

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

Workshop materials

2. Improving how your organisation supports the use of research evidence to inform policymaking

Objectives

To assess your organisation's capacity to use research evidence to inform decision making and how its efforts to support evidence-informed health policymaking can be improved and organised, including strategies to ensure:

- Collaboration between policymakers, researchers and stakeholders
- Independence as well as the effective management of conflicts of interest
- The use of systematic and transparent methods for accessing, appraising and using research evidence
- Adequate capacity to employ these methods

Pre-workshop tasks

Read SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP): 2. Improving how your organisation supports the use of research evidence to inform policymaking

Reading

Oxman AD, Vandvik PO, Lavis JN, Fretheim A, Lewin S. SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP): 2. Improving how your organisation supports the use of research evidence to inform policymaking. *Health Res Policy Syst.* 2009, 7(Suppl 1):S2.

Worksheet

SUPPORT worksheet for assessing an organisation's capacity to support the use of research evidence to inform policymaking (See SURE Guide 1. Getting started)

Presentation

Improving how your organisation supports the use of research evidence to inform policymaking (SURE 02 Organisational self-assessment.pptx)

Notes

Time required: 10-20 minutes for the presentation; 20-30 minutes for participants to complete a self-assessment; 60-90 minutes to discuss the self-assessments

Format: Individual and small-group discussions

Tips:

- Identify and discuss different perceptions of how well the organisation is doing. Discrepancies and differences can help to develop a shared vision and a plan of action
- The worksheet can also be used to monitor how well an organisation is doing in its efforts to improve its use of research evidence