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The Global Health Network Impact Report 2025-2026

Strengthening community-led evidence generation for healthier lives



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The Global Health Network: Strengthening the Base of the Pyramid

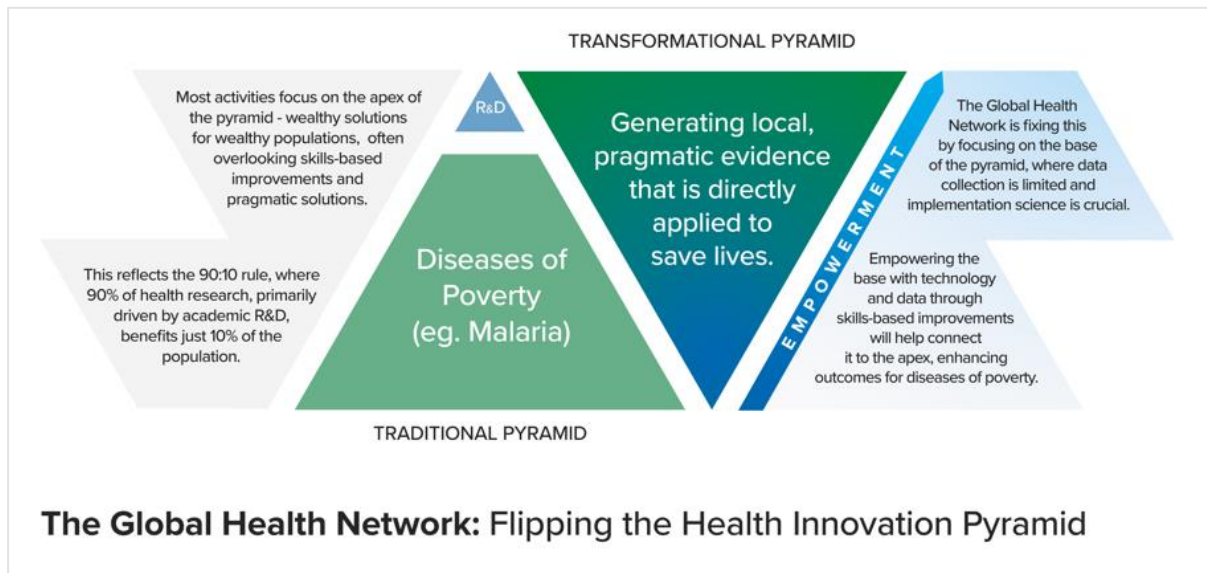


Figure 1

Global Impact Data

The Global Health Network’s training, hubs and resources strengthen individual capacity to generate evidence needed to tackle local disease burdens. The collaboration and activity across the network strengthen relationships between organisations. The activities on the hubs, the consensus building methodology, and the open-access approach lead to skills-based improvement and evidence into practice. Therefore, The Global Health Network strengthens community led evidence generation to save lives. The Global Health Network has grown into a global collaboration platform with 1.45 million members and over 60 research organisations and networks across 70 countries.

