

Methods of Economic Evaluation and Financing for the Health Sector



Participants at the workshop on Methods of Economic Evaluation and Financing for the Health Sector, July 2012.

From July 16 to 20, 2012, the School of Public Health at University of Kinshasa (UNIKIN), one of the One Health Central and Eastern Africa (OHCEA) members, in collaboration with Tufts University, organized a workshop titled "Methods of Economic Evaluation and Financing for the Health Sector" under a university twinning program with USAID RESPOND academic partners in the DRC. This seminar was aimed at strengthening the capacity of academic institutions, and train health professionals to be able to work closely across disciplines, using a One Health approach.

The workshop was led by Edward Kutsoati, Ph.D., Associate Professor at the Faculty of Economics, Tufts University. Five professors from the School of Public Health, faculty from Economics at UNIKIN, senior researchers and junior faculty from ISTM / Kinshasa, faculty from Veterinary Medicine (UNIKIN), and students from the School of Public Health attended the workshop. Experts from the Ministries of Agriculture and Health also took an active part in the workshop as participants and trainers.

For five days, participants shared experiences with the Tufts University instructor, experts from the Ministry of Health and from MSH (Management Sciences for Health), an international organization that specializes in the field of performance-based financing in Africa. The workshop, rated by the participants as invaluable, was the first of its kind held at the School of Public Health in ten years.

The workshop was an important event that allowed health professionals from different disciplines and sectors to learn together and exchange knowledge. It also helped identify experts in the field of economic assessment. Academic partners had the opportunity to discuss proposed reforms to improve the curriculum in the health economics program at the School of Public Health (UNIKIN). They were also briefed on TUSK, a knowledge management system developed by Tufts University that promotes academic collaborations and that is being implemented at UNIKIN.