



Regional Service Provision Assessment (SPA) Data Analysis Workshop

The Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Program is seeking applications from universities, research institutes, the Ministry of Health, and non-governmental organizations in Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Senegal, and Tanzania, for a Service Provision Assessment (SPA)¹ Data Analysis Workshop, to be held in Pretoria, South Africa from June 14 - 23, 2016. The workshop will teach participants to analyze the SPA data in their respective countries to address research questions related to delivery and quality of health services. The language for the workshop is English. Participants will work in teams of three people throughout the workshop to answer pre-identified research question(s) through analysis of SPA data. At the end of the workshop, each team will give a PowerPoint presentation outlining their final research questions, preliminary literature review, conceptual framework, key variables, analytical methods, preliminary analysis results, and policy implications.

Interested applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must apply as a team of three individuals from the same institution and be familiar with issues in the healthcare system of the respective country
- Must have at least a Master's degree in public health, demography, statistics, or related subject. A Master's degree is not necessary if the participant has equivalent experience as well as basic training in data use and analysis
- Must be able to understand and communicate in English
- Must be able to attend every day of the workshop
- Must have a laptop computer that can be used throughout the workshop
- Must be committed to share the information with colleagues at home institution after the workshop is completed.

Applications should include the following:

- A completed application form (one per team)
- A one-page proposal (one per team) outlining research question(s) that could be answered with SPA data and describing its potential program or policy significance
- A curriculum vitae (CV) or resume for each team member with a list of publications (if any) and complete contact information (Email, Telephone, and Mailing Address)

¹ For more information on SPA, please visit the DHS website at: <http://dhsprogram.com/What-We-Do/Survey-Types/SPA.cfm>

Workshop Costs

Lodging, meals, and local transportation in Pretoria for all participants will be covered by The DHS Program. The statistical software package Stata 14 will be provided for use during the workshop.

All applicants are expected to first seek their own funding sources to cover airfare and transportation to/from the airport in the home country. The DHS Program will provide a very limited number of travel fellowships. Please contact Arlene Iriho (Spaworkshop@dhsprogram.com) before April 19 for more information if you wish to be considered for a travel fellowship. If chosen for the workshop teams must secure funding for airfare and transportation to the airport in their home country by May 11.

Applicants who are accepted must submit a letter from their employer approving participation for the entirety of the workshop.

Please send applications and inquiries to Arlene Iriho (Spaworkshop@dhsprogram.com)

Important Dates

Application deadline: April 19, 2016 at 17:00 EST (UTC/GMT-4)

Notification of acceptance: April 27, 2016.

Deadline for accepted teams to confirm that they have secured airfare funding: May 11, 2016

TEAM APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Regional SPA Data Analysis Workshop

June 14-23, 2016

Applications must be from teams of three individuals from the same institution in **Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Senegal, and Tanzania**. Institutions may include universities, research institutes, the Ministry of Health, and non-governmental organizations. Please fill out one application form per team. Send the completed application and curriculum vitae for each team member to Arlene Iriho (Spaworkshop@dhsprogram.com) by April 19, 2016.

Country: _____

Participant 1 (*Designated Point of Contact*)

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Job Title: _____

Email: _____

Gender: Female Male

Participant 2

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Job Title: _____

Email: _____

Gender: Female Male

Participant 3

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Job Title: _____

Email: _____

Gender: Female Male

Participant 1 Applicant Information

Name: _____

Main topics of work focus area (i.e. Reproductive health, Maternal and Child Health, HIV,

Please select your comfort level for working with the listed statistical software
0= no experience, 1= minimal experience, 2= moderate experience, 3= fully comfortable

Stata	0	1	2	3
SPSS	0	1	2	3
R	0	1	2	3

How many times a week do you use the statistical software selected above:

Please give an example of how you recently used Stata or another statistical software package in your work.
If you used software other than Stata please specify.

Have you used SPA or DHS data in the past? If so, please describe.

How would the skills gained in this workshop directly benefit you in your job and/or organization?

Participant 2 Applicant Information

Name: _____

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Team Research Proposal: Please fill out the following section as a team

Please describe in the space below a brief, original research proposal related to health service delivery and quality in your country. Please clearly outline the research question(s), scope of analysis, and how SPA data will be used to answer these questions. Please also include the potential policy significance of the proposed study.



Please send the following items to Arlene Iriho (Spaworkshop@dhsprogram.com) by April 19, 2016

1. Filled in application (one per team)
2. Curriculum vitae for all team members with complete contact information. (Email, Telephone, Mailing Address)