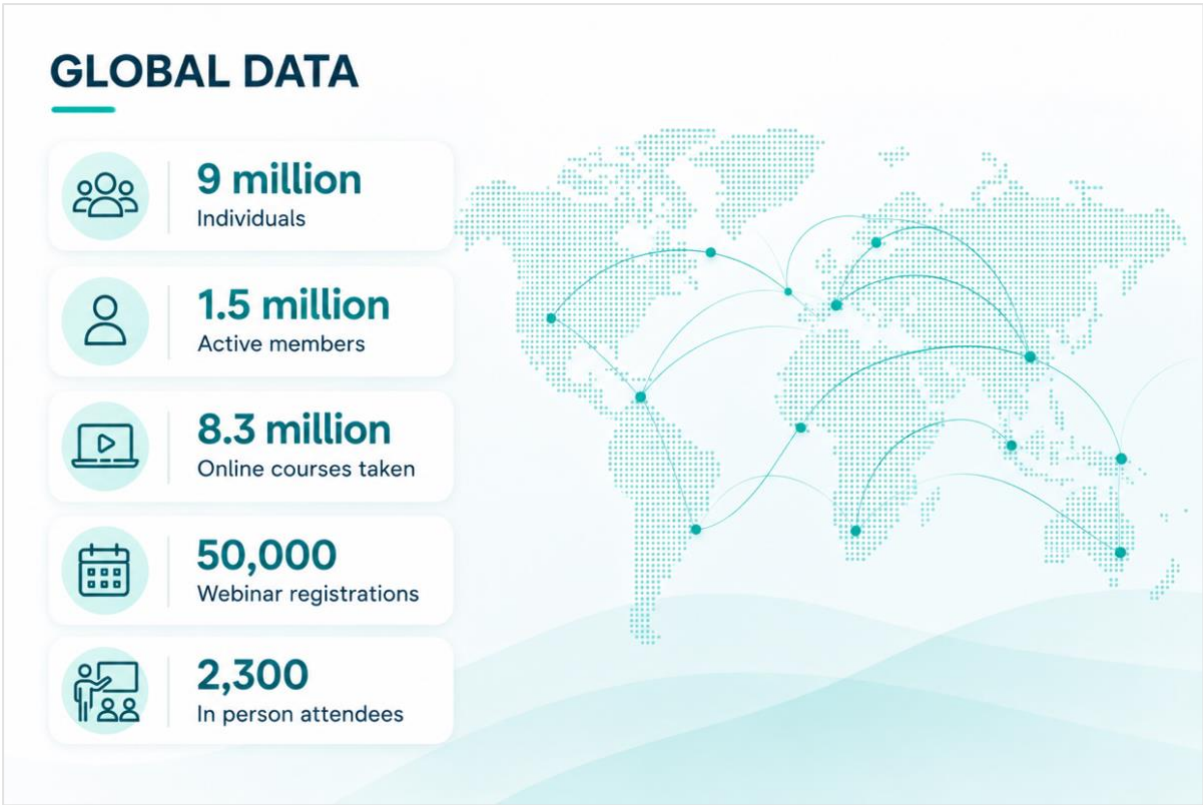


Figure 2 | The above data refers to the date range from 1 January 2025 - 31 August 2026

