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Dear Colleagues,

Do you want to improve your funding applications? Join the upcoming webinar on *Developing Funding Applications*, organised in collaboration with the MRC Clinical Trials team at UCL knowledge hub.

If you've been thinking about the responsible use of AI innovation in Global Health, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) have released an important discussion paper that offers a roadmap for this.

Also, the sub-Saharan African Congenital Anomalies Network (sSCAN) is hosting a webinar to explore the implementation of universal newborn screening in low and middle-income countries. Join the discussion on practical approaches and challenges in integrating comprehensive birth defects screening into newborn care programs.

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

Events

Effective Community Engagement Practices for Sustainable Change in Africa

Effective Community Engagement in Global Health Research for Sustainable Change in Africa

Register

19/03/2025 - 11:00 GMT | 12:00 WAT | 13:00 SAST | 14:00 EAT

Chair: Sheikha Salum Mohamed

Speakers: Nomathamsanqa Majozi, Leah Bategereza, Patrick Faley, Nnamdi Dum Buo, Lindiwe Mafuleka

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Date / Time: Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 11:00 UTC

This panel discussion comprises experts from across Africa who will highlight the importance of inclusive, culturally sensitive and participatory approaches in global health research to ensure sustainable health outcomes.

Chair:
- Sheikha Salum Mohamed - Mesh-Africa and Ifakara Health Institute, Tanzania

Panelists:
- Nomathamsanqa Majozi - Africa Health Research Institute, South Africa
- Leah Bategereza - Ifakara Health Institute, Tanzania
- Patrick Faley - Partnership for Research on Vaccines & Infectious Diseases in Liberia
- Nnamdi Dum Buo - Centre for Research in Infectious Diseases (CRID), Cameroon
- Lindiwe Mafuleka - Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Research Programme, Malawi

Register for Effective Community Engagement Practices for Sustainable Change in Africa

Developing Funding Applications

Date / Time: Friday 21 March 2025 at 10:00 UTC

Four Panel members with broad experience of developing funding applications will be sharing their experiences, challenges, top tips and having a discussion for the audience to join in.

Chair:
- Hanif Esmail (UK)

Speakers:
- Pauline Beattie (Netherlands)
- Cissy Kityo (Uganda)
- Leonard Numfor Nkah (Cameroon)
- Laura Farrelly (UK)

This MRC Clinical Trials Unit at UCL Capacity Strengthening Hub's webinar series aim to inform and promote discussion about different roles within clinical trials.

Register for Developing Funding Applications

Advisory Groups for Research in India, Pakistan and Vietnam

Date / Time: 27 March 2025 | 8:30-10:00 UTC

Establishing and maintaining Community Advisory Boards and Patient and Public Involvement (PPIE) groups are a popular and effective way of including local perspectives and lived experiences of patients into the way health research is designed and implemented.

The body of evidence for their contribution to ethical practice, recruitment, retention and

uptake of research into policy is growing rapidly worldwide. Speakers will share how they developed advisory groups and how these have been valuable in improving research.

Chair:
- Timo Tolppa - Critical Care Research Group, Ziauddin University, Pakistan

Speakers:
- Arishay Hussaini - Critical Care Research Group, Ziauddin University, Pakistan
- Zahyd Shuja - PPIE group member, Critical Care Research Group, Ziauddin University, Pakistan
- Huong Van Thuy Qui - The Oxford University Clinical Research Unit (OUCRU), Viet Nam
- Pradeep Narayanan - Praxis, India

Register for Advisory Groups for Research in India, Pakistan and Vietnam

Malaria Burden in Southeast Asia: Research Findings and Community Engagement Impact

Date / Time: Wednesday 23 April 2025 at 11:00 UTC+1

Researchers will discuss the regional malaria research portfolio in southeast Asia. This includes their historic role in developing artemether-based drugs, surveillance of drug-resistant malaria, treatment trials, and the importance of trials in pregnant women, and more.

The webinar also highlights innovative community engagement initiatives. Including bringing community voices, engaging with hard-to-reach communities in challenging contexts, and using creative approaches to build awareness and understanding.

Organised by The Global Health Network, the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit (OUCRU) and the Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit (MORU), it aims to provide deep insight into malaria, an often-overlooked burden in Southeast Asia.

Register for Malaria Burden in Southeast Asia: Research Findings and Community Engagement Impact

Universal Newborn Screening in Low and Middle-Income Countries

Date / Time: Thursday 24 April 2025 at 13:00 UTC+1

The World Health Assembly Resolution 77.5 (Accelerating progress towards reducing maternal, newborn and child mortality in order to achieve Sustainable Development Goal targets 3.1 and 3.2) invites member states to consider the implementation of a universal newborn screening programme, which includes comprehensive birth defects screening with consideration of the specific needs for the diagnosis, management and long-term care of children with birth defects (WHA77.5; June 1 2024).

Situating screening for structural congenital anomalies within the broader context of universal newborn screening represents a change in approach. The World Health Organization is currently chairing a consultation process on newborn screening.

The panel will consider the implementation of this approach in low and middle-income countries with reference to specific screening practices.

