Supporting the use of research evidence (SURE) for policy in African health systems

Workshop materials

12. Identifying and addressing barriers to implementing policy options

Objectives
- To be able to identify important barriers to implementing an option
- To be able to identify appropriate implementation strategies
- To be able to find and assess evidence of the effects of relevant strategies
- To be able to summarise evidence about barriers and the likely effects of strategies for addressing those in a policy brief

Pre-workshop tasks
Read SURE guides for preparing and using policy briefs: 5. Identifying and addressing barriers to implementing the policy options. Available at: www.evipnet.org/sure

Reading
The SURE Collaboration. SURE guides for preparing and using policy briefs: 5. Identifying and addressing barriers to implementing the policy options. Version 2.1 [updated November 2011]. The SURE Collaboration, 2011. Available at: www.evipnet.org/sure

Additional resources
Fretheim A, Munabi-Babigumira S, Oxman AD, Lavis JN, Lewin S. SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP): 6. Using research evidence to address how an option will be implemented. Health Res Policy Syst. 2009, 7(Suppl 1):S6.

Worksheets
Local evidence worksheet (see SURE workshop 06 Local evidence)

Search log and strategies (see SURE workshop 08 Finding systematic reviews)

SURE checklist for making judgements about how much confidence to place in a systematic review (See SURE Guide 4. Deciding on and describing policy options)

SURE worksheets for preparing a summary of findings using GRADE (See SURE Guide 4. Deciding on and describing policy options)

Presentation
Identifying and addressing barriers to implementing options (SURE 12 Implementation.pptx)

Notes
Time required: 30 minutes for interactive presentation, 60 to 120 minutes to search for, retrieve and appraise evidence of barriers or implementation strategies.

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Format: Brief presentation and work in small groups or individually

Tips:
- Ideally this workshop should follow and build on the following workshops:
  - SURE workshop 06 Finding and using local evidence
  - SURE workshop 08 Finding systematic reviews
  - SURE workshop 09 Confidence in a systematic review
  - SURE workshop 10 Summarising findings
- If adequate search facilities are not available or participants are not able to find evidence, it may be helpful to have examples of evidence prepared that they can assess.

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