Global Impact Case Studies

The impact of knowledge communities

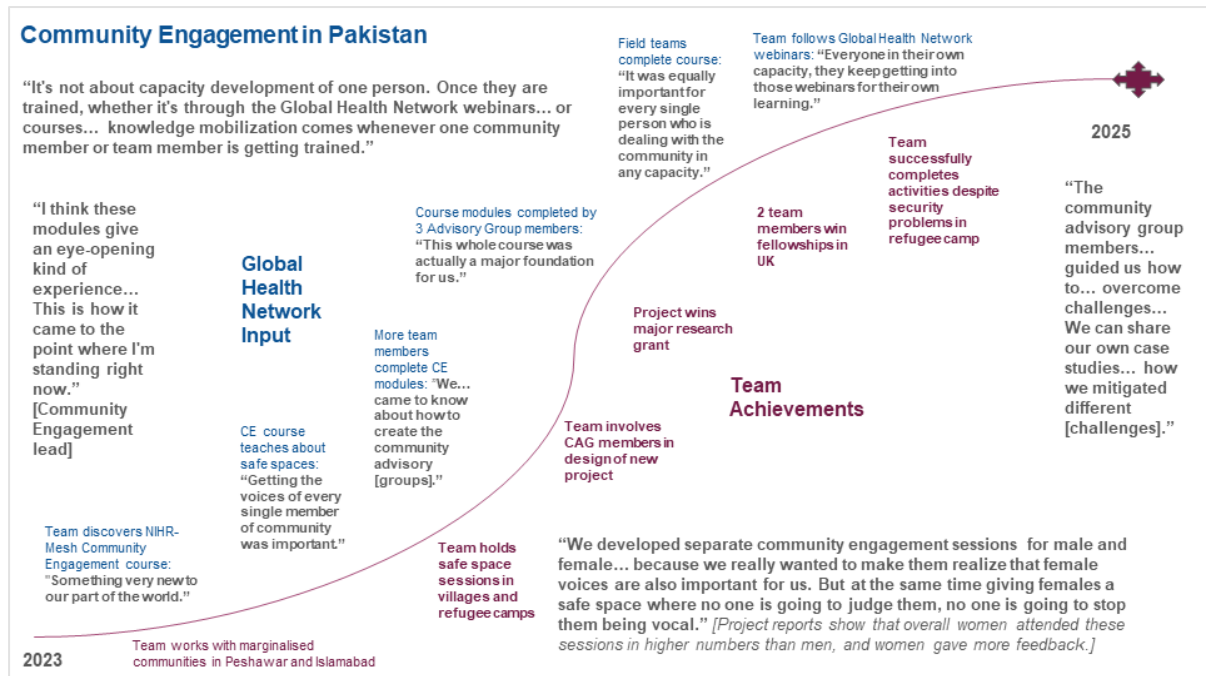


Figure 3 | Example of a pathway to impact for a team in Pakistan

The Global Health Network works synergistically, contributing to and benefitting from work conducted by collaborating organisations, and transforming knowledge contributed from individuals and teams into training, resources and knowledge exchange programmes to share across the Network. The impact of the knowledge communities across The Global Health Network is measured by: tracking the skills-based improvement within the working practice of individuals; the capacity strengthening of teams; capturing collaboration between individuals and organisations across the platform and beyond; and the application of implementation science to increase the use of evidence into practice. The outcome is not just an improved workforce and knowledge base, and improved global consensus on valued skills and priorities, but fundamentally improved health outcomes.

STEPS TO IMPACT: SNAKEBITE TREATMENT AND RESEARCH HOSPITAL (SBTRH), NIGERIA

The Global Health Network’s facilitation and mechanisms of knowledge exchange and capacity strengthening helped turn an initial connection with snakebite researchers into sustained local research capacity, collaboration and wider influence. A skills workshop led to the establishment of a research club at the Snakebite Treatment and Research Hospital (SBTRH), digitisation and use of institutional data, and the publication of

multiple locally led studies, alongside new regional collaborations. Continued engagement through The Global Health Network Snakebite Knowledge Hub increased the visibility of this work and contributed to a pathway from local evidence generation to national recognition, policy focus, investment in snakebite research infrastructure and new career opportunities.

