

MEASURE Evaluation's Regional Workshops on M&E of HIV/AIDS Programs



MEASURE Evaluation Fact sheet M&E Training: Regional Workshops

At MEASURE Evaluation, we know that improved analysis and use of data leads to better health program decision making and, ultimately, improved health outcomes. This fact sheet introduces one of the innovative toolsets created for monitoring & evaluating public health interventions.

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Overview: MEASURE Evaluation provides regional training workshops to meet a high need for professionals with monitoring and evaluation skills in developing countries.

The demand for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) skills is particularly acute in government agencies and local nongovernmental organizations that implement HIV/AIDS programs. Unfortunately, there are very few places in developing countries where professionals can seek training to increase their M&E skills.

One of MEASURE Evaluation's capacity-building activities is aimed at establishing partnerships in developing countries with selected universities and training/research centers to offer M&E training programs and related activities. In order to build the capacity of professionals, MEASURE Evaluation and its institutional training partners offer two-week non-degree courses that provide training

in the design and implementation of M&E systems that coordinate the collection of information necessary to inform decisions related to HIV/AIDS programming that includes planning for and effectively communicating strategic information as integral components of the course modules.

To deliver these M&E workshops of HIV/AIDS programs, MEASURE Evaluation relies on partnerships with several training institutions around the world. MEASURE Evaluation collaborates with Mahidol University in Thailand, the Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública (INSP) in Mexico, Centre Africain Etudes Supérieures en Gestion (CESAG) in Senegal; and the University of Pretoria in South Africa.

Summary of M&E of HIV/AIDS Regional Workshop Participation, 2003-2006

Region/Location	Number of Workshops	Number of Applicants	Number of Participants	Number of Countries Represented	Number of Participants Funded by MEASURE Evaluation	
Asia/Thailand	1	80	26	13	6	
Francophone Africa/Senegal	1	31*	31	9	5	
Anglophone Africa/South Africa	2	186	44	17	6	
LAC/Mexico	1	54	25	10	5	
* By invitation.	Total	5	351	126	49	22

Workshop Content: These workshops offer intensive training that covers the fundamental concepts and tools for monitoring and evaluating HIV/AIDS programs. Workshop sessions include The Role of Strategic Information in Decision Making; M&E Frameworks; Indicators; Information Systems; Evaluation Designs; Developing M&E Plans; Selecting, Calculating and Interpreting Indicators; and Facilitating the Use of Strategic Information. In addition, modules on HIV/AIDS program areas and cross-cutting issues appropriate for each regional context (e.g. Asia, Africa, or Latin America and the Caribbean) are also included. Hands-on experience in designing M&E plans are gained by doing exercises and working in small groups throughout the workshop. The participant groups present the results of their projects during the final day of the workshop.

Intended Audience: These workshops are designed for national and sub-national level M&E professionals and their counterparts, assistants and advisors who are involved with the implementation of HIV/AIDS programs. Applicants should have some analytic skills and current responsibilities for developing program monitoring plans and/or evaluation programs. Courses taught in Mexico at INSP are taught in Spanish. Courses taught in Senegal at CESAG are taught in French. Courses taught in South Africa at University of Pretoria and in Thailand at the Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University, are taught in English.

Faculty: These workshops are taught by faculty members from our partner organizations. MEASURE Evaluation experts also teach at each workshop. Local instructors from ministries of health, NGOs, and other regional experts teach selected modules and facilitate sessions throughout each workshop.

Planned workshops for 2007 include:

- Francophone Africa, at CESAG, Senegal, February 2007
- Asia, at Mahidol, Thailand, July 2007
- Anglophone Africa, at University of Pretoria, South Africa, mid-2007 (budget approval pending)

Comments from recent participants:

The workshop contributed to my work by reinforcing the skills in the field of monitoring and evaluation. I became a reference person at the national level... .

2006 CESAG workshop participant

The workshop has definitely helped me to improve the content of my training workshops and has enabled me to assist countries of the Caribbean in developing their M&E plans and M&E information systems.

2006 Mahidol University workshop participant

[Since the workshop] I have been selected to join a group of consultants that will be working with Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Health to implement its health sector reform initiatives and design strategies ... sincerely speaking, I believe the Pretoria training should minimize the technical challenge.

2006 University of Pretoria workshop participant

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