

ADVANCED SHORTCOURSE ON MONITORING AND EVALUATION

ABOUT ARFH

Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH) is an indigenous not for profit organization committed to improving quality of life of under-served and vulnerable communities in Nigeria. ARFH has grown to become the leading Nigerian NGO in the FP/RH field. In 2008, ARFH was rated by the independent observer, AIDSPAN, as the best indigenous NGO globally, and the sixth best performing Principal Recipient of the Global Fund project. ARFH has, within her three decades of existence, successfully managed and implemented over 120 innovative reproductive health and development projects in all the states of the Federation and neighboring African countries. Most of these have gained national and international recognition and are being replicated by organizations nationwide.

In the last 3 decades of ARFH existence, the organization has conducted several training programmes designed to empower trainees and help them develop unique competencies in their areas of operation. Our target is for both health and non-health professionals who are involved in health care program including direct service delivery, health promotion/education, advocacy, Management, Research Monitoring and Evaluation. We have over the years trained professionals from the private, public and the NGO sectors.

Armed with these experiences to organize a 5-day course on Monitoring and Evaluation.

Shortcourse on Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) is an essential component of project management. While monitoring is a process of collecting and analyzing data to track the progress of a program with respect to its defined goals in order to guide management's decisions, evaluation is the systematic assessment of the program to determine its relevance, impact, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of interventions. Developing and/or strengthening M&E skills of upcoming practitioners and professionals in both public and private sectors is therefore pertinent to effective project design, implementation, and performance assessment, as well as its outcomes and impacts.

Course Objectives

The participants will at the end of the Course:

- Understand the concept of development programs; in the era of COVID-19 pandemic;
- Have strengthened skills in evaluating sustainable development programs: adapting of standard indicators, identifying and selecting reliable and valid indicators, and developing and using measurement tools appropriately

The participants must be able to:

- Understand performance monitoring plan
- Select and use appropriate evaluation designs and methodology especially qualitative methods in a participatory manner for outcomes and impact evaluations.
- Explore ways to address issues around impact evaluation of less tangible issues.
- Analyze and manage survey and routine data using DHIS, Excel, and SPSS Statistical software
- Apply GIS to evaluate and inform programmatic or policy actions
- Disseminate and use M&E information strategically for program decision making
- Synergize with development implementers to understand data needs, and improve the use of M&E products

Course Contents

The intensive one- week training course covers

1. Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation
2. Theory of change and logical framework
3. Monitoring and Evaluation designs
4. Threats to monitoring and evaluation designs and how to manage them
5. Indicators and measuring the intangibles
6. Data Sources and Data Quality
7. Developing Evaluation Protocols and getting institutional Review Board's approval
8. Planning and implementing evaluation protocols
9. Data processing and Data analysis using STATA, SPSS and R
10. Application of GIS to Monitoring and Evaluation
11. Data use and evidence for decision making
12. Advocating for the use of research and evaluation findings to inform program and policy decisions and actions

Course Duration: One-week ()

