

JIEPH COVID-19 Special Supplement Webinar for FE(L)TP Residents and Alumni, 10 June 2021

Introduction

The Journal of Interventional Epidemiology and Public Health (JIEPH) launched the COVID-19 Supplement on 1 July 2020 with a Call for Papers. The primary target audience are residents, alumni and staff of African Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Programs (FE(L)TPs) as well as Ministry of Health officials. We hope to publish at least two manuscripts from each AFENET member program.

On 31 March 2021, JIEPH held a webinar on the COVID-19 Supplement. Participants were program directors, regional technical coordinators, resident advisors, scientific writers from various African FE(L)TPs, AFENET leadership, Secretariat technical staff, JIEPH editors and COVID-19 Supplement guest editors. The goal of the webinar was to obtain buy-in and support of the participants towards the Supplement resulting in increased submission of manuscripts from African FE(L)TPs.

One of the recommendations from that webinar was for JIEPH to hold a webinar for FELTP residents and alumni.

Webinar Goal

To encourage African FE(L)TP residents and alumni to submit manuscripts to the COVID-19 Supplement.

Webinar Objectives

1. Share updates on the COVID-19 Supplement including new timelines
2. Increase FE(L)TP residents and alumni's interest in the JIEPH COVID-19 Supplement and encourage them submit manuscripts (Each program to submit at least 2 manuscripts)
3. Share tips on how to document COVID-19 response experiences in scientific manuscripts
4. Receive feedback from residents and alumni on the COVID-19 Supplement especially challenges encountered and suggestions for improvement

Topics/Content to be shared

1. Supplement updates (Overview, submissions received so far, new timeline)
2. Documenting program activities during outbreak response- Tips and resources
 - Role of FETP residents in COVID response, how a program is run
 - Impact of COVID-19 on FETP training: challenges and lessons learned
 - Experiences with development and/or deployment of guidelines/tools/new methods/innovations
 - Documenting successes and misses during COVID-19 pandemic
3. Outbreak investigations
 - Tips on writing manuscripts on various aspects of outbreak investigations
 - Working with the partners and colleagues
4. Writing manuscripts based on cross-country/multi-country experiences

Target audience: *Primary:* residents, alumni, scientific writers, *Secondary:* other program staff

Speakers: Prof Elizeus Rutebemberwa- Professor Makerere University School of Public Health and JIEPH COVID-19 Supplement Guest Editor; Dr Judith Harris- CDC Resident Advisor, Uganda PHFP/Advanced FETP, Dr Saheed Gidado- NSTOP Programme Deputy National Coordinator, Nigeria; Ms. Delia Bandoh -Ghana FETP Science Writer, Dr Sheba Gitta- JIEPH Managing Editor

Date and time: Thursday, 10 June 2021

2:00–5:00 PM East Africa Time/ 1:00-4:00 PM Central Africa Time/ 1:00-4:00 PM South Africa Standard Time/12:00-3:00 PM West Africa Time

Platform: Zoom

Zoom Meeting credentials

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83465966822?pwd=b0cxVjFxeHNQb3hINko1dmN2WnYyQT09>

Meeting ID: 834 6596 6822

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Webinar Program, 10 June 2021

Time	Overall Theme/Topic	Detail	Speaker
10 Mins	Introduction	Roll call of Programs present, introduction of facilitators and housekeeping tips	Dr Christine Kihembo - AFENET Epidemiologist and JIEPH Science Editor
10 Mins	Opening and JIEPH COVID-19 Supplement – Updates	Overview: scope and topics, guest editorial team, submissions received so far Vs target/program, new timeline	Dr Sheba Gitta- JIEPH Managing Editor
10 Mins	Question/Answer session/Feedback on Supplement	Receive feedback from residents and alumni on the COVID-19 Supplement especially challenges encountered and suggestions for improvement	All (Moderated by Dr Christine- JIEPH Science Editor)
35 Mins	Tips and resources on writing manuscripts that document program activities during outbreak response and/or impact of the pandemic on the program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Role of FETP residents in COVID response 2. Impact of COVID-19 on FETP training: challenges, innovations in program delivery during the pandemic and associated restrictions, and lessons learned. 3. Experiences with development and/or deployment of guidelines/tools/new methods/innovations (in light of local context, informed by local data etc) 4. Documenting successes and misses during COVID-19 pandemic, and lessons learned 	Prof Elizeus Rutebemberwa – JIEPH COVID-19 Supplement Guest Editor and Professor, Makerere University School of Public Health
25 Mins	Question/Answer session		All (Moderated by Dr Christine- JIEPH Science Editor)
40 Mins	Tips on writing manuscripts on Outbreak investigations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working with the partners and colleagues [share her experience on supporting residents to navigate round these barriers] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining Ethical approval and administrative clearance from relevant authorities such as MOH, CDC, permission to utilize data(strategies) • Authorship issues and selecting and reaching consensus on journal • Setting Timelines 	Dr Judith Harris- CDC Resident Advisor, Uganda PHFP (25 minutes)

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		2. Various aspects of outbreak investigations to consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick overview of typical outbreak investigations & Surveillance system evaluation (point them to resources and sample papers) • Cross border activities and collaborations -objectives, roles of different parties highlight residents/alumni involvement were feasible, successes, failures, challenges encountered and mitigation measures (sample papers) 	Dr Gidado Saheed – NSTOP Programme Deputy National Coordinator, Nigeria (15 minutes)
10 Mins	Tips on writing manuscripts based on cross-country/multi-country experiences	Tips on writing cross country/multi-country manuscripts (dos and don'ts), potential challenges and mitigation measures- <i>Experience on writing manuscripts based on West Africa Health Organisation (WAHO) emergency preparedness multicountry assessments</i>	Delia Bandoh -Ghana FETP Science Writer
35 Mins	Question/Answer session		All (Moderated by Dr Christine-JIEPH Science Editor)
5 Mins	Close out	Concluding remarks and vote of thanks	JIEPH Managing Editor