



Dear Colleagues,

How are nurses leading change in global health? Rafiat Akinokun spoke to three trailblazers who have overcome barriers to conduct independent research to improve local health outcomes.

You can also explore funding and scholarship opportunities and register for upcoming live events covering work-life balance for women in research, communicating results to trial participants, biobank projects in Brazil and Peru and more.

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

Events

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Work-Life Balance and Burnout

The Hidden Struggles of Women in Research

May 23, 2025
15:00 London | 16:00 CAT

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Work-Life Balance and Burnout – The Hidden Struggles of Women in Research

Date & time: 23 May 2025 | 16:00 – 17:00 CAT

Navigating a thriving research career alongside personal commitments can feel overwhelming. Join this one-hour AWAKE-Africa (Africa Women Advancing Knowledge and Equity in Global Health Research) webinar to hear from fellow African women in global health research as they share experiences of juggling gender roles, caregiving

duties and career demands. Discover practical strategies for managing stress, preventing burnout and sustaining momentum—plus learn how institutions can support your well-being.

Register: Work Life Balance and Burnout – The Hidden Struggles of Women in Research.

Communicating Results to Trial Participants

Date & time: 2 June 2025 | 10:00 – 11:30 BST

Offering trial results to the people who took part in the trial is an ethical expectation of trialists, and is starting to become a legal obligation for some trials and settings. But actually doing it is not straightforward. Trialists face many barriers, including logistical challenges, insufficient resources and lack of clarity on how it should be done. It may be particularly difficult when the results to be communicated could be viewed as bad news for some participants. In this webinar, hear from researchers working in Africa and Asia working on very different trials about how they shared results with participants. There will also be a talk summarising general principles and a practical framework to guide your practice.

Register: Communicating Results to Trial Participants

Richard T. Johnson Lecture | Persistent Challenges in the Management of HIV-Associated CNS Infections in the Era of Antiretroviral Therapy

Date & time: 18 June 2025 | 14:00 BST

In sub-Saharan Africa, central nervous system (CNS) infections continue to cause significant morbidity and mortality in people with HIV despite widespread availability of antiretroviral therapy. This lecture will discuss the drivers of these persistent challenges and recent advances in diagnostics and therapeutics for HIV-related CNS infections.

Register for livestream of Richard T Johnson Lecture | Persistent Challenges in the Management of HIV-Associated CNS Infections in the Era of Antiretroviral Therapy

Biobank Culture Research in Latin America

Date & time: 18 June 2025 | 09:00 – 11:30 (Peru Time)

Languages: Spanish, English and Portuguese

The Biobank Culture Research Hybrid Event, part of the collaboration between The Global Health Network Latin America – Brazil & Peru, will bring together researchers and institutions to discuss key developments and experiences in biobank culture research.

The event will feature presentations on twinning initiatives, biobank projects across Brazil and Peru, and insights into biobanking infrastructure and ethical-regulatory reviews.

Join online and learn how biobanking is advancing health research in Latin America.

Register: Webinar del Twinning The Global Health Network Latinoamérica (TGHN LAC) Brasil-Perú

HeLTI Early Career Researchers Workshop – “Mentorship: Navigating the different roads in academia and beyond”

Date & time: 9 Jun 2025 | 12:00 UTC

Join the HeLTI workshop for an interactive online discussion on 9 June 2025. The event will have two sessions, and you are welcome to join anytime. During the workshop, the following two topics will be covered; Career Development and Building a Research Team.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 818 7836 4174

Passcode: 247154

HeLTI Webinars and Events

News

Transforming Nursing Research: The Pump Priming Research Award and Three Trailblazers

To mark International Nurses Day, The Global Health Network publishes a two-part series on nurses leading change in global health.

Nurse-led research has become an increasingly vital component in addressing global health challenges. Nurses, as frontline health professionals, often have clear insight into these issues; therefore, their ability to identify problems and innovate solutions is a crucial asset. However, despite their proximity to both patients and communities, their role in shaping global health research has often remained under-recognized.

Rafiat Akinokun spoke to Mwanamvua Boga, Rubina Qasim and Amina Suleiman Rajah who have overcome barriers to conduct independent research to improve local health outcomes.

