



Dear Colleagues,

Are you involved in outbreaks research? Share your views with the World Health Organization (WHO) on what should be included in their guidance for social and behavioural research for the mpox response.

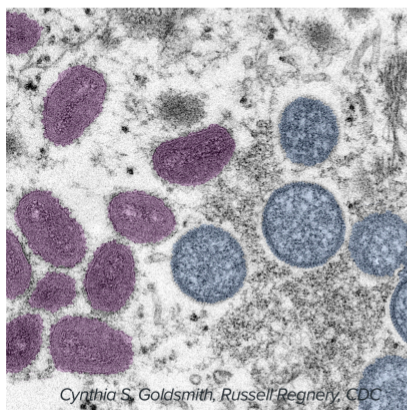
The Global Health Network marks World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) which runs between 18-24 November 2024. This is a global campaign led by The World Health Organization, to raise awareness and understanding of antimicrobial resistance and promote best practices so that the emergence and spread of drug-resistant infections can be reduced. You're invited to register for AMR-themed webinars organised by the AMR Knowledge Hub and The Global Health Network Nigeria. You can also revisit past event recordings on this important topic.

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

Call to action - Help shape WHO guidance

Share your views with the World Health Organization (WHO) on what should be included in their guidance for social and behavioural research for the mpox response

Priorities for social and behavioural research on mpox



Help shape World Health Organization Guidelines.

Scan the QR code to take the survey.
Closing on 25th October 18:00 London.



The World Health Organization seeks broad input to help develop these guidelines from diverse settings and roles in healthcare and research. This survey therefore aims to capture information about what WHO should include in their guidance for social and behavioural research for the mpox response. [Read more about this survey on Mesh.](#)

Complete the survey (English): Guidance on social and behavioural research for outbreaks

Complete the survey (French): Orientations pour la recherche sociale et comportementale dans le cadre de flambées épidémiques

Events

Join the webinar - Health Research Funding in Africa: Navigating the Shallow Waters

Date / Time: 22 October 2024 at 11:00 UTC+1

This webinar aims to provide a comprehensive exploration of the challenges and opportunities in health research funding across the African continent. Our distinguished speakers will delve into three key themes:

- Current Landscape and Partnerships - Examining funding sources, trends, and successful collaborations.
- Policy Frameworks and Advocacy - Analysing local and global policies and strategies for reform.
- Local Capacity and Innovation - Focusing on developing research infrastructure and exploring innovative funding mechanisms.

Through these lenses, the webinar aims to equip participants with insights and strategies to navigate the complex terrain of health research funding in Africa, fostering sustainable solutions and driving impactful health outcomes.

Register for the webinar - Health Research Funding in Africa: Navigating the Shallow Waters

Join the webinar - Experiences of Community Engagement in Health Research in Latin America and the Caribbean

Date / Time: 28 October 2024 at 15:00 UTC

Languages: English, Spanish and Portuguese

Join insightful speakers on an interactive and insightful webinar which delves into the critical role of community engagement in global health research and its significant impact on public health in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Speakers:

- Luis Felipe Arias Soto (Chair), Etikos, Dominican Republic.
- Julio Canario, Etikos, Dominican Republic.
- Fabian Mendez, Universidad del Valle, Colombia.
- Fernando Bozza, Fiocruz, Brazil.

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Join the webinar - Preparing for the 2025 dengue season: insights from predictive models

Date / Time: 31 October 2024 at 13:00 UTC

Languages: English, Spanish and Portuguese

In 2024, dengue cases surged globally, with Brazil seeing unprecedented outbreaks in new regions. The Infodengue* system launched a dengue forecast sprint targeting the 2025 season, aiming to standardise predictive models and create an ensemble forecast. Six teams developed models using various techniques, which were later combined into a forecast for Brazil.

The webinar, organised by Fiocruz, FGV and The Global Health Network Latin America and the Caribbean, will discuss the methodology, 2025 dengue forecasts, and how to integrate these models into decision-making for mosquito-borne diseases.

**Infodengue, a real-time monitoring system for dengue and chikungunya in Brazil, which uses data analysis to provide early warnings about potential outbreaks.*

Register for the webinar - Preparing for the 2025 dengue season: insights from predictive models

Join the webinar - Outbreak Management in Secure Settings

Date / Time: 11 November 2024 & 9 December 2024 at 14:00 UTC

The Health and Justice team at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) are running two free online webinars to support the publication of the multi-agency plan for incidents and outbreaks of communicable diseases in secure settings in England guidance. These webinars aim to bring together stakeholders from across a wide range of professions and settings to increase awareness of outbreak management processes in secure settings. The first is aimed at professionals working in secure settings in the UK whilst the second is aimed at an international audience. There will be a variety of speakers bringing their own experience of managing outbreaks in prisons, immigration removal centres, and the children and young people secure estate.

Register for the webinar - Outbreak Management in Secure Settings Webinars

Join the webinar - Holistic Approaches to Combating Antimicrobial Resistance: Lessons from Clinical Practice and Interdisciplinary Strategies

Date / Time: Monday 18 November 2024 at 10:00 UTC

Join this webinar in celebration of World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) 2024, hosted by The Global Health Network Nigeria, which will explore innovative solutions for addressing antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in Nigeria and beyond. Esteemed experts will discuss topics such as antimicrobial stewardship, infection prevention, and the role of oral

health in reducing AMR. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with leaders in the field and learn strategies for combating AMR in diverse healthcare settings.

