



News of the Month

October 2024

In this month you can expect



Collaboration Opportunities

- Call for Collaboration
- WHO NTD Gap Assessment and Public Consultation

[Jump to Section](#)



Recent Publications

Community Intervention for Snakebite Prevention

[See recent Publications](#)



Global Career and Funding Opportunities

Numerous funding and career opportunities available this month for applicants

[Grant / Career Opportunities](#)



Upcoming Events

Numerous events scheduled this month for health and research professionals

[See the full list of all upcoming Events](#)



ECTMIH2025

ECTMIH 2025 - October News

[ECTMIH](#)



Digital

- Research Ethics Online Training
- Malaria MOOC
- Launch of InfoNTD Platform

[Jump to Digital Content](#)

Upcoming FESTMIH Initiatives

Quarterly Newsletter

Starting in Q4 2024, FESTMIH will launch a quarterly newsletter spotlighting UN International Days observed from January to March. Notable dates include the **International Day of Education (24.01.)**, **NTD Day (30.01.)**, **International Day of Women and Girls in Science (11.02.)**, **World Water Day (22.03.)**, and **World Tuberculosis Day (24.03.)**.

FESTMIH encourages working groups and projects to submit content related to these themes to boost visibility and foster collaboration within the global health community. Submissions are welcome until

November 1, 2024.

UN's List



Collaboration Opportunities

Call for Collaboration: Connecting Global Health Committees Across Europe

The **Global Health Working Group** of the **German Society for Tropical Medicine and Global Health (DTG)** invites European Global Health Committees to join forces in enhancing **cooperation, knowledge sharing, and advocacy** for global health. In a rapidly evolving health landscape, collaboration is essential to tackle challenges like **AMR** and **pandemic preparedness**. By building a **network of like-minded groups**, we aim to share ideas, resources, and create joint initiatives.

If interested, contact [this email](#) to explore areas of cooperation. Let's work together for a healthier, more equitable future!

Sincerely,

Global Health Working Group
German Society for Tropical Medicine and Global Health (DTG)

WHO NTD Gap Assessment and Public Consultation

The WHO Global Programme for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) invites global health professionals to participate in a 2024 public consultation. This effort aims to assess the progress on the remaining seven dimensions of the NTD heat map, such as diagnostics, funding, and monitoring. Feedback will be reviewed by disease-specific focus groups to identify gaps in achieving the road map targets for 2030.

Please support this initiative by completing the **online questionnaire**, available in multiple languages, by **October 30, 2024**. Share the link within your networks to increase participation and help shape global health strategies.

For more information and to participate, visit the official consultation page.

Act Together

Recent Publications

Effectiveness of community-based intervention on snakebite prevention and first aid measures in rural Bangladesh

A recent study, published by BMJ, assesses a **community intervention** on **snakebite prevention** in rural Bangladesh. Over **eight months**, this program provided **health education** via clinic sessions, school seminars, volunteer meetings, and **media outreach**. Notable results include a **46.9%** increase in **mosquito net use** and a **100.4%** rise in health facility visits by snakebite victims, showing improved awareness. The intervention also reduced unsafe practices, like **tourniquet use** and **traditional healer visits**. Despite success, ongoing **community engagement** is needed to sustain these practices.

Farheen, Chowdhury, AKM Fazlur Rahman, Salim Mahmud Chowdhury, and M. A. Faiz. 2024. '594 Effectiveness of Community-Based Intervention on Snakebite Prevention and First Aid Measures in Rural Bangladesh'. Injury Prevention 30 (Suppl 1): A125–A125. <https://doi.org/10.1136/injuryprev-2024-SAFETY.299>

Read Publication

Global Career and Funding Opportunities

TDR Impact Grants Scheme for Operational Research in WHO's European Region

The TDR, a Special Programme by UNICEF, UNDP, World Bank, and WHO, invites proposals for the **2024-2025 Impact Grants**. These grants support operational and implementation research focusing on:

- **Epidemics and outbreaks**
- **Diseases of poverty**
- **Health impacts of climate change**
- **Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)**

Each project is eligible for up to **\$15,000** with a completion window of **12 months**. Eligible applicants include health professionals and researchers from specified European countries. Proposals may be submitted in **English or Russian**. Deadline: **October 31, 2024**.

Apply Now!

GDPC Research Grants on Urban Climate Resilience

PrepareCenter.org

Prepare.Innovate.Learn.Together.



