



Monitoring and Evaluation of Maternal and Neonatal Health Programmes

A short course designed to strengthen capacity in developing countries for programme monitoring and evaluation in the context of global reproductive health goals.

Robust monitoring and evaluation of Maternal and Neonatal Health (MNH) programmes provides the foundation for evidence-based decision making, and allows countries to track progress towards the Millennium Development Goals.

Who should attend?

This course is designed for country-based groups of MNH managers working at national or regional level with governments, international organisations or local/international NGOs.

Course Description

This course will train programme managers in the theory and practice of monitoring and evaluation of maternal and neonatal health programmes, enabling them to examine, evaluate and enhance current practice in monitoring, to design and implement evaluations and to use results to advocate for improved maternal and neonatal health.

Course Dates

17th August to 2nd September 2009

Venue

MS-Training Centre for Development Cooperation, Arusha, Tanzania

Course fees

\$3000 (Excludes travel, accommodation and food)

This is a new version of the Ipsact M&E training course which has been modified to include broader reproductive health elements. It will be held in Tanzania, August 2009.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the two-week course successful participants will have developed the skills needed to:

- use a log frame approach to monitor an MNH programme
- use MNH and RH indicators for effective monitoring and evaluation
- evaluate critically the national health information system
- identify and assess the utility of a range of data sources
- make critical use of a range of indicators for monitoring and for evaluation
- develop a robust evaluation question and select appropriate evaluation instruments for quantitative, qualitative and economic evaluation
- locate programme evaluation within a broader RH policy context

Those opting for the 2½ week course will, in addition, develop skills needed to:

- commission an external evaluation
- advocate in support of the evaluation as a means of promoting evidence-based decision-making.

Training methods

All sessions are interactive and draw on participants' expertise and experience and include:

- Short lectures
- Working in country or regional groups, critical examination of current practice, application of theoretical material to the national situation using national documents and data where possible
- Data analysis and data interpretation using (where possible) national data brought by participants
- Presentations by country or regional groups

Selection Criteria

Participants should have the following experience:

- MNH programme management with the authority to advocate for change in the national or regional programme and accountable for programme progress

OR

- Experience as a programme health officer of an international NGO or a UN agency in charge of the maternal and neonatal health programme

AND THE FOLLOWING SKILLS:

- Good working knowledge of English
- Basic knowledge of biostatistics and epidemiology
- Capacity to analyse data using a common software package such as excel



What participants say about the training

“ The course is very practical and applicable in my field-work; it gave me ideas on how I can apply it in my province

The course has enriched me with practical knowledge I can now apply in my job

The course design is really wonderful, the practical exercises are challenging but the results are productive and meaningful

The teaching approach is excellent

Thank you for what has been shared during this course ”



To register for the course

The application form is available to download from www.ipact-int.com

Participants are required to complete the application form before the 1st July 2009 and return to Shelagh Barr: sbarr@ipact-int.com

The number of participants is limited to 25, early application is advised.

Additional information and contact details

Participants are asked to pay the registration fee once they have received official notification that they are accepted on the course, and in all cases payment must be made before the start of the course. Bank details for bank transfers will be notified in the letter of acceptance.

Detailed information about national M&E documents and data that participants are requested to bring to the course will also be sent along with practical details of the stay in Tanzania.

For further information regarding course content contact:

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This course will be held at the
MS-Training Centre for Development Co-operation
in Arusha, Tanzania in collaboration with Ipect.

The Centre is situated close to Arusha, Northern Tanzania. Throughout the year different courses and workshops run concurrently in a lively international atmosphere promoting sharing of experience and cross cultural discussions. Over the last 30 years MS-TDC has gained rich experience in training development workers, civil society organisations and their partners, donors and government agencies across the Eastern and Southern Africa regions.

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