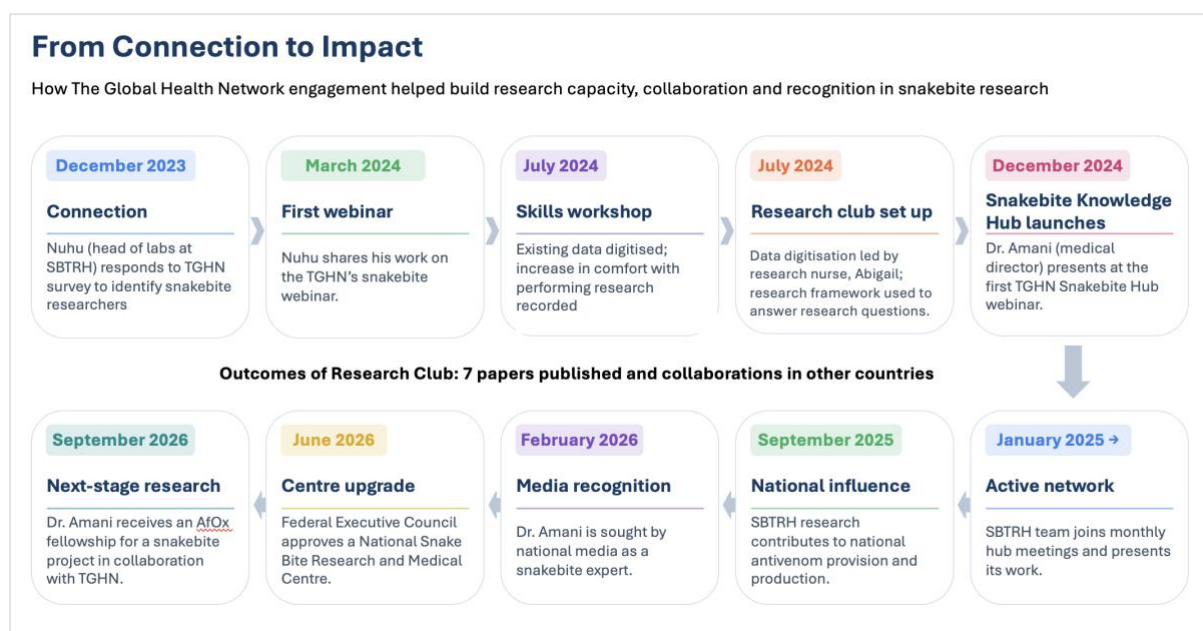


Figure 4

Evidence into Practice

NURSE, ARGENTINA

Joined the platform in 2019 and has completed three eLearning courses. *“The material on the website was an excellent tool that made it easier for me to carry out my [doctoral] research...a study of the implementation of a training on exclusive breastfeeding for health personnel, with the objective of achieving greater adherence of the mothers to this practice. I really found LactaHub very accessible and I recommend it not only as a site with didactic images but also as [a] website that contributes to continue promoting the importance of exclusive breastfeeding.”*

PEDIATRICIAN NEONATOLOGIST, PERU

Joined the platform in late 2022 and has completed one course in the Training Centre. *“Participating in this group [The Global Health Network] is excellent. It allows us to grow further and, above all, facilitates finding the methodologies we need to present our work, ensuring its scientific validity...”*

“I first connected with The Global Health Network during the 2024 Mpox outbreak. Through training, mentorship, research collaborations and international exposure, I gained the confidence to lead outbreak research, secure funding, publish findings and engage global audiences. Today, I am committed to strengthening outbreak science, One Health and AMR research across Africa.”

Researcher, Rwanda

“These rare resources enable The Global Health Network to continue with its Capacity Development and process improvement initiatives through regional and online training, resources and professional development to build skills and careers that deliver evidence to change practice.”

Director, Research Institute, Mozambique

“The Global Health Network has reduced duplication and enabled studies to be rapidly established as we learn from and connect with groups focused on similar health challenges to exchange knowledge across Africa and the world.”

Director, Research Institute, Rwanda

Skills Based Improvement

COORDINATOR, ARGENTINA

Joined The Global Health Network platform in 2022. After engaging with a multitude of resources and hubs on the platform, she was awarded a scholarship to attend and present at The Global Health Network Conference 2022, of which she said: *“I have participated in other international conferences but I have never made so many contacts – this meeting has been very motivating for me.”* She has since become an advocate for the Women in Global Health Research Knowledge hub.

This is an account of how The Global Health Network has become a vital resource for Hospital Britanico, Buenos Aires, enabling them to generate evidence that tackles local healthcare burdens.

“This is a university hospital that since 2016 performs training in methodology and research in a transversal way to all residencies. The program has been extended this year to residents from the first to the last year of their training. In each year [we have] incorporated... elearnings to Toolkits and the use of The Global Health Network study templates. The content is clear, accessible and aligned with the requirements of the training we are

providing. We consider that the ease of access to the local language facilitates and broadens the access to The Global Health Network the courses to various areas in health.”

DATA ANALYST, NIGERIA

Joined The Global Health Network platform in 2019, is a member of three hubs and has completed two eLearning courses in the Training Centre. After attending The Global Health Network 2022 Conference, she instigated and is currently developing a community of practice on the platform on knowledge exchange for early career professionals.

“With support from the Global Health Network, we have organised eight national capacity building workshops for Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists, Laboratory Scientists, Data Managers and Students.”

Knowledge Hub Coordinator, Nigeria

“Working with The Global Health Network has been a fantastic opportunity to increase opportunities for developing the skills and capacity of staff across The PRECISE Network through the Professional Development Scheme and eLearning. We have had fantastic feedback from our teams in Africa about these aspects of The Global Health Network as well as using the private areas for uploading study protocols and operating procedures that can be quickly and easily accessed by those working in the field. We have only been members since October 2018 and are excited to work with The Global Health Network to continue maximising the potential of the brilliant for our network.”

Dr Meriel Flint-O'Kane, PRECISE Community Programme Manager

"It's the holy grail for us, it allows us to access content, resources and material training that otherwise we would not be able to afford. We don't have access or the means to travel to have in-person experience, so it has been fantastic.”

Laboratory Manager, Ghana

“I am greatly thankful to The Global Health Network eLearning centre for providing scientists and medical practitioners with a platform that has a massive impact in knowledge and value additions... in low-and middle-income countries.”

Course User, Good Clinical Laboratory Practice

“The resources available on The Global Health Network, including the Professional Development Scheme amongst other trainings, guidance and templates, are innovative, unique and highly accessed.”

