



Dear Colleagues,

Explore upcoming live events on global strategies for policy engagement, public health ethics frameworks for breastfeeding interventions, and ways to improve participant retention in clinical trials.

Within this newsletter, there are also a range of invaluable resources including new toolkits for research clubs and a community engagement planning tool for funding applications.

Also, the World Health Organization and Africa CDC have each declared the ongoing mpox outbreak a Public Health Emergency, to support research there is a new mpox resource on the Global Outbreaks Research knowledge hub.

Here's all the latest from The Global Health Network.

Upcoming Events

Global Approaches to Policy Engagement: Insights from Kenya, Argentina, and India

Tuesday 27 August 2024 | 11:00 UTC +1

Join the policy engagement webinar for what promises to be a rich and insightful session. The event delves into how researchers engage policymakers and influence the policy making process through research evidence. This webinar explores real life case studies on how institutions have sought to make research evidence relevant to the policies that govern healthcare systems, sharing their approaches and learnings from their policy engagement work. The speakers represent expertise from institutions across Kenya, Argentina and India, with specialists who have a strong legacy of work in this field. This webinar will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into Spanish and Portuguese.

Register for the webinar: Global Approaches to Policy Engagement: Insights from Kenya, Argentina, and India

Improving Follow-Up and Retention in Clinical Trials – Perspectives from Ghana

Wednesday 28 August 2024 | 15:00 UTC +1

Effective participant engagement and retention in clinical trials is essential for study success, impacting data integrity and overall research outcomes. However, participant retention remains a significant challenge in clinical trials worldwide, affecting the validity and efficiency of research outcomes.

This event brings together clinical trial practitioners who explore practical approaches to improve participant retention, sharing insights from their respective research centres. At every recruitment site/locality, unique contextual factors present both opportunities and obstacles for maintaining participant engagement. By focusing on diverse local perspectives and successful strategies, this webinar aims to provide valuable knowledge and practical solutions tailored to the Ghanaian research environment, and other low and middle-income countries contexts.

Register for the webinar: Improving Follow-Up and Retention in Clinical Trials – Perspectives from Ghana

Public Health Ethics Framework for Breastfeeding Interventions

Wednesday 18 September 2024 | 14:00 UTC +1

Join an upcoming online workshop which introduces a Public Health Ethics Framework for Breastfeeding Interventions, developed by experts at the Institute of Biomedical Ethics and History of Medicine, University of Zurich, Switzerland. The workshop will introduce the framework and feature perspectives and case studies from international experts on its application. This online workshop is part of the Forum for Global Health Ethics Webinar Series.

A [Certificate of Attendance](#) will be issued for participants who meet the criteria.

Register for the workshop: Public Health Ethics Framework for Breastfeeding Interventions

Watch the latest online events

Re-watch an event or access the full library of event recordings

The Global Health Network are pleased to share the latest event recordings, which can be viewed or re-watched:

- Harnessing Community Engagement for Public Health Research Success in East Africa.
- Advancing Health Research for Indigenous Problem Solving in Africa: A Quest for the Missing Link.
- Congenital Infections: Epidemiology, Care and Prevention.
- UK national guideline on management of encephalitis in adults and children: what have we learnt over the last decade?

- What is a Pathfinder Study? Tools and Benefits.

Please also check this page for details of new or upcoming webinars and virtual workshops.

[View past events](#)

News

New Mpox resource on Global Outbreaks Research knowledge hub

The World Health Organization and Africa CDC have each declared the ongoing mpox outbreak a Public Health Emergency.

The Global Health Network is working closely with researchers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to understand transmission, severity of disease, longevity and to minimise the spread. However, more research is needed into this new strain.

There is a need for vaccine and treatment assessments, alongside better detection through community use diagnostics. It is also vital to understand community perception and behaviours so that effective public health campaigns can be designed to increase access to care and to slow transmission.

[Discover the latest updates and access resources to support your research on Mpox](#)

1000 Challenge: Research, Leadership, Impact

The 1000 Challenge is an initiative enabling individuals to set up pragmatic and achievable studies designed to solve challenging healthcare issues. The study could be observational, social science (behavioral or practice), diagnostic, or clinical trials involving existing drugs, vaccines or non-pharmaceutical interventions. The research study could address a locally important question to improve patient management care or treatment, to drive changes in practice and management.

The Global Health Network supports research at every step from design, planning, and implementation through to the uptake of findings, so that nurses and community health workers can address whatever challenges they recognise as a priority amongst their patients.

