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Dear Colleagues,

Whose voices shape mental health research? Explore how community engagement can strengthen mental health research and action, particularly in low and middle-income countries where mental health challenges remain under-addressed.

Plus, hear the latest findings from a large international study exploring climate and health communications. The results show that highlighting health impacts can significantly increase public support for climate action, offering valuable lessons for researchers, communicators and policymakers alike.

Don't miss these upcoming webinars and explore the latest resources, opportunities and events below.

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

Events

Community Voices in Mental Health Research: Strengthening Engagement, Inclusion, and Impact

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Community Voices in Mental Health Research: Strengthening Engagement, Inclusion, and Impact

Date: 15 July 2026

Exploring how community engagement can strengthen mental health research and action.

Time: 12:00 BST | 14:00 EAT | 16:30 IST

Date and time: 15 July 2026 | 12:00 - 13:30 BST

Mental health remains one of the most pressing yet under-addressed public health challenges globally, particularly in low and middle-income countries where stigma, limited awareness, and inadequate access to services continue to affect communities. Despite increasing attention toward mental health research, community voices are often underrepresented in the design, implementation, and dissemination of research initiatives.

Recognizing the importance of collaborative dialogue and shared learning, the Mesh Community Engagement Network will bring together researchers, practitioners, community representatives, youth advocates, and policymakers to explore the role of community engagement in advancing mental health research and action.

Register for the webinar: Community Voices in Mental Health Research:
Strengthening Engagement, Inclusion, and Impact

Messages that move – persuasive communication and engagement on climate and health

Date and time: 28 July 2026 | 11:00 - 12:15 BST

Threats to human health and well-being from climate change are increasing rapidly. The imperative for action is clearer than ever, but what compels the public to support climate policy and action? Does awareness of health impacts drive support for solutions? What role can effective communications and engagement play?

This webinar discusses results from a Randomised Control Trial conducted with over 30,000 participants from across Brazil, India, Japan, and South Africa. Its most notable finding - health-framed messages are twice as effective at shifting people's attitudes and policy support on climate change than non-health climate messages – offer implications for all those working at the interface of climate change and health, with lessons for the wider communications and engagement ecosystem. Hear from Wellcome and CORE on persuasive messages and their salience in increasing public support for policy action in a drastically warming world.

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How to be a good trial health economist

Date and time: 30 July 2026 | 10:00 - 11:30 BST

Three researchers working in Africa and the UK will be sharing their experiences of using health economics in clinical trials and their perspectives on the challenges, their top tips and having a discussion for the audience to join in.

Speakers: Freddie Ssengooba (Chair, Uganda), Frida Ngalesoni (Tanzania), Naomi Gibbs (UK) and Hassan Haghparast-Bidgoli (UK).

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Introduction to Bioinformatics and Global Health

Date and time: 24 June 2026 | 15:00 GMT

Languages: English, Spanish, and Portuguese

Biological and genomic data are increasingly shaping research, disease surveillance, and public health responses worldwide. Understanding how these data are generated, analysed, and applied is becoming essential for researchers and health professionals across disciplines.

This session will introduce key bioinformatics concepts and explore their applications in biomedical research, genomic surveillance, emerging diseases, and evidence-informed public health decision-making.

This webinar offers an opportunity to expand knowledge, explore training and collaboration opportunities, and connect with colleagues advancing health research across Latin America and the Caribbean. The event is jointly organised by Fiocruz, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Universidad del Valle, Etikos, and The Global Health Network Latin America and the Caribbean (TGHN LAC).

Register for the webinar: Introduction to Bioinformatics and Global Health

Remote Health Experience and Outcomes Network (RHEON) Community of Practice: Inaugural Meeting

Date and time: 1 July 2026 | 14:00 BST

Population Services International (PSI) is launching the Remote Health Experiences and Outcomes Network (RHEON), a community of practice (COP) focused on advancing the collection, analysis, and use of digitally collected patient-reported health data in low and middle-income countries.

Join the inaugural meeting on Wednesday, July 1, where Dr. Shane Khan (Household & Client Surveys Lead, Global Financing Facility) will share examples of rapid-cycle analytics and data use work and offer a forward-looking perspective on data use and institutionalization in this space. This will be followed by open discussion on where the field is headed and how RHEON can best serve its members as we collectively shape the direction of the COP.

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News

New Essential Reading List on Being a 'Trial Statistician'

Find all the recommended resources to gain the relevant knowledge and understanding required to work as a trial statistician on the UCL Innovative Clinical Trials Unit Capacity Strengthening Hub. The essential reading list includes an optional quiz and downloadable certificate.

Essential Reading List: Trial Statistician

Plants for Health Consortium Survey: Share Your Ideas

The Plants for Health Consortium, led by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, are launching a new Knowledge Hub on The Global Health Network.

Today, traditional medicine such as Ayurveda and Chinese Medicine can be found embedded in public health systems in Asia, while rural communities rely on it as their primary source of healthcare, and consumers increasingly purchase supplements and herbal remedies. At the same time more than 60% of modern pharmaceutical drugs are derived from, or inspired by, plants and fungi. However, knowledge about how plants are used is fragmented and difficult to find.

The Hub aims to provide reliable open-access information, promote safer policies, improve regulation, enhance safety awareness, and support research.

You are invited to share your experience and ideas to help shape the development of the hub.

Share your experience: plants and fungi in human health

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