Director, Research Funder

“We found [The Global Health Network Training Centre] courses very helpful and comprehensive. This platform can bring together researchers from all over the world and plan and prepare for future pandemics. I would recommend everyone to use the platform and learn how to do good quality research”.

Clinical Research Officer, Pakistan

Implementation Science

PEDIATRICIAN NEONATOLOGIST, PERU

Joined The Global Health Network platform in 2023 and has completed one training course to date. He has incorporated tools from the platform into his teaching: *“One of the tools from The Global Health Network we used to learn how to measure neonatal anthropometry. This tool also helped us standardize the criteria.”*

“The e-Learning courses on The Global Health Network are fantastic resources for those who want to build their careers... and for students to enrich their existing knowledge. I participated in both learning sessions. The session on Research Ethics was very helpful for me...It constitutes some important aspects and points to consider, which must be accounted before starting data collection and during protocol design.”

Participant, Asia

“All the tools and documentation found on the INTERGROWTH-21st Hub have helped me to monitor microcephaly associated with the Zika virus, much faster and with greater accuracy. As has the dissemination of the tools, research and analysis of the findings.”

Participant involved in INTERGROWTH-21ST Impact Assessment

“I was equipped with knowledge on safety and quality for the realisation of reliable results.”

Laboratory staff, Kenya

“It helped me consciously ensure accuracy and completeness of any data I am recording.”

Pharmacist, Nigeria

“I coordinate clinical activities in a fistula centre in my country, it gave me a broad appreciation of the problem and who the patients are and the experiences they have probably before they visit our facilities.”

Project Manager, Ghana

Programmatic Solutions

MESH KNOWLEDGE HUB

The Global Health Network Mesh Knowledge Hub and global Community of Practice is for people working in community and public engagement with health research. It brings together researchers, health workers, engagement practitioners and communities to share practical tools, evidence, case studies and good practice, while providing opportunities for networking, training, workshops and collaboration. With over 7000 registered members and over 2400 downloads of its resources, Mesh is strengthening skills and leadership in community engagement, and helping ensure that health research is more ethical, relevant and responsive to the priorities of the communities it is intended to serve.



“MESH now reaches an average of two or three thousand visits each month. This is in large part due to its position embedded within the larger community of The Global Health Network, enabling us to share resources with thousands”

Natalie Hunter, MESH Coordinator, Wellcome

EDCTP KNOWLEDGE HUB

This Hub provides resources, tools, guidance and practical support, for doing high-quality clinical research and research capacity strengthening, particularly across sub-Saharan Africa. These include toolkits to support for protocol development, data management and data sharing. This support directly addresses a need for information on when to use what basic data analysis tool. The toolkits have been visited over 100,000 times by visitors from 110 countries. Each element actively promotes collaboration; in particular, the Concept Protocol Tool enables professionals from diverse



settings to invite feedback and discuss protocol development with peers, all delivered in an online resource-rich environment to facilitate the rapid translation of a concept protocol into a high-quality evidence base for health innovation where it's needed most.

FLEMING FUND RESOURCES KNOWLEDGE HUB

The Fleming Fund is a UK International Development programme, established in 2015, in partnership with more than 30 countries across Africa, Asia-Pacific and the Caribbean to tackle antimicrobial resistance. The Fleming Fund has supported a wide range of projects that have generated practical tools, guidance, training materials, datasets, and learning resources to strengthen antimicrobial resistance surveillance and laboratory capacity.

With the completion of this programme in June 2026, these resources have now been made available on The Global Health Network, to enhance and support the existing AMR community of practice.



THE GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORK TRAINING CENTRE

The Training Centre provides free, open-access training to strengthen the skills and capabilities needed to undertake high-quality health research worldwide. It offers a growing portfolio of eLearning courses covering research methods, ethics, data management, laboratory practice, clinical trials and other essential research competencies. Designed to be practical and accessible across settings, the Training Centre enables researchers and healthcare professionals to build skills at their own pace and supports institutions in strengthening sustainable research capacity. It has supported the integration of The Global Health Network free eLearning course into two postgraduate degrees and a laboratory at The University of Cape Town. One of the module convenors said of the Good Clinical Laboratory Practices (GCLP) course:

“The notification of the e-Learning course came at exactly the right time for me. I was due to teach GCLP to MPhil students. So, I immediately completed the course myself [and] decided to abandon my half completed slide set and use the resource provided. I have subsequently requested our laboratory staff completed this course for their continued staff development. Some have proceeded onto other courses as well.”