Register for the webinar - Holistic Approaches to Combating Antimicrobial Resistance: Lessons from Clinical Practice and Interdisciplinary Strategies

Join the webinar - From Knowledge to Action: Mobilising Awareness for a Resilient Future Against AMR

Date / Time: Tuesday 19 November 2024 at 10:00 UTC

Join an important webinar in commemoration of World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) 2024.

Hosted by the AMR Knowledge Hub of The Global Health Network, University of Oxford and featuring experts, policymakers, and advocates discussing strategies to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Join us to explore how knowledge and advocacy can drive meaningful action against this urgent global health threat.

Topics include grassroots movements, innovative stewardship approaches, and the role of political leadership in fostering global resilience against AMR.

Register for the webinar - From Knowledge to Action: Mobilising Awareness for a Resilient Future Against AMR

Join the webinar - Overcoming Barriers to Birth Defect Diagnosis and Management in Sub-Saharan Africa

Date / Time: Thursday 28 November 2024 at 13:00 UTC

Birth defects can lead to long-term disability, impacting individuals, families, healthcare systems, and societies. The burden of birth defects is particularly pronounced in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs), where nine out of ten children born with a serious congenital disorder reside. The subspecialty expertise necessary for diagnosing and treating birth defects is severely underrepresented in LMICs, where over 90% of all babies with birth defects are born. Access to even basic evaluation and surgical treatment services may be limited in these regions.

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News

Strengthening research leadership in Latin America and the Caribbean through collaborative training

Four institutions under The Global Health Network Latin America and the Caribbean Consortium are working together to strengthen research capacities, focusing on implementation research. Fundación Etikos (Dominican Republic), Hospital Escuela and Instituto Antonio Vidal (Honduras), and CIDEIM (Colombia), a TDR Regional Training Centre, are leading the initiative.

This month, two workshops on Effective Project Planning and Evaluation for Implementation Research (EPPE-IR) were delivered to enhance research leadership at Fundación Etikos. The workshops aimed to build researchers' skills in managing implementation research and biomedical projects, and improving their competitiveness in research proposal submissions.

The sessions included Skill Building and Train-The-Trainer programmes, ensuring regional dissemination of these skills through local trainers.

Learn more: Fomento del liderazgo en investigación mediante la capacitación en planeación y evaluación efectivas de proyectos biomédicos con énfasis en investigación de la implementación en la Fundación Etikos

Call for Proposals for Implementing Partners for the Global South Leaders in Epidemic Analytics and Response Network (GS LEARN)

CEPI and the Gates Foundation are launching the Global South Leaders in Epidemic Analytics and Response Network (GS LEARN), providing rapid epidemic modelling for future infectious disease threats.

This collaborative network will enable Global South leaders in infectious disease modelling to share knowledge and develop skills for more effective and equitable disease modelling, ensuring that public health decisions are guided by timely, context-specific evidence.

To build the network, CEPI and Gates are seeking experts to train and mentor Global South researchers on epidemic data analytics and infectious disease modelling, offering collaboration on modelling projects, work-based learning, and ongoing mentorship.

Closing date: 15 January 2025

Learn more about the Call for Proposals: Implementing Partners for the Global South Leaders in Epidemic Analytics and Response Network (GS LEARN)

Get good advice and guidance on how to fill in the 'community engagement' section on a funding application form

This Mesh practical guide outlines how to plan a Community Engagement and Involvement (CEI) strategy for a grant application. The guide describes how many global health funding agencies demand that CEI is fully integrated into any proposed research and it outlines some ways of engaging communities and relevant stakeholders whilst preparing a funding application. It also describes what to include in a thoughtful and appropriate engagement strategy that is integrated into research.

Access the guide: A Practical Guide to Planning an Engagement Strategy for your Global Health Research Funding Application

Event recordings

Launch of Guidance for Best Practices for Clinical Trials Webinar Recording

In May 2022, the World Health Assembly adopted Resolution 75.8, emphasising the urgent need to strengthen clinical trial ecosystems for high-quality evidence on health interventions. This aims to enhance clinical trial capacity, improve health outcomes for endemic diseases, and ensure rapid adaptation during health crises. In response, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced the launch of new guidance on best practices for clinical trials. This comprehensive document aims to reinforce global standards in the organisation, design, conduct, analysis, and reporting of clinical trials. It includes contributions from The Global Health Network and acknowledges the community's role in sharing methods and developing standards on a global scale. Thank you to everyone who responded to the call to help shape the guidelines. If you missed it, watch the launch webinar recording.

[Watch the recording - Launch of guidance for best practices for clinical trials](#)

Watch past online events on Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

To mark [World Antimicrobial Awareness Week \(WAAW\)](#) between 18 - 24 November 2024, The Global Health Network is pleased to share a collection of event recordings on this topic, which can be viewed or re-watched:

- Antimicrobial Resistance in Latin America and the Caribbean: Progress and Prospects.
- Antimicrobial Resistance in Africa: Progress and Prospects.
- Combating AMR: A Collaborative Approach for a Resilient Future.
- PANDORA: Infection prevention and control - controlling antimicrobial resistance transmission - Part 1 & 2.
- WHO/The Global Health Network - One Health Priority Research Agenda on AMR - Part 1 & 2.
- Global Health Research Priorities for Responding to the AMR Silent Pandemic.

[View past AMR related events](#)

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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