



# Curriculum Development and for Master of Science Courses in Global Health at the Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy

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## BACKGROUND

The Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP)

- One of the World Bank-supported centers of excellence
- Strengthens interdisciplinary approaches to promoting population health outcomes through training and research
- Focuses on translating said research into policies across the West African region and the continent.



The Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy main office at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital Kano, Nigeria.

## OBJECTIVES

The aim of this practice experience was to:

- Partake in the planning of a project (curriculum development)
- Participate in an already existing project aimed towards building research capacity for mid-career physicians at the University Hospital.

## METHODS

A primary objective of ACEPHAP is the translation of public health research into policy

- Training postgraduate students to acquire knowledge, skills and competence through several Master of Science programs in the fields of maternal and child health, nutrition, mental health, global health, etc.
- Participants include subcommittees at the ACEPHAP, Vice Chancellor of the partnering University, along with departments such as community medicine, nursing, obstetrics and gynecology.
- Population Health research through the department of community medicine on the delivery of maternal care services to women of child-bearing age



Picture taken during a conference committee meeting with the Director of the Africa Center of Excellence for population Health and Policy

## RESULTS



At the 1-week PRIME partners research capacity-building workshop.

- Development of a curriculum of a Master of Science program in Global Health through partaking in meetings and helping provide drafts for courses (including course objectives, method of evaluation of students, etc.)
- Planning and execution of the PRIME Program; a week-long workshop designed to build research capacity in mid-career physicians within different departments at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano (AKTH).

## DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

- In-depth look at the intricacies- including the planning and execution- of project development.
- Importance of stakeholder involvement in order to ensure the sustainability and success of a project.
- Challenges learned throughout this practicum include the provision of structural support for future students in terms of dedicated classrooms, reading spaces and accommodation sites for students that are out-of-state.
- The program's main unmet goal is the completion of dedicated student spaces such as student lounges before *the commencement* of classes.

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