

Summary report of the second Countdown 2030 analysis workshop in Eastern and Southern Africa

Theme: Leaving no woman and no child behind: levels and trends in inequalities for RMNCH by wealth, urban-rural residence, and administrative area

Key highlights

The Countdown to 2030 regional initiative for Eastern and Southern Africa, led by the African Population Health Research Center (APHRC), conducted its second analysis workshop in Naivasha, Kenya, July 9-13, 2018. In total, 37 participants (senior analysts from Ministry of Health, public health institutions and Universities) from 17 ESA countries attended the workshop. The participant list is provided in Appendix 1. The Countdown team of facilitators was led by APHRC with John Hopkins University, University of Manitoba, University of Pelotas, WHO, UNICEF and the Health Data Collaborative.

The objectives of the workshop were:

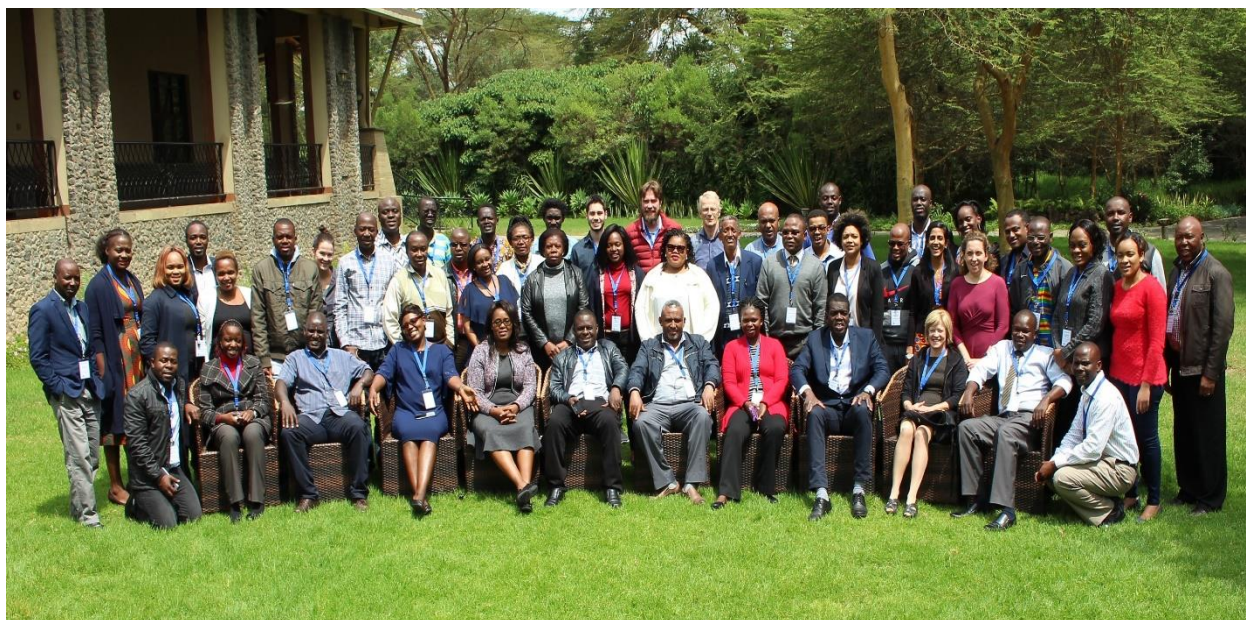
- To develop comprehensive country and regional analyses on inequalities in RMNCH
 - o Conduct analyses based on the 1st workshop and the data compiled in the intermediate phase
 - o Produce a comparative country RMNCH equity performance profile covering three major dimensions of inequality: wealth, urban-rural residence, and administrative region
 - o Produce the key elements of joint scientific papers with regional synthetic analyses on (1) comparative analysis of socioeconomic inequalities (2) within-country geographic region inequalities (3) urban RMNCH
- To strengthen the analytical skills of the participants in survey and other types of analyses, as well as interpretation and communication of the results.

The workshop focused on the inequalities in the continuum of care for reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health. The participants produced and interpreted annotated graphs (posters) of levels and trends in inequalities in coverage and child mortality in their countries and the region. The country posters were structured around three key dimensions of the continuum of care: i) inequities by wealth quintiles at national level; ii) subnational inequities related to health system performance; iii) and disparities between urban and rural. The country posters were assessed by all participants and facilitators and rated to identify the best two. Zambia and Tanzania posters were identified as the best and a symbolic award presented to the respective country participants in order to recognize the quality of their products.

The network is continuing to work on regional publications on the three key subjects and planning further analysis meetings on the generation of health statistics from health facility data and other topics.

