

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

## Workshop materials

### 8. Finding systematic reviews

#### Objectives

1. To develop an appreciation for the range of databases that can be used to find systematic reviews of health systems research and which databases to use when
2. To develop a better understand and skills to use key databases when preparing a policy brief

#### Pre-workshop tasks

Read SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP): 7. Finding systematic reviews

#### Reading

Lavis JN, Oxman AD, Grimshaw J, Johansen M, Boyko JA, Lewin S, Fretheim A: SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP): 7. Finding systematic reviews. Health Res Policy Syst. 2009, 7(Suppl 1):S7.

#### Additional resources

McGowan J, Sampson M, Lefebvre C. An evidence based checklist for the peer review of electronic search strategies (PRESS EBC). Evidence Based Library and Information Practice 2010, 5.1. <http://ejournals.library.ualberta.ca/index.php/EBLIP/article/viewFile/7402/6436>

#### Worksheet

Search log (See Additional resources section of SURE Guide 4. Deciding on and describing policy options)

#### Presentation

Finding systematic reviews (Sure 09 Finding systematic reviews.pptx)

#### Notes

**Time required:** 20 to 30 minutes for presentation, 60 to 120 minutes for individuals to conduct searches with support and discussion

**Format:** Computer lab with good internet connection, if possible

#### Tips:

- Interrupt individual searching occasionally to share tips or discuss problems and solutions