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Dear Colleagues,

As the year draws to a close, The Global Health Network would like to thank everyone within this vast community who attended online and in-person events, shared expertise and resources and contributed to the collective effort of building careers and research teams across the world. This is all contributing to equity in where research happens, who leads and who benefits from the evidence.

There will be exciting opportunities, knowledge, and resources to support your research in the coming year. To close out the year, here are the latest news and updates from The Global Health Network.

Events

Research highlights from across Pakistan

Date / Time: Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 11:00 UTC

This webinar serves as a platform to showcase the diverse efforts and initiatives focusing on health research taking place across Pakistan. It aims to showcase the country's strengths in various health research domains, as diverse experts present their work, experiences, insights, and innovative solutions, in their respective fields.

Participants will learn about the ongoing research work in Pakistan and appreciate the challenges and opportunities associated with health research within the local context.

The webinar is hosted by The Global Health Network Pakistan, which aims to provide a space for researchers in Pakistan to connect and develop synergies. Leveraging on the Training Centre of The Global Health Network, it also provides training opportunities for young health care professionals and researchers.

[Register for the webinar: Research highlights from across Pakistan](#)

Leadership Skills for Africans in Health Research

Date / Time: Thursday 16 and Friday 17 January 2025 - 09:00 -17:00 UTC

Language: Instruction will be conducted in French, with materials provided in English.

Join us for a dynamic two-day training programme aimed at building essential leadership skills for health researchers in Africa. This workshop brought to you by the Central Africa Clinical Research Network (CANTAM) provides an interactive platform to explore leadership theories, strategies, and best practices tailored to the unique challenges of research management. Participants will gain insights into leading successful research teams, enhancing resource allocation, and managing complexity in health research

environments. Learn from experienced research leaders and engage in skill-building sessions that emphasise both personal and professional growth.

This workshop is ideal for health researchers and managers looking to strengthen their leadership skills and drive team performance. Instruction will be conducted in French, with materials provided in English.

Register for the webinar: Leadership Skills for Africans in Health Research

News

Watch the recording: WHO launches new clinical trials guidance - What do I need to know?

WHO launches new clinical trials guidance
What do I need to know?

Dec 13, 2024 14:00 CET | 11:00 AM MT

WHO and The Global Health Network for an in-depth look at the groundbreaking WHO guidance on clinical trials, aimed at sustained capacities, integrating research into health systems, and fostering diverse, active research networks worldwide. This session offers valuable insights directly from WHO leaders on how the new framework can enable patient-centric, ethical research.

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THE GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORK
Enabling research by sharing knowledge

World Health Organization

In September 2024, WHO published its ground-breaking guidance on best practices for clinical trials, establishing a global framework for the design and conduct of clinical trials.

This session features opening remarks from WHO's Chief Scientist, Dr Jeremy Farrar and Professor John Reeder, Director of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR). This is followed by a detailed overview from WHO's Research for Health Senior Advisor, Dr Vasee Moorthy. The event explored how the guidance simplifies the clinical trial approval processes and promotes a risk-based, proportionate approach to trial design and data oversight.

This event was organised in collaboration with The Global Health Network, a WHO Collaborating Centre for research information sharing and capacity development.

Multilingual recordings

- [Spanish: La OMS lanza nuevas directrices sobre ensayos clínicos - ¿qué necesito saber?](#)
- [Portuguese: OMS lança novas diretrizes para ensaios clínicos O que preciso saber?](#)

Arabic and French recording coming soon.

Watch the recording: WHO launches new clinical trials guidance – What do I need to know?

The Global Health Network launches Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional Programme to strengthen health research across the region

The Global Health Network is proud to officially launch the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional Programme. The launch event, which took place at the Canadian University Dubai on 21 October 2024, marked an important milestone towards enhancing health research, systems strengthening, public health education, and practice across the MENA region.

Through capacity strengthening initiatives, knowledge exchange and collaborative partnerships, The Global Health Network MENA brings health research ability and activities to every healthcare setting, creating positive outcomes across the region.

The Global Health Network Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

Applications open for the University of Oxford's fully online part-time Postgraduate Diploma in Global Health Research

The course is based on the evidence-led Essential Research Skills Training Curriculum for Health Research which was developed as a collaboration between The Global Health Network, UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank and WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases. The programme is based on a study that involved over 7,000 participants from 153 countries. This makes the diploma the first of its kind where all the core skills and component steps identified to undertake quality, practical and appropriate health research studies are covered, making it relevant for research into any disease, in all types of studies, and in any setting.

