



# CARe

## Capacity Building in Applied Public Health Research in GHPP partner countries

### Context

The production of high-quality evidence is vital for public health protection, as it helps to identify public health threats on a timely basis and inform evidence-based policy-making. However, in order to generate such evidence countries require substantial health research capacities to analyse the burden of disease, identify potential threats, set priorities and guide the implementation of research findings for public health protection. In sub-Saharan Africa, there is great potential to further expand these capacities and, in particular, to tailor them to the needs of the respective national public health institutes (NPHI) and ministries of health (MoH). The CARe project aims to build capacity in applied public health research and to strengthen South-South research collaboration between GHPP partner institutions in Africa. It builds capacities in all aspects of the public health research cycle, with a particular focus on research methods, grant writing and research dissemination. By targeting staff, early career researchers and students in key research and governmental institutions, the project contributes to structural improvement of evidence-informed decision-making in Namibia and other GHPP partner countries in Africa and helps them to prevent, identify and adequately respond to public health threats.

### Objective

Building research capacities in applied health research and strengthening South-South research collaborations between GHPP partner institutions in Namibia and other African countries to generate high-quality evidence for public health decision-making.

### Key facts

**Duration**

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025

**Budget**

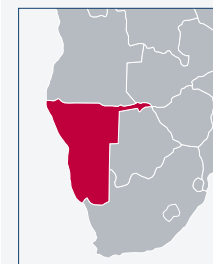
~ EUR 1.5 million

**Partner countries**

Namibia

**Region**

Southern Africa

**Implemented by**

Robert Koch Institute (RKI)

**Commissioning party**

German Federal Ministry of Health  
(BMG)

### Thematic focus

Strengthening of public health systems

Marketing authorisation and safety of medicinal products

## Activities



### CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Building capacities in all aspects of the research cycle through training of staff, early career researchers and students in NPHI and MoH, with a particular emphasis on research methods, writing research proposals and dissemination of research results; supervising joint master's projects of students from Namibian universities who study public health or related topics



### RESEARCH AND PROVISION OF EVIDENCE

Conducting pilot research projects in GHPP partner countries in sub-Saharan Africa on public health topics of local importance



### TRAINING AND COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT

Supporting junior and senior research staff in applying for international funding through joint development of international grant proposals for submission to an external funding body

## In cooperation with

- University of Namibia, Namibia

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