



**UNIVERSITY OF GHANA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AFRICAN REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
supported by TDR/WHO**

**IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH WORKSHOP
29 MAY – 2 JUNE 2017**

Rationale

The Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) is co-sponsored by UNICEF, UNDP, the World Bank and WHO. With its new strategy, TDR aims to foster an effective global research effort on infectious diseases of poverty and promote the translation of innovation to health impact in disease endemic countries. This is implemented through two main complementary and interacting lines of activity: (i) intervention and implementation research; and (ii) research capacity strengthening and knowledge management.

Intervention and Implementation Research as the main emphasis of TDR's new strategy, focuses on the systematic approach to understanding and addressing barriers to effective implementation of health interventions, strategies and policies. The need to address implementation bottlenecks is often greatest in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), where health systems are weak or non-existent. Building capacities to overcome such bottlenecks is increasingly important in order to achieve universal health coverage and the sustainable development goals

In this vein, WHO/TDR has supported the development of Regional Training Centres in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to incorporate in their curricula a package of skill-building courses and train-the-trainer programmes in their respective regions.

In Africa, The University of Ghana School of Public Health is the Regional Training Centre supported by WHO/TDR. UG/SPH has developed a 5 day short course on Implementation Research in order to facilitate the dissemination of the concept among the main stakeholders, academic and research institutions and public health practitioners.

❖ Workshop Objectives

The objectives of this workshop are to:

1. Provide an overview to the principles, terms and concepts of implementation research and their application
2. Provide knowledge on common methods and ethics for implementation research.
3. Stakeholder engagement in implementation research
4. Offer key communication skills required for disseminating implementation research findings.

❖ Course Content

The course is made up of five modules:

1. Module 1: Introduction to Implementation Research
2. Module 2: Methods in Implementation Research
3. Module 3: Ethics and Quality Assurance in Implementation Research
4. Module 4: Community and Stakeholders Engagement
5. Module 5: Communication/Dissemination and Scale-ups.

❖ Teaching Materials

Throughout the workshop, time will be allotted for practical exercises and groupwork. Resources for further study and research will be provided. All course materials will be provided as part of tuition. It is advisable to bring a laptop.

❖ Faculty

The course will be taught by faculty members of the School of Public Health, University of Ghana

❖ Eligibility

This workshop targets individuals who are program staff, implementers, stakeholders, persons from academic and research institutions and public health practitioners who are currently in health institutions and other individuals with a professional interest in implementation research. Applicants should be proficient in English.

❖ Application Procedures and Deadline

Persons who wish to take part in the workshop should submit their application forms to rtc1@ug.edu.gh.

❖ Deadlines

Submission:

The Deadline for submission of application forms is **31 March 2017, 5pm (GMT)**.

Notification to successful applicants:

14th April, 2017

Acceptance by applicants:

21st April, 2017

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❖ **Fees**

The course fees are:

- Tuition Only: GHC 2000
- Tuition and Accommodation: GHC 3200

Spots available (maximum 15 participants), please note that preference will be given to candidates who submit their completed applications before the 31 March 2017 deadline.

❖ **Accommodation**

Accommodation is available on the University Campus.

❖ **About School of Public Health, University of Ghana**

The School of Public Health (SPH) was established in 1994 to respond to a growing demand or cadre of public health practitioners to provide leadership in public health reforms in the country. The mission of the school is to train public health practitioners to be leaders and change agents of health development in Africa. Visit the School's website at:

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