Global Disaster
Preparedness Center

The **Global Disaster Preparedness Center (GDPC)** has launched a grants program to support research focused on **climate resilience** in **urban areas** of **low- and middle-income countries**. This program emphasizes three main areas:

1. **Community-led Adaptation:** Strategies for local adaptation solutions.
2. **Socio-economic and Institutional Resilience:** The role of governance and socio-economic incentives.
3. **Urban Ecosystems:** Nature-based solutions for urban resilience.

Funding and Eligibility:

- Grants up to **\$10,000 USD** for research projects up to **8 months** (ending by September 30, 2025).
- Applicants must be from low- and middle-income countries, affiliated with a university, and capable of independent research.

Application Requirements:

- Submit by **November 12, 2024**.
- Include a **detailed project description, budget, CVs, and letters of support** for collaborative projects.

Selection Criteria: Proposals are evaluated based on **scientific merit, relevance to urban resilience, policy impact potential, and applicant qualifications**. Priority is given to research that informs urban policy and practice, focusing on sustainable and impactful solutions.

For comprehensive details, including eligible expenses and submission guidelines, visit:

[GDPC-Website](#)

NIHR Global Health Research Professorship - Round 8

The **NIHR Global Health Research Professorship** is a prestigious career development award aimed at fostering global health research leaders. The award is open to both UK-based and Low- and Middle-Income Country (LMIC) researchers. Applicants must be nominated by a host institution and focus on research benefiting LMIC populations.

Award Overview:

- **Application Deadline:** December 11, 2024
- **Eligibility:** Outstanding researchers from health, public health, and social care sectors, with a clear track record in impactful research.
- **Benefits:** Professorship funding, support posts, research costs, and participation in a leadership development program.
- **Host Institutions:** Eligible institutions include UK HEIs and research centers, as well as LMIC HEIs with a track record of research funding.

Application Requirements:

1. **Nomination by Host Institution:** Candidates must be nominated by their affiliated university or research institute.
2. **Research Focus:** Projects must primarily benefit LMICs and align with Official Development Assistance (ODA) requirements.
3. **Supporting Materials:** Applicants need to submit a full research proposal, proof of qualifications, a comprehensive project budget, and any relevant partnership agreements with LMIC-based organizations.

Application Process:

Candidates must register and submit their applications through the **NIHR Academy Research Award Management System (ARAMIS)**.

Contact Information: For assistance with the application process, contact [email](#). For more information, visit the [NIHR Global Health Research Professorship page](#).

NIHR-Webiste

WHO Foundation: Global Impact Investment Catalyst III Program

The **Global Impact Investment Catalyst III Program** by the WHO Foundation is a **six-month fellowship** focused on advancing impact investing in global health. Fellows collaborate with the **Impact Investment team** to drive initiatives in key areas, including **women's health**, **mental health**, and **public-private partnerships**. Responsibilities include conducting research, identifying funding partners, and supporting strategy development for impact measurement.

Eligibility & Requirements:

- Graduate students in fields like **finance, economics, or international development** with **5+ years** of experience.
- Strong project management skills and experience in **start-up environments** are ideal.

Program Details:

- **Contract Type:** Remote, part-time during school and full-time during breaks.
- **Application Deadline:** October 11, 2024 (*online applications seem to still be possible*)
- **Start Date:** November 18, 2024

Participants will gain hands-on experience with **impact investing** mechanisms and network with public and private sector stakeholders dedicated to advancing global health equity. For more information and to apply, visit the [WHO Foundation website](#).

Christel House Global Pathbuilders Fellowship:

A Transformative Leadership Opportunity



The **Christel House Global Pathbuilders Fellowship** provides a **two-year** program for visionary leaders to establish and lead new **Christel House schools** in underserved regions, including **Ghana, Kenya, Colombia, Peru, Nepal, and Bangladesh**. Fellows benefit from **competitive pay, mentorship, and financial support**, ultimately moving into **CEO roles** for Christel House in their country.

Key Details:

- **Duration:** 2 years, full-time
- **Eligibility:** 10+ years of experience, with 5 years in leadership and a track record in fundraising
- **Application Deadline:** December 1, 2024
- **Start Date:** Late 2025

This fellowship is ideal for those passionate about educational impact and equity. For more details or to apply, visit the **Christel House website**.

[Website](#)



Global Health Equity Scholars (GHES) Fellowship

The **GHES Fellowship** is a **12-month NIH-supported program** aimed at training the next generation of global health researchers to address health inequities. This fellowship, managed by **Yale University, Stanford University, University of Arizona, and UC Berkeley**, offers placements in **17 countries** and runs from **July to June** annually. It is open to:

1. **US Doctoral Students:** Advanced students from Yale, Stanford, University of Arizona, or UC Berkeley, or those who secure affiliation with these institutions.
2. **US Postdocs:** Must be US citizens or residents with a doctoral degree (MD, PhD, etc.) obtained within the last five years. They can apply from any US institution but must receive endorsement from GHES mentors.
3. **LMIC Postdocs:** Must be nationals of low- or middle-income countries as defined by the World Bank and affiliated with a GHES partner LMIC institution. Eligible degrees include MBBS, MMed, PhD, etc.

