

Report of the USHS Research Proposal writing workshop 2010.

USHS held the proposal writing workshop (the first of the series of its annual research workshops) from 3rd to 5th February 2010 at MUJHU II conference hall. At the opening of the workshop, the organizing committee chairperson Dr. Onyango Carol requested each participant to share their expectations and theses were noted down, she also informed the participants what was expected of them during the course of the workshop.

A total of 25 participants 9 male and 16 female attended the workshop hoping to gain skills in proposal writing to enable them improve on their drafts.

Below is a table summarizing workshop Involvement.

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	Facilitation Team	Topics covered	
	Prof. Harriet Mayanja-Kizza	Introduction to Research methods & format of a research proposal	
	Dr. Charles Karamagi	Problem Analysis, Research Question, Objective & Hypothesis Formulation	
	Prof. Moses Kamya	Methods I, study design	
	Dr. Eric Wobudeya	Practical session where participants present their titles, research questions and objectives	
	Dr. Roy Mayega	Methods II, Sampling procedure, Sample size determination & Methods III, Study setting, Study Population, Selection criteria, Variables, Measurements	
	Mr. Olweny Aslem	Literature search	
	Ms. Joan Nakayaga	Methods IV, Data Collection Methods & Questionnaire Design	
	Mr. Maganda Albert	Data Management, Data Analysis Plan, Data Management, Data quality Control	
	Mr. Ronald Kiguba	Ethical Issues in Health Research	
	Mr. David Mukanga	Planning and Budgeting	
	Dr. Sarah Ssali	Qualitative Research Methods	
	Dr. David Meya	Endnote	
	Organizing Team	Role	
	Dr. Carol Onyango	Committee Chairperson	
	Dr. Fred Semitala	Committee member	
	Isabella Achokotho	USHS Administrator	
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General comments from participants

- ❖ Thanks to USHS, this workshop is very beneficial; but a lot of publicity needs to be done because many people out there are stuck with proposals.
- ❖ Thank you for the good facilitators and meals availed, but the food was a bit oily
- ❖ More time for the practical session, for facilitators to look at every ones proposal.
- ❖ Presenters should draw both scientific and behavioral sciences examples.
- ❖ In methods II session participants should share their proposals and we see how they calculated their “n” and we critique.

- ❖ Literature session research needs more time for demonstrations and participants to practice.
- ❖ Should include a practical session on questionnaire design.
- ❖ I suggest that participants should be given out of pocket (incentives)
- ❖ Motivate participants with transport because some of us come from far.

Summary of Workshop Evaluations.

Sessions	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Introduction to Research methods & format of a research proposal			16.6%	41.6%	41.6%
Problem Analysis				31%	69%
Research Question, Objective & Hypothesis Formulation			14.2%	14.2%	71.1%
Methods I, Study design			23%	46%	31%
Practical session, Participants present their titles, research questions and objectives		8%	8%	17%	67%
Methods II, Sampling procedure, Sample size determination			7%	43%	50%
Literature search			27%	33%	40%
Methods III, Study setting, Study Population, Selection criteria, Variables & Measurements			8.3%	33.3%	58%
Methods IV, Data Collection Methods			26.6%	46.6%	26.6%
Questionnaire Design			21%	36%	43%
Data Management				58%	42%
Ethical Issues in Health Research				42%	58%
Planning and Budgeting				17%	83%
Qualitative Research Methods				50%	50%
Endnote				60%	40%
Logistics					
Venue			23%	38.4%	38.4%
Administrative Support				23%	77%

Meals				54%	46%
General workshop organization				23%	77%