

Peer Review Report

Review Report on The Field Epidemiology Training Program's Contribution to Essential Public Health Functions in Seven National Public Health Institutes Authors

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EVALUATION

Q 1 Please summarize the main findings of the study.

The study found that FETPs play major roles in strengthening the health system focusing on 3 key areas of improving surveillance systems, leading in outbreak response and improving workforce capacity in NPHIs.

Q 2 Please highlight the limitations and strengths.

The strength of the paper is that it covers a wide array of NPHIs, which is good; however, there was a limitation in literature review. There are a number of publications from Africa especially Uganda on how FETPs have strengthened health systems, global health security and led in key response including COVID-19. None of those were cited in the literature. This has also limited the discussions.

Q 3 Please provide your detailed review report to the authors. The editors prefer to receive your review structured in major and minor comments. Please consider in your review the methods (statistical methods valid and correctly applied (e.g. sample size, choice of test), is the study replicable based on the method description?), results, data interpretation and references. If there are any objective errors, or if the conclusions are not supported, you should detail your concerns.

This was a qualitative study which was analysed using content analysis. It was well done and conclusions were based on the findings.

PLEASE COMMENT

Q 4 Is the title appropriate, concise, attractive?

yes, the title is appropriate

Q 5 Are the keywords appropriate?

yes, the key words are appropriate

Q 6 Is the English language of sufficient quality?

The language used is appropriate

Q 7 Is the quality of the figures and tables satisfactory?

Not Applicable.

Q 8 Does the reference list cover the relevant literature adequately and in an unbiased manner?)

The literature dwells more in the genesis of FETPs. I would have preferred more recent publications on FETPs contribution to strengthening health systems, global health security and how they led in key outbreak responses including COVID-19. There were no publications from Africa cited, yet 6 countries studied are in Africa!!!

QUALITY ASSESSMENT

Q 9 Originality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q 10 Rigor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q 11 Significance to the field	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q 12 Interest to a general audience	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q 13 Quality of the writing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Q 14 Overall scientific quality of the study	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REVISION LEVEL

Q 15 Please make a recommendation based on your comments:

Minor revisions.