

Update of Ghana FELTP

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Outline

- Progress on cohorts
- Activities conducted from Jan – August, 2013
 - Surveillance Evaluation
 - Data Analysis
 - Outbreak Investigations
 - Meeting and Conferences

- Program started in 2007 and has so far enrolled 7 cohorts
 - Cohort 1: 5 residents all graduated (2 PhDs)
 - Cohort 2: 8, 1 upgraded to PhD
 - Cohort 3: 7, 1 upgraded to PhD
 - Cohort 4: 8, 1 upgraded to PhD
 - Cohort 5: 3 out of the 9 residents have submitted their thesis to the graduate School while the rest are yet to submit
 - Cohort 6: 9 Residents have finished with the first year of course work and are doing their public health practice experience and research work
 - Cohort 7: 11 residents

Current Positions of Alumni

- Program Managers
- Deputy Program Managers
- District Directors of Health Services
- National and Regional Veterinary Epidemiologist
- Laboratory Managers
- Lecturers

Key Activities Conducted within period under review

Data Triangulation

- **3 alumni** and **2 residents** participated in the National HIV and AIDS Data Triangulation organized by the Ghana Aids Commission (GAC) in collaboration with
 - CDC
 - University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).

Urban Malaria study

- 2 residents of the GFELTP were part of the 4 member team that undertook the urban malaria study under the PMI
- The study looked at the malaria situation in urban areas in Ghana.

Graduation

- The College of Health Science, University of Ghana held its 12th Congregation/Swearing-In-Ceremony
- Eleven (11) residents consisting
 - 2 PhD residents
 - 9 M. Phil residents

Surveillance System Evaluation (SSE)

Evaluation of Measles Surveillance in Jirapa District

Evaluation of Influenza Surveillance System in Ghana, 2008 – 2011

An Evaluation of the Schistosomiasis Surveillance System in Central Gonja District.

Evaluation of the Surveillance System of Diarrhoea with Dehydration in Children less than 5 years of age in Ghana, 2013

Evaluation of the Acute Flaccid Paralysis (Poliomyelitis) Surveillance System in Sierra Leone, 2013

Evaluation of Meningitis Surveillance System in Ghana, 2010 – 2012.

Evaluation of Rabies Surveillance System in Ghana, 2012

Surveillance Data Analysis (SDA)

Title	Location
Diarrhoea disease burden in the Central Region - Analysis of OPD morbidity data from 2008 - 2012	CR, Ghana
Influenza	Ghana
Brucellosis	GAR, Ghana
Rabies	WR, Ghana
Tuberculosis	NR, Ghana
Factors associated with Obstetric Fistula among patients attending Tamale Fistula Centre, Tamale, Northern Region	NR, Ghana
Analysis of secondary Acute Flaccid Paralysis Data (Poliomyelitis) in Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone
Secondary Analysis of Tuberculosis Data in Sierra Leone, 2008- 2012	Sierra Leone
Analysis of measles surveillance data- Upper West Region	UW, Ghana

WORLD HEALTH DAY 2013

- 5 residents in Cohort VI of the GFELTP participated in the World Health Day Celebration
- *Theme - Hypertension*
 - Survey of Market Women on their BP and BMI
 - Abstract has been accepted for presentation in the upcoming AFENET Conference in Ethiopia

Outbreak Investigation

- *Yellow Fever Outbreak Investigation Jirapa District - Upper West, February, 2013*
- *Measles Outbreak Investigation Wa West District - Upper West, January 2013*
- *Food borne Outbreak among Nursing students in the Central region of Ghana, Nov 2013*

AFENET Conference

- 21 abstract have been accepted to participate in this years AFENET Conference
 - Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 - Period: November 17 - 21, 2013

Challenges

- Resources
 - Financials
 - Logistics for field work
 - Educational materials – core textbooks
- Career progression/ placement
 - Especially the lab track

Way forward

- Functional partnerships
- Increase financials commitments from
 - Central Government
 - Partners
- Clear carrier progression

Thank you