



# **The Global Health Network Nigeria Country Centre launch event:** Strengthening Nigeria's research capacity development 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 - 12:00 WAT / 11:00 GMT



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### Panel

- Chair: Godwin Pius Ohemu Hub/Media Coordinator, The Global Health Network Nigeria Country Centre (TGHN Ng)
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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



- Welcome address
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research Innovation and Development
- Introducing The Global Health Network (TGHN)
- The Global Health Network, Nigeria Country Centre (TGHN-Ng)
- Keynote address: TGHN Opportunities for Early Career Researchers in Nigeria and Beyond; 2024-2025
- Unveiling of Mentors
- Good will messages
- Vote of thanks

### Joining us today

Country	Count	Total
Nigeria	296	444
United Kingdom	14	
United States	12	
Ghana	9	
India	9	
Kenya	8	
Uganda	7	
Ethiopia	7	
South Africa	6	
Spain	4	
Canada	3	
Benin	3	
Bangladesh	3	
Mexico	3	
Cameroon	3	
Zambia	3	
Sierra Leone	2	
Haiti	2	
Côte d'Ivoire	2	

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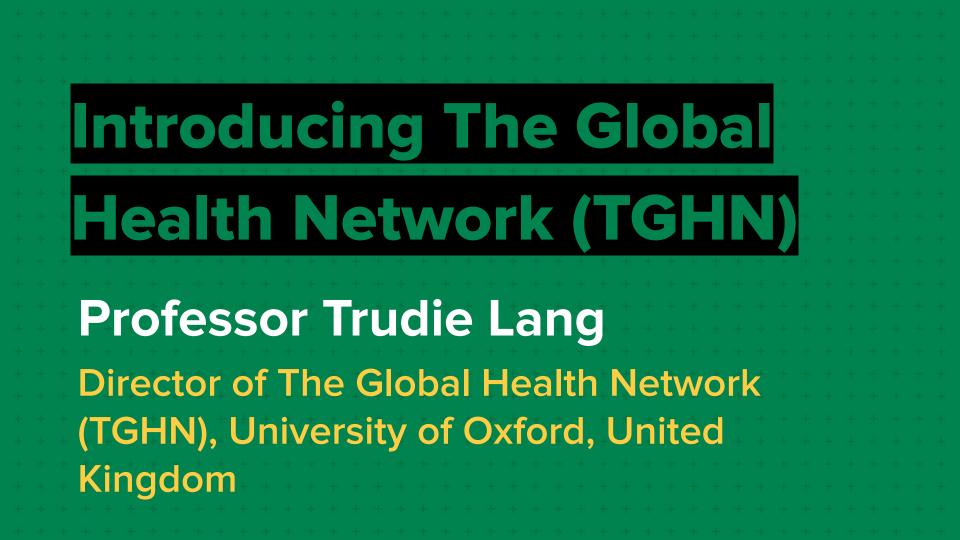
### Resources

• https://africa.tghn.org/country-centres/nigeria/

### • https://oauife.edu.ng/

Welcome address **Goodness Odey** Partnership & Advocacy Coordinator, The **Global Health Network Nigeria Country** Centre





# **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



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## 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

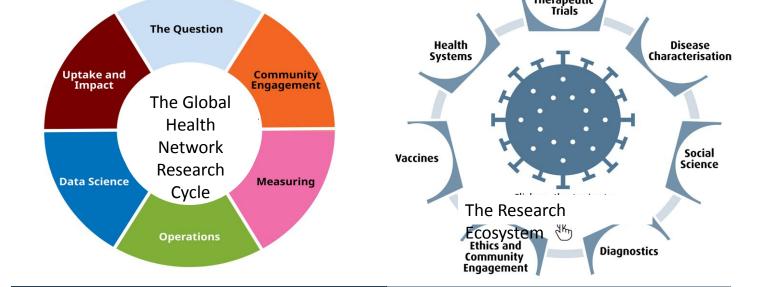
Cascading research skills across healthcare settings

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.

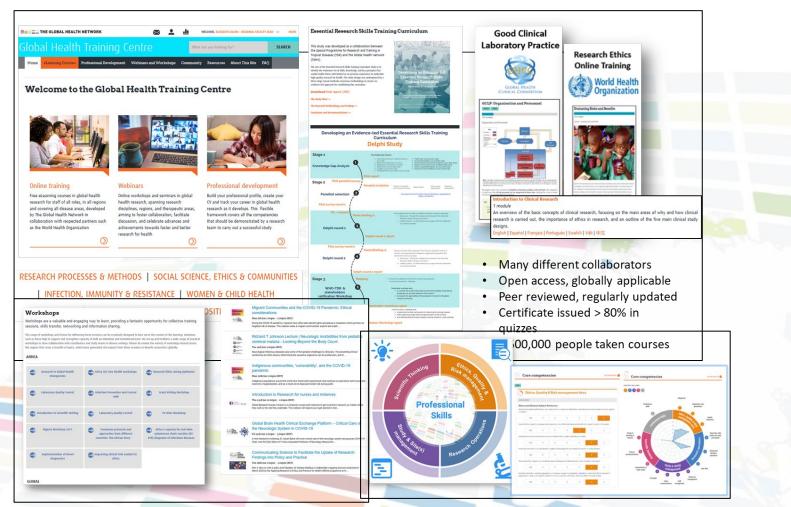
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Used by organisations such as WHO, CEPI, IDRC, EDCTP and Wellcome To reach the research community and deliver systematic methods and research system strengthening

