

Research Proposal Writing Workshop report

The proposal writing workshop is the first of the series of annual research methodology workshops that are conducted by the Uganda Society for Health Scientists.

From 14th to 16th January 2009, USHS held a proposal writing workshop at the Regional Center for Quality of Health. The Chairperson of the Society welcomed participants to the workshop and discussed with the participants the objectives of the workshop. The workshop attracted a total of 30 participants comprising of 14 females and 16 males, Majority were postgraduate students who had research proposals they had started working on. The lead committee members of the workshop were Dr. Pauline Byakika-Kibwika and Dr. Fred Semitala.

Participants Expectations

- To acquire skills in proposal writing.
- Expand knowledge on proposal development.
- To determine sample size.
- What one should write a proposal for.
- Be able to write a proposal that will be funded.
- How to translate a problem into a research problem.
- How to identify a research topic.

The following topics were handled by these facilitators during the workshop:

- Introduction to research methods & format of a research proposal by **Prof. Harriet Mayanja-Kizza**
- Problem Analysis by **Dr. Charles Karamagi**
- Research question, objective & hypothesis formulation by **Prof. Elly Katabira.**
- Study Design by **Prof. Moses Kamyá**
- Practical session on titles, research questions and objectives by **Ms. Joan Nakayaga Kalyango**
- Sampling procedure & sample size determination by **Dr. Noah Kiwanuka**

- Study setting, study population, selection criteria, variables and measurements by **Prof. James Tumwine**
- Data collection methods by **Dr. Fred Nuwaha**
- Questionnaire design by **Dr. Fred Nuwaha**
- Data Management by **Dr. Fred Makumbi**
- Ethical issues in health research by **Dr. Fred Nakwagala**
- Planning and Budgeting by **Dr. Samuel Biraro**
- Qualitative research methods by **Dr. Sarah Ssali**
- Reference manager by **Dr. Daniel Kyabayinze**

General comments

- Good choice of facilitators.
- Very beneficial, thank you USHS.
- Need venue with internet access for participants too.
- Workshop should be at the end of the academic year to enable MPH0 design their filed.
- Request for workshops for project planning.
- Venue was hot in the afternoons.
- Last day was too long yet it should be the shortest day.
- Limited time for the workshop.
- Questionnaire design should be practical.
- A chance for every topic to be discussed with the facilitator.

Manuscript Workshop Evaluations

	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Manuscript mapping & language skill			15%	33%	50%
Overview Title, Introduction/background, Objectives Sentence structure, Practical session			8%	69%	23%
Methodology			14%	57%	29%
Overview of data analysis presentation, Results, Tables, Figures, Practical		10%	10%	50%	30%

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Discussion, Conclusions, Recommendations, Acknowledgements			30%	30%	40%
Practical session			22%	56%	22%
Overview lecture- Abstract, Submission Manuscript submission, Correspondence with the editor, Practical session			10%	40%	50%
Personal experiences by successful young professionals		9%	9%	45%	36%
End note demonstration		13%	36%	50%	

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