NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HEALTH RESEARCH
Theme: “Speeding up progress towards achieving SDG3 with new knowledge, innovation and partnerships”
GIMPA Conference Centre, Accra
11th - 13th June 2019.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
The objective of the 2019 NHRDS symposium is to promote dialogue and action on positioning health research and innovation in speeding progress on SDG 3. In addition, the event will also explore how to effectively collaborate with other health related sectors to achieve the objectives of agenda 2030. The purpose of the 2019 NHRDS is to showcase new knowledge and evidence that will contribute to speeding up progress towards achieving SDG3, if translated into decision making, programming or policy. The selected theme for the symposium is focused on SDG 3 and makes room for the presentation of various studies that have been completed and which are relevant to the theme and sub themes of the event. The over-arching theme for the 2019 NHRDS is:

“Speeding up progress towards achieving SDG3 with new knowledge, innovation and partnerships”

The sub themes are:

1. Achieving Universal health coverage
2. Reduction of premature mortality from non-communicable diseases
3. Improving maternal and newborn health

Furthermore, the symposium seeks to:

• Provide a forum for health researchers within the Ghana Health Service and other organizations to present relevant research products to users of research including policy makers, program managers, and health care providers, as well as other researchers. The forum provides the opportunity to carefully discuss how these research products could inform policy, programming and quality health care provision for all people.
• Highlight and appraise interventions and practices that have resulted in a positive impact on provision of quality care and progress towards achieving SDG 3.
• Provide an opportunity for younger researchers to share their work alongside more experienced and established researchers.
• Value and encourage implementation research that seeks to improve health system and health care at all levels through the use of knowledge generated through the analysis of DHIMS 2 data

The Steering Committee of the 2019 National Health Research Symposium, welcomes Abstracts, in line with the theme and sub themes, for oral and poster presentations at the event. Young researchers (in the first 10 years of their research activity including the period of research training) are also encouraged to submit abstracts.
ABSTRACT GUIDELINE

Deadline for Submission: 15th March, 2019

Contact Information: Provide your full name, degree, institution, address, telephone number, and email address. The first author (presenting author) will receive all future correspondence from a representative of the Steering Committee regarding the status of your abstract.

Abstract Format: The abstract should include the following sections: Introduction, Objectives, Methods, Results, Policy Program/health care implications of findings, Conclusions and Key Words

Title: The abstract title should be in Title Case (upper and lower case), centered in Times New Roman, bold font size 14pt. There should be 6pt spacing between the title and the authors

Authors: Author(s) name(s) should be typed in Title Case, centered in Times New Roman, bold font size 11 point. First name, middle initial(s), followed by the surname, should be used to identify authors (eg. John L. Mensah). Underline the name of the presenting author. All affiliations should follow the authors’ name in italics, font size 10 points. If the authors come from more than one affiliation, superscript numbers should be used to indicate the correct affiliation. Each author should indicate institute, town/city, region, and email address. Please do not include degrees or professional titles (e.g. Dr, Prof., etc).

Text: The text of the abstract body should be Times New Roman font, 12 point, single-spaced (“Normal” style) and include an empty line before each new section. Page layout is A4 portrait, and margins set at 2.5 cm

Total Word Count: No more than 400 words

Targeted Constituents

This call is deliberately targeting various constituents within the Ministry of Health, Ghana Health Service, non-governmental organizations, and USAID Implementing Partners as listed below:

1. The Research Development Division of the Ghana Health Service with the centers in the 3 ecological zones;
   a. Navrongo Health Research Center
   b. Kintampo Health Research Center
   c. Dodowa Health Research Center
2. The Regional and District Health Management Teams (Public Health and Clinical Care)
   a. Regional Health Management Teams (RHMT)
   b. Regional Hospitals
   c. District Health Management Teams (DHMT)
   d. District Hospitals
   e. Private self-financing Hospitals
   f. Faith based Hospitals
3. National –Ministry of Health (MOH)
   a. All Directorates of MOH
4. Ghana Health Service
   a. All Divisions of GHS
5. USAID Implementing Partners
6. Development Partners
7. Schools of Public Health in Ghana

Submission of Abstracts

All submitted Abstracts would be assessed based on the following minimum evaluation criteria:

- Research conducted within the past 5 years
- Research speaks to one of the sub themes
- Technical Merit – study design and analysis appropriate for the research question
• Readability – clarity, language, and appropriate font size as recommended
• Relevance- to the overarching theme and one of the sub themes
• Originality- original work and knowledge generated is not already known

All submitted abstracts will be considered for publication in the abstracts brochure

All Abstracts should be submitted to: nhrds2019@googlegroups.com

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