

Supporting the use of research evidence (SURE) for policy in African health systems

Workshop materials

3. Introduction to policy briefs

Objectives

- To develop a shared understanding of what an evidence-based policy brief is, what should be included in it, and how such a brief can be used
- To develop a work plan for preparing a policy brief

Pre-workshop tasks

Read SURE guides for preparing and using policy briefs: 1. Getting started. Available at: www.evipnet.org/sure

Reading

The SURE Collaboration. Supporting the Use of Research Evidence (SURE). SURE guides for preparing and using policy briefs: 1. Getting started. Version 2.1 [updated November 2011]. Available at: www.evipnet.org/sure

Worksheet

Work plan for a policy brief (See SURE Guide 1. Getting started)

Presentation

Introduction to policy briefs (SURE 03 Introduction to policy briefs.pptx)

Additional resources

Lavis JN, Permanand G, Oxman AD, Lewin S, Fretheim A. SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP): 13. Preparing and using policy briefs to support evidence-informed policymaking. Health Res Policy Syst. 2009, 7(Suppl 1):S13.

Notes

Time required: 20 minutes for presentation; 20-30 minutes to develop a work plan for a policy brief; 10-20 minutes to discuss the work plans

Format: Interactive presentation and work in small groups

Tips:

- If a decision has not been made about the problem that the policy brief is meant to address, the small group work can be dropped. Alternatively, this time can be used to critically appraise an example of a policy brief