[Discover more about the 1000 Challenge: Research, Leadership, Impact](#)

[Invitation to join the 1000 Challenge Ghana community](#)

Are you a nurse, midwife, community health worker, or allied health professional in Ghana? Would you like to connect, collaborate, and share knowledge with your colleagues or peers?

[Join the 1000 Challenge Ghana community](#)

Use the new Mesh Community Engagement Strategy planning tool for writing a funding application

A Practical Guide to Planning an Engagement Strategy for your Global Health Research funding application is a new tool to help researchers and engagement practitioners to plan a community engagement strategy for health research. This practical guideline will help you to plan:

- Who to engage with?
- How to engage?
- Engagement to feed into funding proposals.
- Engagement from planning, implementing and disseminating research.

[Download the Guide: A Practical Guide to Planning an Engagement Strategy for your Global Health Research funding application](#)

Participate in the development of the World Health Organization (WHO) maternal well-being framework

You are invited to complete an online survey to support a new robust framework that underpins maternal well-being across a range of environments and cultures. This consultation is led by the WHO Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing (MCA). The aim is to:

- Ensure comprehensive coverage of all critical elements of the framework and identify potential gaps in the definition, domains and framework of maternal well-being.
- Evaluate the framework's applicability across various settings and cultures.
- Foster collective agreement and consensus among key stakeholders.

If you are interested in being involved, please complete the WHO maternal well-being framework survey by 17 August 2024.

[Call for consultation - WHO maternal well-being framework](#)

The Global Health Network Nigeria Meetings and Research Visit to Gombe State and Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria

Representatives from The Global Health Network conducted a research visit to Gombe State and Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria. The Global Health Network Nigeria visit

aimed to foster future collaborations, strengthening the research capacity in Nigeria.

In Gombe, activities focused on discussions with health officials and involved training at the Snake Bite Treatment and Research Hospital (SBRTH). This was invaluable for improving research and data science skills, building transferrable knowledge on implementing electronic health records, advancing laboratory-based research and expanding access to anti-snake venom.

In Ife, strategic meetings with university leaders focused on advancing research capacity and collaboration to improve health outcomes in the sub-Saharan region, by addressing research gaps, identifying partnerships and exploring future funding opportunities.

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New Toolkit for Research Clubs in Latin America and the Caribbean (Language: Spanish)

The Global Health Network Latin America and the Caribbean has just released a toolkit for the creation of Research Clubs, especially designed to offer all the necessary information for health professionals and students to set up their own Research Clubs.

It includes step-by-step guides, support materials and practical tips. It also includes details of the activities of existing Research Clubs:

- Critical Nursing Research Club.
- Nursing Hospital School Research Club.

It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or an experienced researcher, this toolkit is designed for everyone.

Clubs de Investigación

The Global Health Training Centre

Discover free eLearning courses in global health research for staff of all roles, in all regions and covering all disease areas, developed by The Global Health Network in collaboration with several partners. Explore courses: [eLearning Courses](#)

Catch up on or join the latest workshops and webinars on global health research, spanning research disciplines, regions, and therapeutic areas, aiming to foster collaboration, facilitate discussion, and celebrate advances and achievements towards faster and better research for health: [Webinars & Workshops](#)

Your help in Supporting The Global Health Network

The Global Health Network is busy delivering skills and knowledge across the globe, supporting research to happen in places and communities where evidence is needed to change outcomes in the most devastating diseases. Access to all this is free, and always will be, whether an online course or a research support clinic in a hospital.

Over the past 15 years all this has enabled many thousands of frontline health workers and research teams to undertake quality research that otherwise would have been out of reach. This community has responded to outbreaks such as Ebola, Zika, COVID and now Mpox, whilst also working every day to tackle the ongoing toll from diseases of poverty that blight communities.

Have you attended a webinar or taken a course? Have you recommended any of the tools and resources to your team or collaborators? Many thousands of people have. This is wonderful and together we are a proud community, working to share quality know-how across disease areas and between types of research and different teams. All aiming to enable equity in access to undertaking and benefiting from research.

If you know how valuable The Global Health Network is, please can you help us to keep this facility being the unique and remarkable source of support and access to information that it is? Can you make a donation?

Or, do you work for an organisation that benefits from this and could also afford to help support this provision? Please can you pass this to the head of training, research or capacity building and explain the value of The Global Health Network to your work and suggest that it would be appropriate, and a good thing, for your organisation to contribute, not just because of the benefits that being able to access The Global Health Network delivers to your research, but also because their contribution would support access for other organisations and teams who cannot afford to access such training and resources by any other means.

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