The program includes **mentorship, fieldwork**, and opportunities to build research experience in **global health and health equity**. GHES Fellows engage in practical research to tackle emerging health challenges and contribute to sustainable solutions in diverse international settings.

Application Process

- **Application Deadline:** October 1, 2024, for the **2025-2026 fellowship year**. *(Please note that applications may still be accepted even after the official October 1, 2024, deadline.)*
- **Application Requirements:** Interested applicants need endorsement from GHES mentors and must submit an NIH biosketch. U.S. applicants from non-consortium institutions should contact the GHES program manager for eligibility confirmation.

[Website](#)

Upcoming Events



World Health
Organization

!Short Notice! WHO EPI-WIN Webinar: STAR Experience in Managing Health Emergencies

Key Information:

- **Date:** October 17, 2024 - Zoom
- **Time:** 13:00 CET
- **Theme:** Strategies for handling health emergencies and disasters, with a focus on the impacts of climate change
- **Registration:** Free

This webinar will cover the STAR (Strategic Toolkit for Assessing Risks) methodology, exploring effective response strategies to health crises and climate-related disasters. Attendees can gain insights into risk assessment and emergency management practices.

WHO-STAR

!Short Notice! WHO EPI-WIN Webinar: Updated Influenza Case Management Guidelines

Key Information:

- **Date:** October 21, 2024 - Zoom
- **Time:** 13:00 CET
- **Theme:** New guidelines for the management of influenza cases to improve patient outcomes and public health response
- **Registration:** Free

This webinar will cover the latest updates in influenza case management, including best practices for treatment and prevention. It's an essential session for those involved in influenza control and outbreak response.

WHO-Influenza



Global Health Norway Conference 2024: Ensuring Healthy Futures for Today's Children

Key Information:

- **Date:** October 23-24, 2024
- **Location:** UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø
- **Themes:**
 - **Healthy Start:** Focusing on maternal and neonatal health, from pregnancy through early childhood, with an emphasis on preventing long-term health issues.
 - **Exposures:** Addressing the impact of environmental toxins and behaviors like substance use on children's health.
 - **Mental Health:** Exploring mental health challenges among youth, especially vulnerable groups, and those in conflict areas.
 - **NCD Prevention:** Examining early life factors contributing to non-communicable diseases and effective preventative strategies.
- **Speakers:** Berit Mortensen, Helga Fogstad, Nino Dzotsenidze, Kumar Bhattarai, Mark Petticrew, Johanne Sundby

The conference covers themes such as child health, environmental exposures, mental health, and non-communicable disease prevention. Expert speakers will share insights on early interventions, policy implications, and sustainable health strategies aimed at securing healthier futures for children globally.

Global Health Norway



10th National Congress of the Italian Society of Tropical Medicine and Global Health (SIMET)

Key Information:

- **Dates:** November 4-5, 2024
- **Location:** National Institute of Infectious Diseases Lazzaro Spallanzani, Rome
- **Themes:** One Health Approach, tropical diseases, environmental health, access to medicines
- **Registration Fees:** €70 (SIMET members & <35), €120 (non-members & >35)
- **CME Credits:** 7 credits for 150 participants
- **Abstract Submission: Deadline October 14, 2024**

Join the X SIMET Congress on **November 4-5, 2024, in Rome** at the **IRCCS INMI Spallanzani**. Participants will explore global health challenges, emerging infectious diseases, and the impact of environmental changes on disease transmission. The event is ideal for healthcare professionals, policymakers, and researchers involved in tropical medicine and global health.

Themes & Sessions:

- **Tropical Diseases and Neglected Conditions:** The congress will cover the clinical and prophylactic management of diseases like malaria, schistosomiasis, and leishmaniasis. Speakers will discuss novel interventions, vaccine development, and the latest treatments for severe cases. This section includes talks on the immune response to schistosomiasis and the role of environmental factors in disease prevalence.
- **Planetary Health and Environmental Determinants:** This segment focuses on how climate change, pollution, and habitat loss contribute to the spread of tropical diseases. Topics include vector-borne diseases and the influence of environmental factors on vectors like mosquitoes, with special sessions on climate-driven changes in disease patterns.
- **International Health Cooperation:** Keynote speakers will address the challenges and strategies of international health cooperation in times of global crises, including perspectives on health equity, decolonization of global health, and the role of organizations in promoting sustainable health initiatives.
- **Access to Essential Medicines and Healthcare Equity:** Sessions will highlight the barriers to accessing essential medicines for diseases like tuberculosis and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), discussing the ethics of equitable healthcare access and the need for innovative policies to bridge these gaps.
- **Young Researchers in Global Health:** In the final session, young healthcare professionals will share their experiences in international health cooperation, particularly in underserved areas. This session also includes the "Rosario Russo" award for outstanding contributions in the field.

