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

Workshop materials

11. Finding and assessing research evidence about the costs and cost-effectiveness of options

Objectives
1. To familiarize yourself with some key concepts regarding resource use, costs and cost-effectiveness
2. To be able to identify important resource implications of options, find relevant evidence, assess how much confidence can be placed in that evidence, and apply appropriate unit costs to attach monetary values to resource use
3. To be able to find and use economic analyses appropriately

Pre-workshop tasks
Read SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP). 12. Finding and using research evidence about resource use and costs

Reading

Additional resources

CCEMG - EPPI-Centre Cost Converter. A web-based tool to adjust an estimate of cost expressed in one currency and price year, to a target currency and/or price year. http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/costconversion/default.aspx

NHS Economic Evaluation Database (NHS EED). Database of quality-assessed economic evaluations. www.crd.york.ac.uk


Worksheets
Worksheet for finding and assessing research evidence about the costs and cost-effectiveness of options (See Additional resources section of SURE Guide 4. Deciding on and describing policy options)
Presentation
Costs and cost-effectiveness (SURE 11 Costs and cost-effectiveness.pptx)

Notes
Time required: 30 minutes for interactive presentation, 60 to 120 minutes to search for, retrieve and appraise evidence of the costs and cost effectiveness of an option.

Format: Brief presentation and work individually or in small groups

Tips:
- 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.