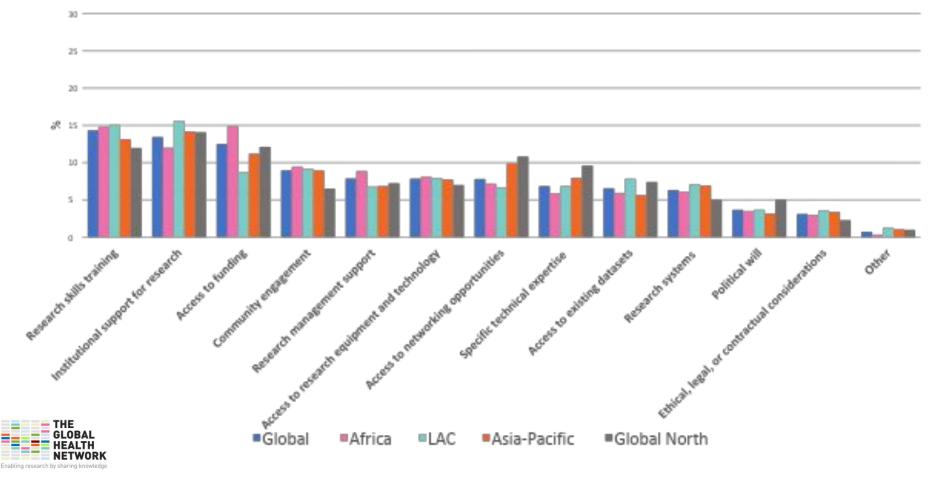




#### Sharing expertise through joined up tools, resources, webinars, workshops, training & career development



### **Barriers to research: Quantitative Results (n=6,000)**



### The Global Health Network GOVERNANCE A Federated and Decentralised Franchise

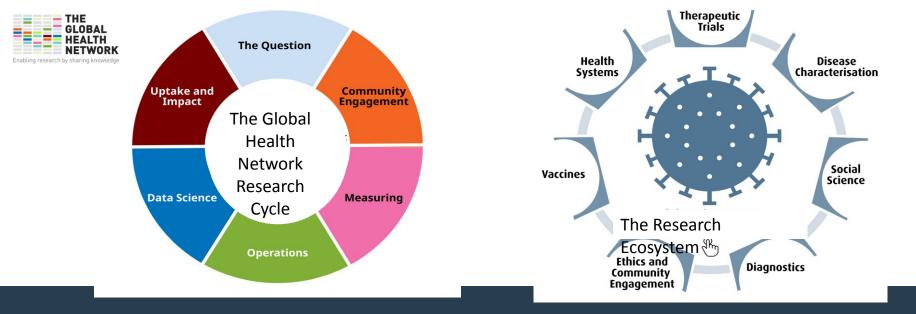








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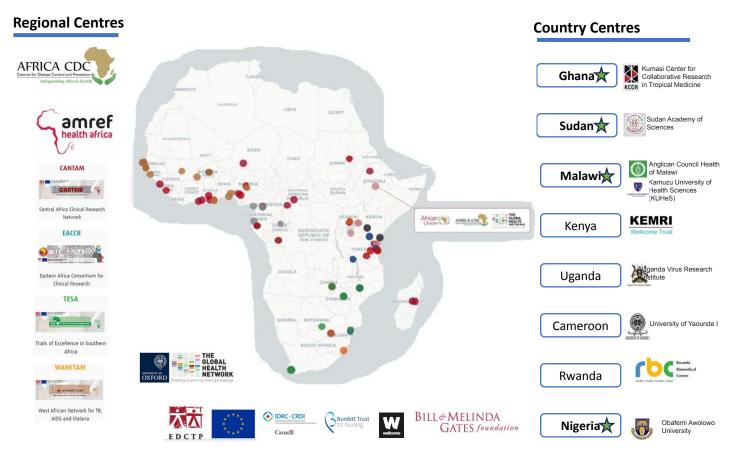
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### **The Global Health Network - Africa**



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#### Delivers long-term learning, resources and career impact journeys, like this....



outputs

and

skills

Research

Ongoing access to more training, tools, resources and each other online

Time

### **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

# **1000 Challenge**

Developing careers, skills and leadership

Who is your population and where are you going to ask this question?

What question would address that gaps or understand the problem> 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?

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What is the

problem or gap

in

understanding?

= Do you need help with this step?