SIMET



Travel Medicine and Health in Mobile Populations

Key Information:

- **Offered by:** Hospital Clinic de Barcelona - ISGlobal
- **Endorsed by:** Spanish Society of Tropical Diseases and International Health (SEMTSI)
- **Dates:** November 4, 2024 – April 4, 2025
- **Tuition:** €750 (modules available individually for €200–€350)
- **Format:** Online, part-time, with a combination of asynchronous learning and some live sessions
- **Language:** English

The course offers a thorough grounding in travel medicine, from pre-travel assessments to the diagnosis and management of diseases in travelers, migrants, and refugees. It addresses the unique healthcare needs of mobile populations and provides advanced training for healthcare providers dealing with tropical, vector-borne, and neglected diseases.

Modules:

1. **Pre-Travel Medicine and Consultation** (November 4 – 29, 2024, €200)
 - Covers essential pre-travel preparations, including health assessments, vaccination recommendations, and personalized consultations to mitigate risks associated with international travel.
2. **Migrant Health** (January 8 – February 5, 2025, €200)
 - Focuses on the healthcare challenges faced by migrant populations. Participants learn about managing infectious diseases, chronic health conditions, and the importance of culturally sensitive care, especially in diverse population groups.
3. **Management of Travel-Related Diseases** (February 17 – April 4, 2025, €350)
 - This module trains participants on diagnosing and treating illnesses commonly seen in travelers, such as malaria, dengue, and tuberculosis. Topics include both clinical and preventive approaches to control disease spread.

Methodology:

The course uses a variety of teaching methods, including:

- **Clinical Case Studies:** Real-world cases to illustrate key concepts in diagnosing and managing diseases.
- **Interactive Lessons and Video Lectures:** On-demand content covering fundamental topics.
- **Online Discussions and Live Sessions:** Opportunities to interact with faculty and peers, enhancing learning through Q&A and expert insights.
- **Downloadable Resources:** Access to supporting materials for self-paced study.
- **Assessment:** Participants must complete clinical assessments and engage with content to qualify for the ISGlobal certification.

Visit Website



ADVOCACY/POLICY

WEBINAR 06.11.2024
11:30 - 1 PM EST / 5.30-7 PM CET

Key Information:

- **Date:** November 6, 2024
- **Time:** 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm CET
- **Organizers:** FESTMIH, CNNTD, and DTG
- **Speakers:** Dr. Alison Krentel and Tina Lines
- **Moderators:** Mirna Abd El Aziz and Marco Albonico
- **Cost:** Free, includes CME points
- **Topics:** Importance of NTD advocacy, collaboration with governments and civil society, and media engagement strategies

On November 6, 2024, join FESTMIH, CNNTD, and DTG for a free webinar on Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) advocacy. Experts Dr. Alison Krentel and Tina Lines will discuss the role of advocacy in global health, exploring ways to foster collaboration between governments and civil society and how to leverage media for impactful messaging. Moderated by Mirna Abd El Aziz and Marco Albonico, this session also includes an interactive advocacy action component and offers CME points to participants.

Register now:

To participate, please **sign up** using [this form](#) or scan the **QR code** below:

For any inquiries, feel free to write us an [email](#).

FESTMIH Webinar - NTD
Advocacy/Policy



Registration



Health Systems Global 2024 Symposium

Key Information:

- **Location:** Nagasaki, Japan
- **Dates:** November 18-22, 2024
- **Theme:** "Building Just & Sustainable Health Systems: Centering People and Protecting the Planet"

This year's symposium will focus on advancing justice, inclusion, and sustainability in health systems worldwide. Themes include strengthening systems for planetary health, fostering inclusive health governance, and enhancing policies for equitable healthcare. Experts, policymakers, and global health advocates will convene to share knowledge and strategies for creating more resilient, people-centered health systems.

[More Information](#)

ECTMIH 2025 ECTMIH-News October



Dear All,

Over the past month, we have made **significant progress** in preparing key materials for the congress, including the **homepage**, the **call for organized sessions**, and the **sponsor brochure**, which we plan to release soon. Please keep an eye on [our website](#), as we expect to finalize these resources by the end of October.

