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Concept note

LMIC Workshop 1

Doing knowledge exchange during the COVID 19 pandemic – what lessons have we learnt?

Date and time

Thursday 29th of April, 10:00 am – 12:30 am (GMT)

Duration

140 mins

Background

The pandemic has forced researchers to adapt the ways that they engage with partners in the Global South. Equally, communities, civil society and governments have had to find new ways to work in partnership with academics. The move towards online and digital platforms has presented challenges, however it has also led to innovative approaches to promote the active participation of all stakeholders. This workshop will provide an opportunity for researchers and research partners to share experiences and identify good practices.

Objectives

- Discuss the implications of the COVID 19 pandemic on knowledge exchange and partnerships in LMIC
- Promote learning among researchers and non-academic partners
- Identify effective approaches and good practices

Audience

CoSS researchers working in LMIC and non-academic research partners.

Format

Researchers and research partners will present successful knowledge exchange approaches adopted during the pandemic. Workshop participants will be organized in a Zoom breakout rooms to share their experiences and select useful strategies to promote knowledge exchange. Each group will have a set of guiding questions for discussion and facilitator.

The discussions from the breakout rooms will be summarised in a document and submitted to workshop participants for feedback. The final version will be presented as a guide which will be shared with stakeholders working in LMIC.

1. Introduction and 2 x presentations	30 mins
2. Break out room discussion	30 mins
3. Break	10 mins
4. 3 x presentations	30 mins
5. Break out room discussion	30 mins
6. Presentation and concluding remarks	10 mins

Guiding questions for discussion:

- What innovative approaches could be replicated in other contexts?
- Which approaches will you continue to adopt in post pandemic?
- What challenges still remain?
- What strategies have helped to develop the capacities of partners?
- What investments should be made to develop the capacities of researchers?
- How can funding and admin systems provide support to new ways of doing knowledge exchange?

Speakers

- Prof Charles Nherera – University of Zimbabwe / UKRI International Panel Member (Zimbabwe)
- Dr Raul Valdes-Cotera - Senior Programme Specialist and Programme Manager of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities/UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (Germany)
- Prof Mario-Delos Reyes – Dean at the University of the Philippines School of Urban and Regional Planning /International Co-Investigator for the GCRF Centre for Sustainable, Healthy, and Learning Cities and Neighbourhoods (Philippines)
- Dr Anshuman Karol – Researcher at Participatory Research in Asia (India)
- Dr Barbara Read - Reader in Gender and Social Inequalities, School of Education, University of Glasgow (United Kingdom)