CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM TRAINERS FOR A TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON HEALTH SYSTEMS EVALUATION AND POLICY ANALYSIS FOR NON-STATE ACTORS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Introduction

The AERC is a premier capacity building institution focusing on advancement of research and graduate training to inform economic policies in Africa. The AERC thematic and collaborative research programmes foster research in micro and macroeconomic policy areas of interest in SSA. While thematic research programme aims to provide capacity building for early career researchers, the collaborative research programme addresses topical issues of interest to Africa and brings together seasoned researchers from within and outside Africa to generate policy-oriented research. Established in 1988, the consortium’s mandate and strategic mission is built on the basis that sustained development in sub-Saharan Africa requires well trained, locally based professional economists. AERC is a vast network of universities, policy makers, researchers, educators, and international resource persons. As part of its capacity building, AERC plans to offer a three-day training workshop on “Health Systems Evaluation and Policy Analysis” for individuals working in non-State organizations in sub-Saharan Africa. The event will take place on 21 -23 March 2022.

The overall aim of the course is to impart pertinent skills on health system evaluation and policy analysis to the trainees. The objective of the course is to develop competencies of trainees in conducting health systems evaluation and analyzing policies in the health care systems of SSA. With the advent of COVID-19 and its subsequent strain on the health system resources and service delivery, the support of non-state actors in health sector is pertinent. This course is tailored to the specific needs of projects and programmes owned and/or run by Non-State Actors in health care service delivery and health research. Therefore, AERC seeks to engage trainers for technical workshop on health systems evaluation and policy analysis

The aim of the Course

In the advent of COVID-19 pandemic, health systems globally have taken a big hit in sustaining service delivery with constrained resources. In sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), the disease burden from COVID-19, additional to existing morbidities from Malaria, HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis has overstretched the resources available for service delivery in the health sectors. This is notwithstanding the increase in demand for health care from non-communicable diseases (hypertension, cardiovascular, asthma etc.) and injuries. To alleviate disease burden in sub-
Saharan Africa there is need to improve the functioning and strengthening of the health systems. Apart from the disease burden, other interventions in maternal and child health, adolescent health, reproductive health are possible if the health systems are working effectively. The pressure on pillars of SSA health system; leadership, health financing, human resource for health, medical equipment and drugs, health information systems, health service delivery cannot be ignored in this COVID-19 era. In the dispensation of COVID-19 and its challenges to health systems, non-state actors play a pivotal role in supporting the health system functioning in SSA. On this notion, non-state actors such as civil societies, faith-based organizations, private sectors, teaching, and research institutions are playing a major role in complementing the Governments of SSA in provision of quality health care. Thus, developing competencies of non-state actors in health systems evaluation and policy analysis is relevant to SSA efforts in strengthening service delivery in the health sector.

The participants will be drawn from non-state actors involved in the health care and its allied sector. Non-state actors include civil society in all its forms, economic and social partners (trade unions and employers associations), health service providers (Faith based organizations, Community based organizations and private sector) and health care researchers. The non-state actors in health care are playing a pivotal role in improving, maintaining, and restoring health capital in Sub-Saharan Africa. This has been witnessed in their efforts alongside the government in health service delivery during these times of COVID pandemic. The training is tailored to the specific needs of non-state actors and aims to develop competencies in:

1. Understanding the health systems functions, performance measurements and resilience.
2. Assessing the Health systems strengthening framework: Challenges and Opportunities in SSA
3. Conducting health systems evaluation through cost-effectiveness analysis, cost-benefit analysis, cost efficiency analysis and cost-utility analysis.
4. Critiquing the sustainability of SSA Health system resource (human and financial) mobilization: private sector, government, and external donors.
5. Evaluate the health system planning processes in SSA and their achievements.
6. Conducting health policy analysis: policy formulation, setting the agenda, policy communities, implementation, and policy evaluation.

The Call for Expression of Interest

We would like to invite qualified persons to respond to the expression of interest to offer this training. The terms of reference for the instructor include the following tasks:

- Preparation of the workshop agenda and technical prospectus to be used in the three-day training workshop.
- Identification of relevant materials and documentations for use during the workshop.
- Lead the discussions and provide the participants with extensive exposure to a selected number of useful concepts and issues relevant to the course.
- Provide practical examples on how to carry out health system evaluation and policy analysis.
• Prepare a report on the proceedings of the workshop.
• Perform any other activities as mutually agreed upon between the trainer(s) and AERC.

 Selection of the trainer(s) will be based on the following criteria:

• At least have a master’s degree and professional progression thereafter.
• Experience in teaching and/or implementing health system evaluation and policy analysis course.
• Experience in offering short course to participants with diverse background.
• Published in refereed/peer reviewed outlets (Journal Articles, Books and Book Chapters) on areas relevant to the course.
• A brief outline of what will be covered in the course.
• Any other useful information relating to offering the course.

 More information on the training is as follows:

• The workshop will be virtual and offered through online platforms on 21-23 March 2022.
• The trainers are expected to use their own computers (laptop) for the workshop.
• Training will consist of three daily sessions. The morning will run from about 09.00-11.00 hrs. The afternoon session will run from 2:00-4:00hrs.
• AERC will offer a moderate honorarium for the services provided during that period including the time required for preparation of the course material.

 Application Process

• To express your interest in offering the course, kindly send your CV and other relevant information outlining your experience in teaching similar courses to the email address below on February 15, 2022, at 1700 hrs and mention “ENGAGEMENT OF INSTRUCTOR(S) FOR TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON HEALTH SYSTEMS EVALUATION AND POLICY ANALYSIS FOR SUB SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES”.
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• The expression of interest should explain why you should be selected and not be more than five hundred (500) words.

• Women trainers are encouraged to apply.