Additionally, our **working groups** have commenced their initial meetings, and we are actively pursuing **grant applications**, such as those from the **German Research Foundation (DFG)** and the **European Union (EU)**. Should you have any suggestions or knowledge of relevant grant opportunities, we welcome your input via [email](#).

Furthermore, we are in the process of developing our **sustainability guidelines**, which will be made available on our website once completed.

We are excited to launch the website and look forward to engaging with you.

Kind regards,

Prof. Marylyn Addo,

Prof. Cornelia Betsch,

Prof. Jürgen May,

Prof. Michael Ramharter



Research Ethics Online Training

The **Research Ethics Online Training (V2)**, offered by **The Global Health Network**, provides an in-depth exploration of research ethics, focusing on **international health research** and its ethical considerations, particularly in **resource-poor settings**. The course is divided into **ten modules**, each addressing a different aspect of research ethics.

Course Modules:

1. **Introduction to Research Ethics**
2. **Principles and Guidelines**
3. **Evaluating Risks and Benefits**
4. **Study Design Issues**
5. **Vulnerability in Research**
6. **Obligations to Participants**
7. **Community Engagement**
8. **Privacy and Confidentiality**
9. **Informed Consent**
10. **Other Ethical Issues**

The course is **self-paced**, with each module taking about **15-30 minutes**. After completing the course with a score of **80% or higher**, participants receive a **certificate**. It's an excellent opportunity for health professionals involved in research to enhance their understanding of ethics and its practical application. For more details and to enroll, visit the **Research Ethics Online Training page**.

[Training Page](#)



Comprehensive Malaria MOOC by Institut Pasteur:

From Biology to Elimination Strategies

Platform: FUN MOOC

Course Duration: November 5, 2024 – November 4, 2025

Effort: ~12 hours, self-paced over 32 days

Languages: English, French

This MOOC provides an in-depth understanding of malaria, covering topics from the life cycle of *Plasmodium* to control strategies. It's ideal for participants with a scientific background.

Cost Options:

- **Discovery Course:** Free access to lectures, quizzes, and discussion forums.
- **Qualifying Course:** €150, includes certification with a final assessment, leading to the Institut Pasteur Online Diploma in Infectious Diseases.

Course Plan:

1. **Introduction:** Covers the history, epidemiology, and clinical aspects of malaria.
2. **Life Cycle & Biology:** Details the parasite's lifecycle stages and interactions.

3. **Genomics:** Explores Plasmodium genomics, including genome manipulation techniques like CRISPR.
4. **Drugs:** Discusses current antimalarial drugs, resistance mechanisms, and new drug research.
5. **Immunity & Vaccines:** Focuses on immune responses to malaria and vaccine developments.
6. **Vector Control & Elimination:** Addresses mosquito ecology, vector control strategies, and eradication efforts.

Certification: Participants in the Qualifying Course who score at least 18 out of 30 on the final assessment receive a Certificate of Achievement and can use this towards the Institut Pasteur diploma.

Instructors & Contributors: Includes experts such as Dr. Chetan Chitnis, Dr. Ivo Muller, and Dr. Amy Bei, among others from Institut Pasteur and partnering institutions worldwide.

MOOC



Launch of InfoNTD Platform

The InfoNTD e-learning platform was unveiled during the NNN Conference in Kuala Lumpur on October 1st, presented by Dr. Claire Fuller. Developed with global partners, this platform addresses the need for sustainable, updated training for healthcare professionals in the NTD field. It combines online learning with practical training, aimed at overcoming capacity challenges and supporting the WHO NTD Roadmap and SDGs.

Website

We hope you've enjoyed the recent editions of our newsletter and found them valuable. As we step into **October 2024**, we send our warmest wishes to all our readers and contributors at **FESTMIH**. May this season bring renewed energy, inspiration, and success in your endeavors.

The "**News of the Month**" remains your trusted source for updates and opportunities in our field, published on the **15th of each month**. Please submit your contributions by the **10th** as we continue to foster collaboration in global research.

Wishing you a productive and inspiring autumn!

Would you like to contribute to the **News of the Month** or contact us? Please feel free to send us an **email**.



With the 'News of the Month' we try to communicate relevant information in the field of FESTMIH and also cover interdisciplinary topics. We would like to know how the News of the Month has been received and if there is **anything we can improve**.

Feedback is anonymous, so no personal details will be included.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the FESTMIH secretariat.

Give us Feedback



FESTMIH

<https://www.festmih.eu/>

[E-Mail](#)