

CONCEPT NOTE:

A WORKSHOP ON BASIC CONCEPTS AND METHODS IN QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

Background: A two-day short training course on qualitative research method will be conducted from 4-5th March as one of the WHO supported activities for the Health Research Council in collaboration with Global Fund and the Sudan Medical Specialization Board. It was delivered by Dr Paul Bukuluki, social scientist at the WHO Sudan Country Office and Dr Amira Alfadil.

WHO in partnership with FMOH and the Sudan Medical Specialization Board are increasingly putting emphasis on using mixed methods applying qualitative and quantitative research approaches in conducting studies to inform policy and programming decisions.

This interest is also based on the current emphasis on deepening understanding of the social determinants of health that require use of social science research (especially qualitative research approaches) and social behavioural change strategies. This training fits within the mandate of WHO to provide technical assistance in partnership with FMOH in conducting rigorous implementation research to inform policy and programming decisions.

Purpose

To strengthen the knowledge and skills of graduate students and researchers at the Sudan Medical Specialization Board in qualitative research and data analysis.

Target audience

This training will target 35 researchers and students who intend to incorporate qualitative methodologies into their research projects. The attendees will be from different backgrounds including community physicians, family health doctors, epidemiologists and public health officers, who were interested in qualitative research methods.

Key Assumptions:

1. Participants have basic training in quantitative and qualitative research approaches.
2. Participants are engaged in activities requiring knowledge and skills in social science and qualitative research approaches.
3. Participants are either graduate students or working with FMOH/State MOH.

Key topics to be covered:

At the end of this training, participants should know:

1. Differences between Qualitative and quantitative research approaches.
2. Overview on Qualitative Research
3. How is Qualitative Methods Used in Research/Evaluation?
4. The Most Common Qualitative Research Designs
5. Data Collection Methodologies and Tools
6. Complementarities between qualitative and quantitative approaches (mixed Methods)
7. Basics in qualitative data management and analysis

Methods of Delivery

The training will use participatory approaches suitable for adult learners. It will involve a mix of lectures, use of case studies, group discussions, brain storming and plenary presentations

Workshop Agenda

Day 1		
08:30-08:45	Opening Remarks	Sudan Medical Specialization Board and WHO Country Office
08:45-10:45	Overview of qualitative research approaches 1	Dr. Paul Bukuluki
10:45-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:30	Overview of qualitative research approaches 2	Dr. Paul Bukuluki
12:30-13:30	Lunch break	
13:30-15:30	Qualitative Research Designs	Dr. Paul Bukuluki
Day 2		
08:30-08:45	Wrap up exercise	
08:45-10:15	Sampling in Qualitative Research	Dr. Dr Amira Alfadil
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-12:30	Methods of Data Collection in Qualitative Research	Dr. Paul Bukuluki & Dr Amira Alfadil
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 -15:00	Basics in qualitative data analysis and presentation	Dr. Paul Bukuluki & Dr Amira Alfadil
15.00-15.30	Closing Ceremony	FMOH/SMSB & WHO

**Research Proposals, Collaborations with Research and Academic Institutions,
Chances for International Funding, and Priorities in Research Projects**

Workshops

Target groups: All people in medical field, graduate students

There will be three main topics presented by three different professors and each professor will have two or three facilitators. The workshops will be at the Medical Specialization Board from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. The topics are:

1) Multidisciplinary Research

By: Prof. Omran Fadl Osman

Facilitators:

- a) Iman Othman Mohammed (0911243931)
- b) Nada Siralkhatim Eltahir (0122500789)

Date: March 3, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

2) Partnership with the National and International Research Groups

By Prof. Muntaser Eltayeb Ibrahim

Facilitators:

- a) Yousuf Hasan (npgy1@yahoo.com)
- b) Ashraf Yahia (kambalawy@hotmail.com)
- c) Mutaz Amin (mtz88@hotmail.co.uk)

Date: March 4, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

3) Career Track

By Prof. Galal M. Yousif

Facilitators:

- a) Dr. Muna Ellaithi (0122822467)
- b) Dr. Nazik Ambili (0916166618)

Date: March 5, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm