teams.

Increased visibility with key international actors including WHO, EDCTP, PAHO, TDR, CEPI, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, DNDi. These organisations use The Global Health Network to source and identify existing expertise, as well as potential groups and sites to collaborate with.
Activities of the TGHN Ng

To seek and collaborate on further joint research grant proposals, building on local and regional partnerships.

To design and implement programmes for skills sharing and research capacity building, some of which are seminars, workshops, webinars, research clubs, data clinics, mentorship and twinning activities.
Organization

TGHN Central Support
- Training team
- Digital team
- Communication team
- Research capacity and knowledge coordinators

Coordinators

Mentors

Steering committees
- Knowledge exchange
- Capacity building/professional development
- Research
- Grantsmanship/research funding
- Conferences and retreats
Funding

- Task or project dependent

To secure sustainability, grant opportunities will be identified and applications will be submitted to support the partnership and locally relevant research programmes.

The Global Health Network central team will leverage and connect the country centre regionally and internationally, to apply independently or in collaboration with other centres to grant opportunities.

Funding awards will flow directly to lead applicants through the country centres, outlining the operational support and research grant management systems that is in-situ, within host institutions.
Proposed Timeline of activities for TGHN Ng in 2024

**January**
- **Formal launch**
  - A virtual meeting to introduce TGHN Ng to a national and global audience

**February**
- **Steering Committee**
  - Constitution of the steering committee.
  - Tasks assignment

**March-August**
- **Research Capacity Gap and Needs**
  - Research Capacity Gap and Needs Assessment
  - Planning and Implementation of Capacity Building Initiatives

**September - December**
- **Grants opportunities**
  - Sourcing for funding
  - Preparing proposals
  - Submiting proposals

- **Data Science Gaps Analysis, Training and Community of Practice**
  - E-learning/trainings
  - Data Science CoP
  - Data Science Clinics
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- TGHN IT support team
- My Co-coordinators Pius and Goodness
References

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- TGHN OAU/Oxford University MOU
- Notes from meetings held between The Regional and National coordinators
Thank you!
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TGHN NIGERIA COUNTRY CENTER

Empowering Researchers for Global Health Advancements

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The Global Health Network
Equity in where research happens & who benefits

Agenda

1. Introduction – What it means to be a TGHN Country Centre
2. Opportunities for TGHN Nigeria Country Centre
   o Resources and Training
What it means to be a TGHN Country Centre

Coordination and support of global health research capacity building training initiatives

Connect researchers, health research institutes, healthcare workers and policymakers of the country

Support the exchange of knowledge and expertise, sharing and disseminating resources

Facilitate training initiatives
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Federated Partnership of Country Centres

Each centre operates autonomously to win funding, address their local research focus and capacity gaps – connected with each other and working to shared standards and processes to maintain quality and access to each other resources.
The Global Health Network Africa

Regional Centres

Country Centres

Ghana
Kumasi Center for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine

Sudan
Sudan Academy of Sciences

Malawi
Anglican Council Health of Malawi
Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS)

Uganda
Uganda Virus Research Institute

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