



COPASAH East and Southern Africa Region Call for Applicants for Facilitated Learning Exchange Visit

Deadline for Application: 7th March, 2014!

This call invites applications from COPASAH members in East and Southern Africa region to apply and have opportunity to participate in a facilitated learning exchange visit. The learning visit aims at providing practitioners from organizations using community monitoring for improved health outcome an opportunity to visit an organisation in the region or outside depending on the identified needs and interest. Participants will learn new tools, methodologies and lessons to improve their own field practice.

The call:

Uganda National Health Users'/Consumers' Organisation (UNHCO) and Community of Practitioners in Accountability and Social Action in Health (COPASAH) East and Southern Africa region with support from Accountability and Monitoring in Health Initiative (AMHI) of the Open Society Foundations is implementing a project; *“Consolidating the Community of Practitioners in Accountability and Social Action in Health (COPASAH) as a knowledge-generation and dissemination community.”* The project aims to consolidate COPASAH as a knowledge-generation and sharing community through the implementation of innovative capacity building strategies for its members and increasing visibility of COPASAH at regional and global level.

In the same project, COPASAH steering committee identified areas of strengthening with regard to using community based monitoring for improved health outcomes among member organisations then integrated in the project above. One of the key strategies identified to build capacity of members is facilitated learning exchange visits. The learning exchange visit targets practitioners from civil society organisations and NGOs using community monitoring methods for improved health outcomes in the East and Southern African region.

Through this strategy successful practitioners will have opportunity to visit an organisation in the region or outside depending on the specific learning needs and interest to be identified.

Due to resource constraints, a limited number of practitioners will be able to participate in the facilitated learning exchange visit. We therefore invite interested practitioners **in pairs per organisation**¹ to submit an application as expression of their interest to participate. Applications will be evaluated by the COPASAH secretariat in the region.

Information requested from applications

interested applicants should submit;

1. Not more than two page application that outlines;

- Current project your institution/organisation is implementing or planning to implement using community monitoring tools to achieve:
 - Improved functionality of the health system
 - Increased community participation in monitoring health services
 - Improved engagement between duty bearers and rights holders
- Highlight your areas of need for the facilitated learning exchange visit
- What are your areas of interest in the facilitated learning exchange visit?
- How will your organisation benefit from the learning visit?
- How will the learning visit improve your own field practice?

2. Attach CVs of each of the applicants

Practitioners should submit their applications by **7th March, 2014** to UNHCO by E-mail to info@unhco.or.ug and copy rkitungi@yahoo.com

Note:

The learning exchange visit is only for COPASAH members and practitioners. Applicants who are not yet members of COPASAH are requested to complete their membership form on line as part of the application process.

See <http://www.copasah.net/copasah-membership.html>.

¹ Two applicants (two individuals) per organization applying together in the same application