

Assessing the research, evaluation and training needs of researchers in the UK.

The African HIV Research Forum are conducting a short survey to assess the research, evaluation and training needs of people working with African communities in the UK. The information from this survey will be used to develop a strategic approach to HIV research and African communities. All information is confidential and will only be used as part of this exercise. Please take ten minutes to fill out this questionnaire and return it to: Ibidun Fakoya, MESH Programme, 4th Floor Mortimer Market Centre, Off Capper Street, London, WC1E 6JB by the 15th June 2006. To enter the competition you must fill in your name and address. This section of the form will be removed to ensure confidentiality.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Daytime Tel No.: _____

About you

1. Are you: Male^[1] Female^[2]

2. To which ethnic group do you consider yourself to belong?

- Black African^[1] Black Caribbean^[2]
 Black Other^[3] Pakistani^[4]
 Indian^[5] Bangladeshi^[6]
 Asian Other^[7] Mixed ethnicity^[8]
 White^[9]
 Other (please specify)^[88] _____

3. In which country were you born?

4. Are you currently studying for a formal qualification?

- Yes^[1] No^[2]

6. Are you currently working in sexual health/HIV?

- Yes^[1] ⇨ Next question No^[2] ⇨ Question 10

7. In which local authority do you work? (If you do not know please write in the postcode of where you work)

8. What type of organisation do you work for? (tick one)

- Academic^[1]
 Charity^[2]
 Community Based^[3]
 Self Employed^[4]
 Local Authority^[5]
 Health Service^[6]
 Private company^[7]
 Other (please specify)^[88] _____

Please tell us about you or your organisation's research involvement

10. When was the last time, if ever, you carried out any HIV related research? (tick one only)

- Within the last year^[1]
 Over a year ago (but within the last 3 years)^[2]
 More than 3 years ago^[3]
 Never^[4]

11. Are you currently involved in HIV related research?

- Yes^[1] ⇨ Next question No^[2] ⇨ Question 17

12. What areas are covered by your current research? (tick all that apply)

- Clinical Research^[1]
 Community Participation^[2]
 Health Policy^[3]
 Health Promotion^[4]
 Social Research^[5]
 Other (please specify)^[88] _____

13. What specific African subgroups are being examined by your current research? (tick all that apply)

- All Africans - no specific sub-groups^[12]
 African women^[1]
 Pregnant women^[2]
 Newly arrived Africans / asylum seekers^[3]
 African men who have sex with men^[4]
 African men^[5]
 Newly diagnosed^[6]
 African children and family welfare^[7]
 West Africans^[8]
 Southern Africans^[9]
 Central Africans^[10]
 East Africans^[11]
 Other (please specify)^[88] _____

14. In your current research have you had any support from or collaborated with any other organisations?

- Yes^[1] No^[2]

15. What type of organisations did you collaborate with? (tick all that apply)

- Academic^[1]
 Local Authority^[3]
 Private company^[4]
 Community Based Organisation^[2]
 Other (please specify)^[88] _____

16. How do you plan to disseminate your research findings? (tick all that apply)

- My own organisation's website^[1]
 Another organisation's website^[2]
 Peer reviewed Journals^[3]
 Report^[4]
 Conference presentations^[5]
 Personal communication^[6]
 No means of dissemination^[7]
 Other (please specify)^[88] _____

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Remember to fill in your name and address overleaf for your chance to win up to £100 worth of gift vouchers (see page 6). Return this questionnaire to: Ibi Fakoya, MESH Programme, 4th Floor, Mortimer Market Centre, London, WC1E 6JB by 15th June 2006.

Please tell us about your access to and use of the African HIV Research Forum

17. How many African HIV Research Forum Seminar Days have attended? (tick one)

- None ^[0]
- One ^[1]
- Two ^[2]
- Three ^[3]
- Four or more ^[4]
- All ^[5]
- Not sure ^[6]

18. How often do you visit the African HIV Research Forum web site? (tick one)

- Never heard of it ^[1]
- Once a year ^[2]
- Once a month ^[3]
- Once a week ^[4]
- Other (please specify) ^[88] _____

19. What do you find most useful about the African HIV Research Forum website? (tick one)

- Advertising / looking at job vacancies ^[1]
- Advertising / looking at events ^[2]
- Publicising research findings ^[3]
- Reading research news ^[4]
- Reading AHRF NEWS, The quarterly newsletter ^[4]
- Other (please specify) ^[88] _____

20. What changes would you like to see made to AHRF NEWS, the quarterly newsletter?

- More research news ^[0]
- More prevention news ^[1]
- More issues ^[2]
- Book reviews ^[3]
- Conference reviews ^[4]

21. How do you think we could improve the African HIV Research Forum?

Research support and training opportunities

22. In which areas do you feel your organisation's research capacity is strongest? (tick all that apply)

- Data collection ^[1]
- Data analysis ^[2]
- Community participation and inclusion ^[3]
- Project design and conceptualisation ^[4]
- Dissemination of results ^[5]
- None of the above ^[6]

23. In which areas do you feel you or your organisation could benefit from training? (tick all that apply)

- Basic HIV Knowledge ^[1]
- Research methodology ^[2]
- Basic epidemiology ^[3]
- Understanding the African Epidemic in the UK ^[4]
- HIV prevention interventions ^[5]
- HIV and pregnancy ^[6]
- HIV treatments ^[7]
- Qualitative research methods ^[8]
- Monitoring and evaluation ^[88]
- Other (please specify) ^[88] _____

24. Each year, how much time could you spare to attend a training course? (tick one)

- Half day ^[1]
- One day ^[2]
- Two days ^[3]
- Longer than 2 days ^[4]
- Residential 5 day course ^[5]

Research needs

25. The African HIV Research Forum aims to drive the research agenda in the UK. On which THREE main areas should researchers focus?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

Thank you for completing this questionnaire please return it to the address overleaf by 15th June 2006