EVIDENCE-BASED HRH APPROACHES AND KNOWLEDGE-SHARING

CapacityPlus is advancing the field of human resources for health (HRH) by building, communicating, and disseminating the evidence base that will transform promising practices into best practices. A series of publications will describe the evidence behind promising practices in key topic areas and provide guidance for further implementation and evaluation. The project will identify promising practices for field testing, validation, and evaluation, with the goal of defining and disseminating a set of best practices recommended for scale-up.

By conducting applied evaluations and case studies of innovative HRH interventions, CapacityPlus will show the contributions of existing HRH investments to strengthening health systems and improving health outcomes. The project will expand the evidence base by designing evaluation protocols that can be applied to future HRH approaches. CapacityPlus is developing practical data modeling and advocacy tools that enable decision-makers to project and plan staffing to meet family planning/reproductive health and HIV/AIDS service needs.

CapacityPlus is devising innovative, adaptable frameworks and indicators for monitoring HRH performance at the global and national levels. The project provides support to strengthen local capacity to design and conduct effective HRH program monitoring, evaluation, and applied research. Through these efforts, CapacityPlus strives to ensure that high quality data and information are used by HRH practitioners for planning and policy development.

The project’s communications and knowledge management approach uses a variety of channels—websites, e-mail, eLearning, social media, publications—to connect key audiences with information to impact HRH programs and decision-making and advocate for HRH issues. The HRH Global Resource Center (GRC) is the world’s largest digital library for policy-makers, managers, and practitioners at all levels of the health workforce, serving an average of 44,000 visitors a month in 170 countries. The GRC offers librarian research services and a growing portfolio of partnerships to support HRH training, knowledge development, and sharing.

Types of Technical Assistance

- Identifying essential, evidence-based HRH intervention strategies
- Strengthening HRH monitoring and evaluation capacity
- Ensuring rigorous evaluation protocols are applied in assessing the implementation of innovative HRH interventions, approaches, and tools
- Creating regional and global partnerships to advocate for and advance the HRH evaluation agenda and stimulate further investments
- Providing online opportunities for learning and sharing evidence-based HRH information
- Developing collaborations for HRH communications and knowledge-sharing.
Tools and Resources

- CapacityPlus website
- HRH Global Resource Center
- HRH Indicator Compendium
- HRH eLearning platform

In development:
- HRH evaluation protocols

Experts

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