This part time course is suitable for busy professionals who want to keep working or cannot travel, and aims to tackle inequities in health research leadership. Learn more:

Postgraduate Diploma in Global Health Research

New publication on data science capacity building initiatives to tackle public health challenges in low and middle-income countries

The Global Health Network are excited to share the publication of 'Current Data Science Capacity Building Initiatives for Health Researchers in LMICs: Global and Regional Efforts' in *Frontiers in Public Health*. This collaborative effort by Health Data Research UK, icddr,b, Fiocruz, and The Global Health Network Africa highlights the transformative role of data science in tackling public health challenges in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), enabling you to discover insights into collaborative efforts to strengthen health research capacity.

The review maps diverse capacity-building initiatives across LMICs, many operating through collaborative hubs and consortia. Whilst fostering multidisciplinary networks, the

study also identifies gaps such as the lack of cohesive frameworks and standardised impact metrics. As a central resource, The Global Health Network provides tools and platforms that enable health researchers to connect, learn, and scale data science capacity.

Current Data Science Capacity Building Initiatives for Health Researchers in LMICs: Global and Regional Efforts

Do you need help establishing a Community Advisory Board or a Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement group?

Explore the new Advisory Boards and Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) theme on Mesh which includes a comprehensive range of tools, templates and guidance from the Ziauddin University Critical Care Research group (Pakistan).

Advisory Boards and PPIE groups

Good Clinical Trials Collaborative (GCTC) and World Health Organization guidelines embedded within new 'Introduction to Good Clinical Trials' face-to-face workshop in Mexico

On 25-26 November 2024, The Global Health Network Latin America and the Caribbean hosted an 'Introduction to Good Clinical Trials' workshop at the Juan José Arreola Public Library, Jalisco, Mexico. This inaugural session, which was aligned with the latest GCTC guidelines, marks the beginning of a series of in-person activities hosted by The Global Health Network. These events aim to update clinical trial specialists and research leaders on the latest guidelines by GCTC and the World Health Organization.

Introduction to Good Clinical Trials - Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

Access and read new guidelines which places patient, public and community involvement and engagement at the heart of health research

The two-year period between 2022-2024 has seen ground-breaking changes, making public, community and patient engagement key and essential components of health research. These changes are highlighted in the publication of three important documents:

- The World Health Assembly (WHA) Resolution 75.8 - May 2022
- The WHO Guidance for best practices for clinical trials - September 2024
- Declaration of Helsinki (WMA) - October 2024

By integrating these guidelines into their work, health professionals can conduct more effective, ethical, and inclusive research, ultimately leading to improved health outcomes and stronger community relationships.

Mesh Community Engagement Network – Engagement becomes essential

Advanced Practice Nursing Research Club celebrates first anniversary with milestone achievement

The Advanced Practice Nursing Research Club, led by Consuelo Diez from Austral University Hospital in Argentina, has proudly celebrated its first anniversary, marking a year of significant accomplishments.

Highlighting the occasion, Research Club members Carla Gaglione and Bárbara Santillan received recognition at the XX Congress of the Ibero-American Society of Neonatology (SIBEN) for their groundbreaking study on colostrum therapy in premature infants.

Over the past year, the club has emerged as a vibrant hub for fostering innovative projects, promoting collaborative research, and driving excellence in nursing science.

Congratulations to all members for their dedication and success during this remarkable first year!

(Language: Spanish) Nurses from the Reina Fabiola University Clinic at the 20th SIBEN Congress

International Day of Epidemic Preparedness: Resources for health professionals

The International Day of Epidemic Preparedness, observed annually on 27 December, highlights the importance of preparing for and preventing epidemics. Its aim is to raise awareness about the need to strengthen global systems for public health preparedness and response, ensuring a coordinated approach to mitigate the devastating impacts of future health crises.

This initiative is championed by the United Nations in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO). Together, they emphasise fostering partnerships across sectors and enhancing education and training to equip health professionals and communities with the tools to address epidemic threats effectively.

To train and support health professionals in epidemic preparedness, The Global Health Network offers a professional training course.

Training course: Ethics in Epidemics, Emergencies, and Disasters: Research, Surveillance, and Patient Care

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-19 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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