

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

Workshop materials

5. Problem clarification for policy briefs

Objectives

- To be able to clarify and describe the problem that a policy brief addresses
- To be familiar with potential sources of evidence to clarify a problem
- To brainstorm about the background, framing, size, and causes of a problem

Pre-workshop tasks

Read SURE guides for preparing and using policy briefs: 3. Clarifying the problem. Available at: www.evipnet.org/sure

Reading

The SURE Collaboration. SURE guides for preparing and using policy briefs: 3. Clarifying the problem. Version 2.1 [updated November 2011]. The SURE Collaboration, 2011. Available at: www.evipnet.org/sure

Worksheets

Worksheet for clarifying the problem (See SURE Guide 3. Clarifying the problem)

Presentation

Clarifying the problem (SURE 05 Clarifying the problem.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: 10-20 minutes for presentation; 30-40 minutes for brainstorming about the problem; 10-30 minutes for discussing the problem description and plans for clarifying the problem

Format: Brief presentation and work in small groups

Tips:

- An alternative (or supplementary) approach might be to appraise an example of a problem description critically