Teaching and capacity building

Building skills for producing and using evidence to plan health care

**Intensive courses**

Training of local staff is integral to all CIET research.

- Diploma, Masters and Doctoral programs in epidemiology and public health (Spanish) at Universidad Autónoma de Guerrero, Mexico, since 1992.
- Teaching evidence-based planning through intensive courses over 4-8 weeks at graduate diploma level:
  - Angola, Mozambique: planners 1991/3
  - Atlantic Canada: Public health nurses 1999
  - Pakistan: Health planners 2004-5
  - Canada: Inuit Institute for Research & Planning 2008-2010
  - Nigeria: Health planners 2010-14

**Training of research users**

- Many of the technical officers trained in CIET courses are primarily research users.
- Lack of skills of policy makers to interpret research evidence is a recognised block to evidence informed health planning.
- Elected representatives in Botswana:
  - Surveyed on needs about health evidence
  - Over half attended one-day training on evaluating evidence for decision making.
- Replication elsewhere would need to be context specific.

**Open and Distance Learning**

- The ODL modality makes available learning opportunities to a wider audience, in resource rich and poor settings.
- CIET-PRAM is developing the Dept of Family Medicine ODL program on planning and management of primary health care: certificate, diploma and professional masters.
- Other ODL opportunities include:
  - Mass Open Online Courses (MOOCs)
  - Support for Faculty Development.

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