Register for Universal Newborn Screening in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Biobank Management and Organisation: The Fiocruz Experience

Date / Time: Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 04:00 UTC

Are you looking to enhance your knowledge of biobank management? Join this webinar with experts from Fiocruz who will share insights on the implementation, harmonisation, and management of biobanks, with a focus on the ISO 20387:2018 standard.

This event is organised by The Global Health Network Latin America and the Caribbean partners; Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia and Fiocruz.

Register for Biobank Management and Organisation: The Fiocruz Experience

Preventing Disordered Eating and Eating Disorders Through Public Health Policy

Date / Time: Thursday March 20 at 12:00 UTC

The next Healthy Life Trajectories Initiative (HeLTI) Early Career Researcher and Trainee Seminar will feature Dr. Amanda Raffoul, Assistant Professor at University of Toronto.

The presentation will address the different ways that public health and nutrition policy can be leveraged to prevent and "do no harm" for people at risk of developing eating disorders and disordered eating.

Joining Instructions: HeLTI Webinars and Events

News

New Patient and Public Involvement Essential Reading List with Certification

The list draws together a recommended package resources for those doing Patient and Public Involvement/Community Engagement in a trial or study. A certificate can be

obtained by taking the quiz after reading or watching the resources, but this is optional.

Feedback on the Essential Reading Lists:
- 100% said the concept of reading lists, with quizzes and certification, is 'useful' or 'very useful'.
- 87% said the reading lists are 'excellent' or 'very useful'.
- 100% said the content of the reading lists is 'Excellent/Very good'.

Users commented:
- "The [trial set-up] reading list is vital as it equips us with knowledge and skills."
- "This is so helpful, there is a real lack of 'official' training for Trial Managers, so resources like this are great."
- The lists give "Essential information" and "All resources are very helpful."

Patient and Public Involvement Essential Reading List

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.

For an introduction to the course, guidance on the application process and to hear from alumni, course teachers and coordinators [Watch: Postgraduate Diploma in Global Health Research: Transform your career online](#)

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

Strengthening Health Systems Through Responsible AI: A New Discussion Paper

A new IDRC discussion paper, *Strengthening Health Systems Through Responsible AI: An Emergent Research Landscape*, explores how AI can address global health challenges and reduce inequities.

Featuring 12 case studies, it highlights AI's role in tackling issues like women's health, water supply, air quality, disease outbreaks, and misinformation.

The paper identifies critical gaps in evidence and outlines opportunities for responsible AI use, focusing on:

- Regulation, policy, and governance
- Data quality and representation

- Gender equality, ethics, and sustainability
- Global South-led partnerships

It also suggests key areas for exploration, such as strengthening the health workforce and advancing community based one health surveillance and solutions.

This paper offers a roadmap to guide discussions and action among the global research community.

Read and share: Strengthening Health Systems Through Responsible AI: An Emergent Research Landscape

Embedding Research in Latin America's Health Systems: Training Nurses as Leaders for Better Healthcare Practices

Between September and December 2024, nursing professionals from Colombia and Honduras participated in a free diploma program, 'Systematizing Experiences in Health Institutions,' led by the Universidad del Valle under The Global Health Network Latin America and the Caribbean.

The diploma focuses on the systematization of experiences, which is a participatory methodology that transforms real-world healthcare practices into actionable knowledge. By empowering nurses to document, analyze and share insights from their work, the program aims to improve healthcare delivery and foster evidence-based innovation.

This initiative contributes to The Global Health Network Latin America and the Caribbean's mission to strengthen health research in the region through knowledge exchange and training, while advancing its vision of ensuring equitable access to better health practices

The Global Health Network Colombia leads the diploma course in systematizing experiences in health institutions

Registration Opens for the Twelfth EDCTP Forum

Global Health EDCTP3 and the EDCTP Association are delighted to invite you to participate in the EDCTP Forum. It's a unique platform for policymakers, researchers and stakeholders to advance global health through policy debates, scientific workshops and networking.

The twelfth edition of the EDCTP Forum will take place in Kigali, Rwanda, on 15-20 June 2025 at the Kigali Convention Centre.

This year's event will showcase the impact of the EDCTP programmes in the last two decades, under the theme 'Better health through global research partnerships'.

This is an opportunity to discuss and exchange how we can advance global health through equitable partnerships, collaborative research, innovation and capacity-building in sub-Saharan Africa and Europe.

Tell NIHR what you think about diversity data collection in global health

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is committed to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion, and addressing inequalities. One key theme of the NIHR Research Inclusion strategy is to develop an evidence-led approach to equalities and inclusion work.

Diversity data is collected directly from individuals and allows them to describe aspects of themselves and their identity. NIHR want to make sure that our approach to collecting diversity data from applicants, award holders, and committee members is effective, appropriate, and reflects the settings where global health research takes place.

Please take 5 minutes to complete the NIHR survey to be part of informing their approach.

Survey closes: 30 March 2025

Diversity data of Global Health Research stakeholder survey

Have you taken a course, attended a webinar or used a resource to advance your career?

Let's make sure others can benefit from The Global Health Network's free and open-access resources too.

Your support will help keep resources free and accessible to everyone, especially when colleagues face a public health emergency and need to respond fast.

Please give what you can today to help continue this vital work.

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