

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

## Workshop materials

### 6. Finding and using evidence about local conditions

#### Objectives

- To be able to identify needs for local evidence
- To be able to find local evidence
- To be able to assess local evidence

#### Pre-workshop tasks

Read SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP): 11. Finding and using research evidence about local conditions.

#### Reading

Lewin S, Oxman AD, Lavis JN, Fretheim A, García Martí S, Munabi-Babigumira S. SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP): 11. Finding and using research evidence about local conditions. Health Res Policy Syst. 2009, 7(Suppl 1):S11.

#### Worksheets

Local evidence worksheet (See Additional resources section of SURE Guide 3. Clarifying the problem)

#### Presentation

Local evidence (SURE 06 Local evidence.pptx)

#### Additional resources

Lavis JN, Wilson MG, Oxman AD, Lewin S, Fretheim A. SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP): 4. Using research evidence to clarify a problem. Health Res Policy Syst. 2009, 7(Suppl 1):S4.

#### Notes

**Time required:** 10 to 20 minutes for presentation, 30 to 40 minutes for planning and/or conducting searches and assessments, 10 to 30 minutes for discussing searches and assessments

**Format:** Brief presentation and small group or individual work

#### Tips:

- This workshop could be combined with, for example, a workshop on clarifying the problem and could then focus on finding and using local evidence for that purpose.
- If possible, have available computers and internet connections for participants.
- If possible engage an information specialist to assist with conducting searches.