### The guidance system

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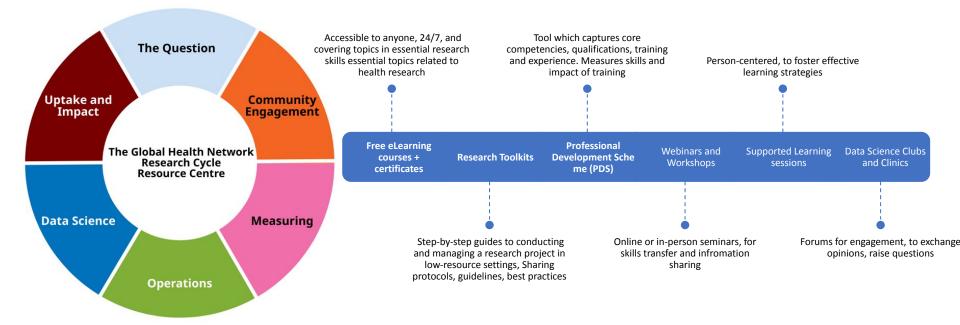
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# Access to Resources and Training – discovering what they didn't know





# **The Global Health**

# Network, Nigeria Country

# **Centre (TGHN-Ng)**

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# 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

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



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.



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.



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



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

### **March-August**

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#### **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

**September -December** 

#### **Steering Committee**

Constitution of the steering committee.Tasks assignment

February

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## References

- TGHN website
- TGHN OAU/Oxford University MOU
- Notes from meetings held between The Regional and National coordinators

# Thank you!







Enabling research by sharing knowledge

#### **TGHN NIGERIA COUNTRY CENTER**

#### **Empowering Researchers for Global Health Advancements**

TGHN Nigeria Launch January, 2024



## **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
  - Resources and Training



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#### 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









### Why Become TGHN Country Centre?

Mechanism for the Country Centre to identify their research priorities, needs, gaps and challenges faced by researchers.	Building capable research teams, enhancing skills and promoting the training of young researchers and other target groups in the country through in-person and remote regional activities.	Opportunity and means to deliver on country-specific research and health outcomes goals.	
Strengthening research capacity and knowledge mobilisation, without the institutional barriers and associated perceptions.	Recognition for high-quality local research and work in healthcare for the country's researchers	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.	
Opportunity for stronger collaborations and participation in multi-centre funded research programmes. The recently awarded status by WHO as a collaborating centre further adds credibility to The Global Health Network as an agency in this field.	Access to all the eLearning modules and resources afforded through the platform for wider educational benefit.	Career development activities to support leadership potential and ensure the development of high-quality and competitive research teams.	
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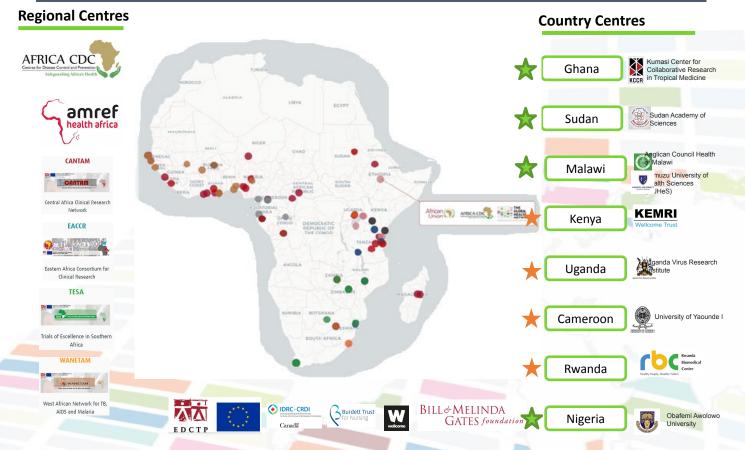
#### **THE GLOBAL** HEALTH NETWORK RETWORK RETWORK Federated Partnership of Country Centres

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





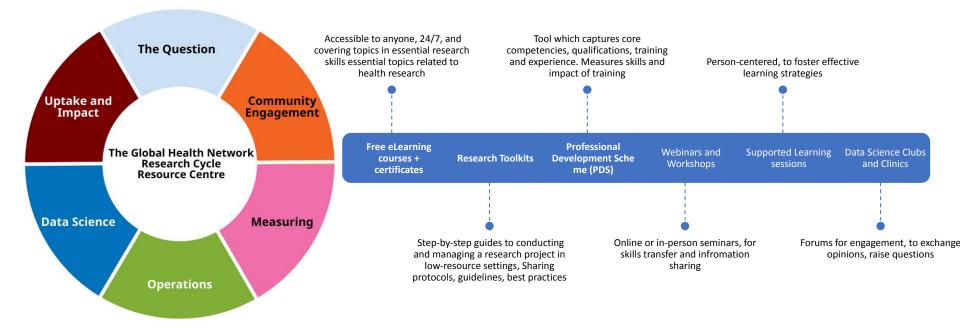
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## **Opportunities; Access to Resources and** Training



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