RESOURCES

The Global Health Network Resources Gateway provides a central, open-access route to practical tools, templates, guidance and materials that support health research across diseases, disciplines and settings. It enables researchers and healthcare professionals to quickly find and use high-quality resources covering the full research lifecycle, from study design and ethics to data management, implementation and dissemination. By bringing resources together in one accessible place, the Gateway reduces duplication,

supports knowledge sharing and helps research teams apply proven approaches to strengthen the quality and impact of their work.

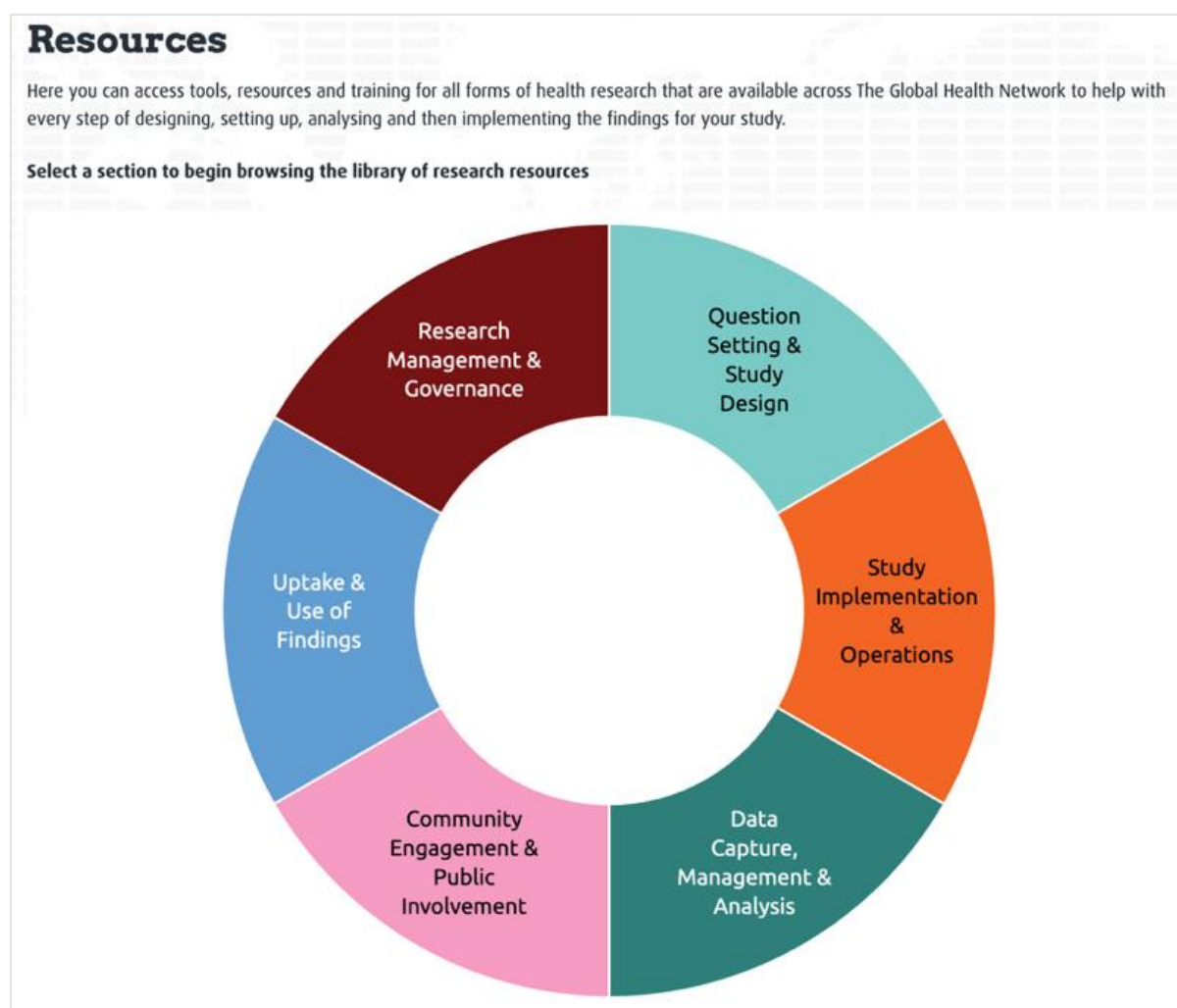


Figure 5 | The Global Health Network Resources Gateway

Pathway to Impact

The Global Health Network's Pathway to Impact Framework is a practical and adaptable approach for understanding how health research capacity-strengthening activities contribute to skills, collaboration, institutional practice, and wider systems change. It can be used by projects, knowledge hubs, training programmes, research partnerships, research clubs, communities of practice, and locally led initiatives to track what they deliver, who they reach, what evidence they capture, and what changes over time.

The framework brings together quantitative data, such as registrations, attendance, course completions, certificates issued, countries reached, and platform engagement, with qualitative evidence, such as participant feedback, interviews, focus group discussions,

reflections, and impact stories. This helps teams understand not only what was delivered, but also how people and teams used the knowledge, training, resources, and connections in their work.



Figure 6

Regional Activities

Research Clubs

A Research Club is a locally run, institutionally mandated learning and support group that equips frontline healthcare workers and research staff to identify locally relevant problems, develop pragmatic studies, deliver them ethically, and communicate findings for practice and policy impact.

The Global Health Network facilitates the setting up and running of Research Clubs which build sustainable research capacity by bringing

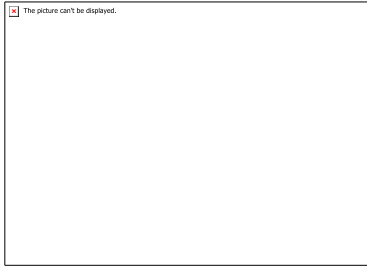
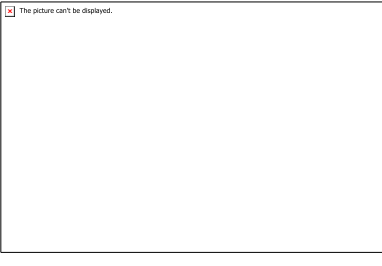