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Guillain-Barré Syndrome Knowledge Hub: Call for Feedback

Guillain-Barré syndrome is a severe disease of the peripheral nerves that can affect people of all ages and backgrounds. It can cause rapidly progressive limb weakness and difficulty breathing in people who were previously healthy. Due to the lack of knowledge on this disease in many regions, sharing best practices on the diagnosis, care and treatment could improve the outcomes of affected patients worldwide. The Guillain-Barré syndrome knowledge hub (gbs.tghn.org) provides guidelines, resources, and opportunities for collaboration to enhance the understanding and management of Guillain-Barré syndrome. To support the Guillain-Barré syndrome knowledge hub and contribute to further enhancements, the community's feedback is requested in the following survey:

GBS hub survey

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

To honour World Malaria Day the Global Malaria Research Knowledge Hub convened researchers based at the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit (OUCRU) and the Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit MORU to share pioneering work to tackle malaria in Southeast Asia—from developing artemether-based therapies to surveillance of drug-resistant malaria and engaging with hard-to-reach communities in challenging contexts. Thank you to all attendees, partners and the distinguished panel.

The Global Malaria Research Knowledge Hub on The Global Health Network is your one-stop resource in the global fight against malaria. This open and free platform connects researchers, healthcare professionals, and organisations worldwide, making essential malaria research knowledge accessible to all. You can find resources, connect with experts and discover opportunities.

Global Malaria Research Knowledge Hub

Thanzi Programme: MSc Health Economics Distance Learning (HEDL) Studentships 2025-2028: Applications Open

The Thanzi Programme offers two funded MSc Studentships for the University of York's Health Economics Distance Learning (HEDL) programme equipping students with the confidence and skills to apply the principles of health economics in their careers.

Applications are open to candidates based in East or West Africa who are currently working on health economics-related issues for ministries of health or public universities and wish to further their career in health financing, planning, delivery or administration. Applications close on 15 June 2025.

Further information, including a link to the online Application Form, is [available on the Global Health Economics Hub](#). Prospective applicants are invited to attend an information webinar on Thursday 22 May, 10:45am - 11:45am (GMT +1).

**Thanzi Programme Health Economics Distance Learning Studentships
(Cohort 3): Information Webinar**

Postgraduate Diploma in Global Health Research: Meet the Alumni Community

The Postgraduate Diploma in Global Health Research brings together professionals from diverse backgrounds, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to tackle pressing global health challenges. From shaping global policies to advancing research in resource-limited regions, these graduates transform knowledge into action. Explore the inspiring journeys of the alumni and learn about their ongoing contributions to the global health community. Each profile highlights a unique blend of expertise, determination and passion for improving health outcomes worldwide.

[Meet the Alumni Community](#)

Global experts meet in Kathmandu to develop a new online course for clinical trials engagement

Community engagement experts from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean are putting their heads together to develop a free online course on public, community, and patient engagement in clinical trials. The course, which will be hosted on Mesh, is being co-authored over three expert meetings in Nairobi (March 2025), Kathmandu (April 2025) and Santo Domingo (May 2025). The course is aimed at strengthening public, community and patient engagement and involvement with clinical trials, aligning with the WHO's Guidance on Best Practices for Clinical Trials (2024). Read about the Kathmandu meeting below.

[Global Experts Convene in Kathmandu to Co-Design Innovative Course on Community Engagement in Clinical Trials](#)

Find funding for public and community engagement

Mesh has a comprehensive directory of research and engagement funders. The 'Find Funding' page also has essential guidance on planning an engagement strategy for a funding application, and planning low-cost engagement which might be necessary to inform a funding application.

[Find Funding](#)

Funding Opportunity: Innovative analytical technologies to improve vaccine manufacturing speed and equitable access

CEPI has announced a funding opportunity to develop innovative analytical technologies for vaccines. The goal is to reduce vaccine development, manufacturing, and release times (in alignment with CEPI's 100 Days Mission goals), lower costs, improve equitable deployment in Low to Middle-Income Countries (LMICs), and enhance analytical insights for vaccines such as RNA, viral vectors, or protein-based vaccines.

Focus Areas:

- Focus Area A: Minimizing time/cost to release/develop vaccine
- Focus Area B: Vaccine characterisation

Deadline for application: 1 May 2026. An application may be submitted at any time and the review process will involve regular reviews, at least quarterly throughout the 12-month application period.

For further information and to apply please visit:

CEPI Calls for Proposals

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