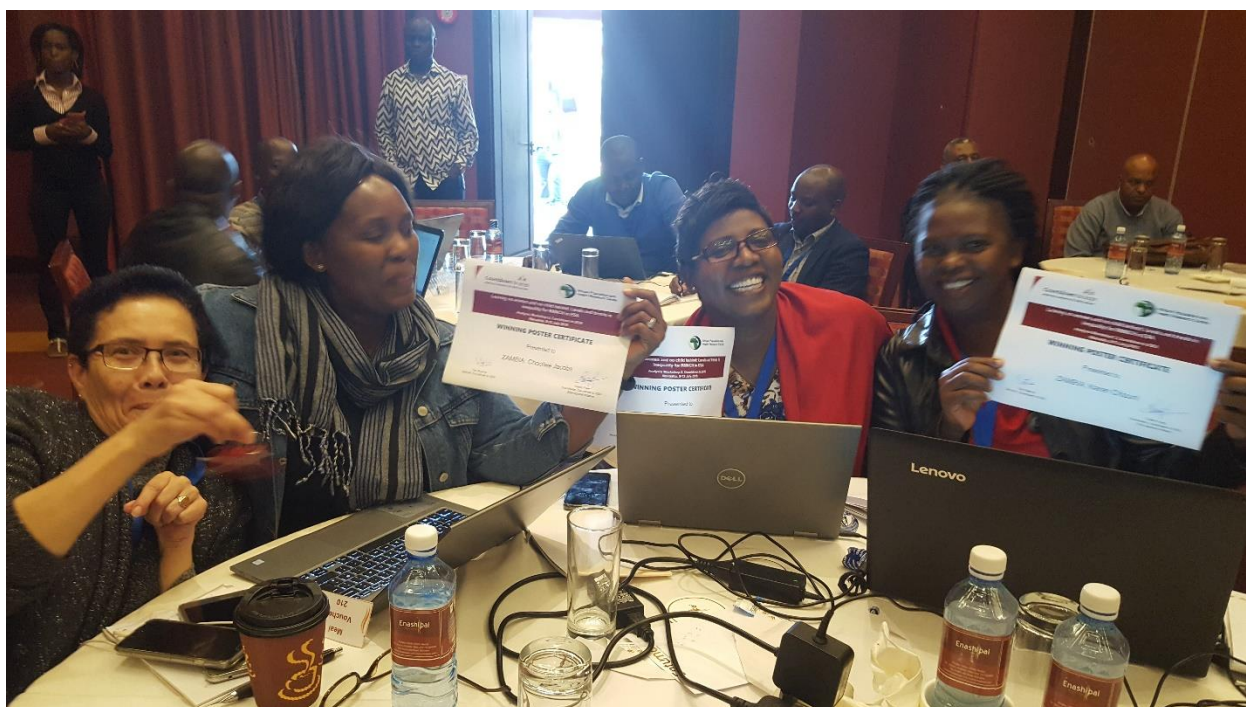
The detailed workshop agenda is presented in Appendix 2.

Group photo



Participants and facilitators of the second ESA workshop – Naivasha, Kenya July 9-13th, 2018

Winning Country Poster Photos



Zambia representatives all smile, proudly displaying their poster winning certificate



Tanzania representatives, proudly displaying their poster winning certificate

Workshop evaluation by participants

Participants were asked to evaluate each session as well as the workshop overall. The majority of participants found the technical level of the workshop 'just right'. This is an improvement as compared to the first workshop when most of the participants rated the technical level as 'difficult'. In addition, the overall level of facilitation in this workshop was rated 'very good' by 42% of the participants and 'good' by the remaining 58%. Importantly, about 92% considered the workshop 'policy relevant' as some of the results may be used to address country policy gaps. Finally, the background materials provided during the workshop were found 'excellent' by 32% of the participants and 'good' by 54%.

Logistics were widely considered strong, in particular the venue of the workshop was much appreciated. Few suggestions were noted, essentially on the need to provide more time for exercises and work groups in future.

Appendixes

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2. Workshop agenda

	1 Monday	2 Tuesday	3 Wednesday	4 Thursday	5 Friday
	Daily coordinator: APHRC Cheikh Faye	Daily coordinator: JHU Agbessi Amouzou	Daily coordinator: Pelotas Fernando Wehrmeister	Daily coordinator: UM Dessalegn	Daily coordinator: WHO Kate Strong
Morning part 1 8:30 – 10:00	1 Introduction Opening remarks - APHRC DoR, HDC/WHO, UNICEF 30mn Review of workshop 1 and intermediate phase analyses Cheikh 15mn Objectives of workshop 2, deliverables Ties 15mn Country profile template Safia 15mn Policy context of Equity Danielle 15mn	3 Child mortality Measures of child mortality – Maiga 15mn Analysis of mortality at subnational levels and trends; urban rural inequalities Dessalegn	Presentation of Dash Report Safia 15mn 5 Subnational inequalities: coverage, socio-economic status, health system strength, epidemiological and contextual factors; inequalities Cheikh	6 Urban inequalities and performance: within urban and urban-rural inequalities health system, mortality and coverage Agbessi	Sp2. WHO presentation on MNB indicators (8:30-9:30) Agbessi Preliminary results and outline of the three regional papers (9:30- 11:00) - Background, key questions, proposed methods, preliminary results, way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equity analyses (Fernando) - Subnational performance (Cheikh) - Urban-rural inequities (Agbessi) 7 Country Poster presentation, discussion Safia
Morning part 2 10:30 – 13:00	2 Equity analyses: analyses, interpretation and communication use of coverage index (CCI) Fernando, Leonardo	3 Child mortality Preparation of country and comparative graphs for child mortality (subnational, urban-rural, wealth)	5 Subnational inequalities: analysis of subnational levels and trends; urban rural inequalities continued	6 Urban inequalities and performance: Presentation and discussion of 5 country results; regional cross cutting results	7 Country Poster presentation, discussion continued Safia Next steps Closing remarks
Lunch break					
Afternoon part 3 14:00 – 15:30	2 Equity analyses preparation of country and comparative graphs for CCI	3 Child mortality Finalization and sharing of 3 country results; regional cross cutting results	5 Subnational inequalities - continued	Health facility data analysis – Ties 60mn	
Afternoon part 4 16:00 – 17:30	2 Equity analyses by wealth Presentation and discussion of 5 country results; regional cross cutting results –	4 Health system strength : overview, measurement, Examples based on spreadsheet data Ties, Maiga	5 Subnational inequalities - continued	Sp1. Communication of research findings –16:00- 17:00 Danielle Finalizing country profiles – Posters 17:00 – 19:00	
	Wrap up – Evaluation	Wrap up – Evaluation Welcome dinner at 19:00	Wrap up – Evaluation		