

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

## Workshop materials

### 4. Prioritising topics for policy briefs

#### Objectives

- To be able to decide systematically and transparently on the priorities for policy briefs
- To be able to describe how the priorities for policy briefs were decided
- To develop a work plan for a priority-setting process

#### Pre-workshop tasks

Read SURE guides for preparing and using policy briefs: Guide 2. Prioritising topics for policy briefs. Available at: [www.evipnet.org/sure](http://www.evipnet.org/sure)

#### Reading

The SURE Collaboration. SURE guides for preparing and using policy briefs: Guide 2. Prioritising topics for policy briefs. Version 2.1 [updated November 2011]. The SURE Collaboration, 2011. Available at: [www.evipnet.org/sure](http://www.evipnet.org/sure)

#### Worksheets (See SURE Guide 2. Prioritising topics for policy briefs)

Worksheet for planning a priority-setting process

Worksheet for summarising a priority-setting process

Worksheet for summarising the reasons for prioritising a particular topic for a policy brief

#### Presentation

Setting priorities for policy briefs (SURE 04 Priority setting.pptx)

#### Additional resources

Lavis JN, Oxman AD, Lewin S, Fretheim A. SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP): 3. Setting priorities for supporting evidence-informed policymaking. Health Res Policy Syst 2009, 7(Suppl 1):S3.

#### Notes

**Time required:** 10 minutes for presentation, 20-30 minutes to complete worksheets, 10-20 minutes for discussing priority setting plans

**Format:** Brief presentation and work in small groups

#### Tips:

- This workshop could be combined with the introduction to policy briefs