

Report from NRS GH member; Josephine Changole, UiO

An evaluation of the course (**INTH923**) **Qualitative Research Methods for Global Public Health**

I attended the above course at **Centre for International Health, at University of Bergen**. The course run from 9th of January to 25th of January, 2017.

Topics covered

The course included the following topics

- Theoretical foundation of qualitative research methodology
- Characteristics of qualitative research, their strengths and limitations
- Research designs / Strategies of inquiry
- Data collection methods: In-depth interview, Focus Group Discussion and Participant observation and data analysis

Methods of teaching

The facilitators used group discussions, lectures, demonstrations as well as practical sessions to teach the course.

Course benefits

I have improved on my skills data collection using interviews and focus group discussion and it is very helpful for project because they are the methods that I will use. I also feel confident to teach others about qualitative research methods.

And last but not the least, I have made new friends who are very supportive.

Course Strength

The course was generally well organized and the approaches used were good. The course materials were very are still helpful for me. The presenters well all enthusiastic about their topics and that kept me awake. The tea breaks were adequate.

Course weaknesses

I was not satisfied with the time allocated to data analysis. I feel research is about making sense of the data and communicating it for the benefit of others. But it was rushed through and I feel I am still not confident enough to interpret my data.

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Josephine Changole, 19 February 2017