

Makerere University School of Public Health

MPH Program: Selected achievement in the period – July – November 2016

MPH field supervisors’ annual review meeting held 20th – 21st October 2016

The MPH program successfully held a Field Supervisors’ annual review meeting in Kampala (Metropole Hotel) on 20th – 21st October, 2016. This two day meeting brought on board several stakeholders who included: District/ Field Supervisors, MakSPH Faculty, MPH Program Secretariat, MPH (Distance Education and Fulltime Time) students and the Uganda Medical and Dental Practitioners Council (UMDPC) representative among others. The meeting fully achieved its objectives which included: 1] To receive feedback from Field Supervisors, MPH Officers and Faculty Supervisors on the June – August 2016 field attachment; 2] To discuss strategies on improving MPH field training; 3] To review the draft MPH Field Attachment Manual; and 4] To strengthen capacity of Field Supervisors in supporting/ mentoring MPH Officers during field training.

Specifically, field supervision, progress/ updates, successes, challenges and proposed solutions were discussed as different stakeholders shared their experiences. Research opportunities for MPH students at the UMDPC were also discussed. In addition, the Field Mentors/ Supervisors were also oriented on Epidemiological study designs and concept paper development including the MakSPH revised guidelines on concept paper development and MakSPH concept format.



Participants of the 2016 Annual MPH Field Supervisors meeting pause for a group a group photo



Dr. Dyogo Nantamu, DHO Jinja (standing) makes a presentation on his experiences as a Field Supervisor



MPH FT student (Dr. Espoir Bwenge Malembeka) - standing making a presentation on on the short study he conducted during field attachment



Assoc. Prof. Fredrick Makumbi (standing) giving a lecture on Epidemiological Studies Design to Field Supervisors

MPH Students Participate in Outbreak Investigation and Disease surveillance Related activities

Eleven (11) MPH students were supported to participate in disease outbreak investigations and response as well as surveillance systems evaluation and strengthening in different districts including: Kamwenge, Adjumani, and Napak districts. The outbreaks they investigated and responded to and surveillance activities conducted included: Investigated and responded to measles outbreak in Kamwenge District; conducted a rapid assessment of health status and response preparedness in refugee camps receiving new refugees in Adjumani District 2016. In Napak district the students participated in Data Improvement Teams activity (surveillance systems strengthening at district level). Some of the tasks performed by MPH students during outbreak investigations and response included: Participating in planning meeting with national stakeholders (taskforce) i.e. planning for the investigation and response, conducting line-listing of cases, contact tracing, community sensitization, data compilation and analysis, report writing and debriefing of district authorities as well as Ministry of Health,



MPH students reviewing inpatient and outpatient registers at the health facility during measles outbreak investigation in Kamwenge district

MakSPH-MPH Students and Alumni Participate in International and National (the 6th AFENET and JASH 2016) conferences

Twenty six (26) students (including some alumni) were supported to participate (present abstracts) in national and international conferences. Four of the students participated in both conferences (but presented different abstracts). Participation in specific conferences was as follows:

1. Eight students and 12 alumni presented 26 abstracts (6 Oral and 20 Oral-Posters) in the 6th AFENET conference 8th – 12th August 2016 in Abuja Nigeria. Some students presented 2 abstracts each. One of the MPH Alumni, Rebecca Apolot received an award for being the 1st runner up for best Scientific Innovation for her study (abstract) titled: *“The Game Changers: Breaking through Resource Limitation to Ebola Control by Community Structures: The Case of Bombali District, Sierra Leone”*. In addition the MPH (Uganda Program) received an award for the outstanding support to AFENET especially being the founder member for AFENET.

The Minister of Health from Uganda also attended the conference and had a meeting with the Ugandan delegation in Abuja to discuss strategies of strengthening field epidemiology training in Uganda.



MPH students and alumni pose for a group photo at the 6th AFENET Scientific Conference, 8th-12th August 2016, Abuja Nigeria



The Uganda delegation pose for a group photo of the Uganda team with the Minister of Health (seated front with flowered blouse) Dr. Jane Ruth Aceng during the 6th AFENET conference in Abuja Nigeria



One of the MPH alumni (Ignatius Wadunde) making a poster presentation at the 6th AFENET Scientific Conference in Abuja Nigeria



One of the MPH alumni (Claire Nalweyiso) making an oral presentation at the AFENET Conference

2. Ten (10) students of both MPH FT (8 Students) and MPH DE (2 students) presented their abstracts in 10th Joint Annual Scientific Health Conference (JASH) of College of Health Sciences which took place on 21st to 23rd September 2016 at Kabira Country Club in Kampala. In total 14 abstracts (13 oral and 1 poster). An MPH student Alice Namugamba received an award for the best Poster Presenter at the 10th JASH Conference for her study titled “*Factors associated with gender based violence among pregnant women in Arua district*”



Lucy Amaniyo (pointed by arrow) making a an oral presentation during the JASH conference



Alice Namugamba (best poster presentation award winner) possess for a photo with Andrew Tsubira