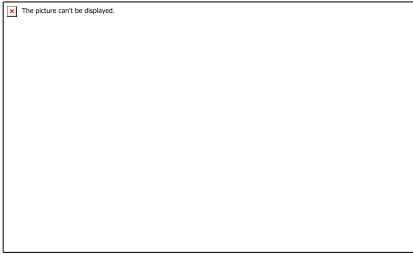
researchers and healthcare professionals together to develop practical skills while addressing locally relevant questions using their own data and experience. Through peer learning, mentorship and hands-on research, participants progress from identifying questions to analysing data, generating evidence and sharing findings. This approach embeds research skills within institutions, strengthens locally led research and enables evidence to translate into publications, collaborations, improved practice and, ultimately, better health outcomes.



Figure 7 | Research Club Session in a Multi-Speciality Hospital in Kolhapur, India

Regional meetings

The Global Health Network uses regional convening for different purposes. Most activities strengthen research skills and build local capacity; some are deliberately designed as co-creation processes, bringing regional expertise together to generate a shared resource with value beyond the immediate meeting. The MESH regional meetings for the Good Engagement Practice for Clinical Trials course are an example of this approach.

		
<i>Nairobi March 2025</i>	<i>Kathmandu April 2025</i>	<i>Santo Domingo June 2025</i>

A REGIONAL CO-CREATION MODEL

In 2025, MESH and partners used three regional expert meetings to co-author an online training course on good public, community and patient engagement and involvement in clinical trials. The purpose was not simply to deliver training, but to test and strengthen the course content against diverse regional experience, language and practice.

Across the meetings, regional expertise was treated as a core input to the resource rather than a final consultation step. This helped surface differences in terminology, practice and context while identifying principles that could be shared across settings. The process also strengthened regional networks and created a community of experts able to advise on the continued development and use of the resource.



Explore The Global Health Network and join a global community working to strengthen health research through knowledge sharing and collaboration.

Visit www.tghn.org to access training, practical research resources, knowledge hubs and opportunities to connect and collaborate.

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