QUALITATIVE METHODS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

WHAT IS THE COURSE ABOUT?
The course will familiarize participants with various data collection and analytic methods in qualitative research, as well as the relevant ethical considerations and ways to best present and communicate qualitative data. It is conceptualised as a journey where participants will be guided through each step of the qualitative research process starting with a discussion on the underlying principles of qualitative approaches and moving on to study design, sampling, data collection and analysis.

Participants will have hands-on practical experience applying the various data collection methods including in-depth interviews, focus groups, and observational methods; as well as learn practical techniques on how to improve the quality of data collection and conduct analysis. Emphasis will be given to best practices in data management and analyses using appropriate methods.

Throughout the course we will draw on case studies of social research on health from a number of settings and representing a wide range of topics. The central premise of this course is that qualitative research is a “skilled craft” that can provide a unique understanding of people’s lives, perceptions, experiences and the social phenomena that form and shape them.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Health officers or researchers who wish to understand the social phenomena that shape behaviours and explore topics in more depth and detail than quantitative research methods.

PREREQUISITES
There are no prerequisites for this course.

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CLOSING DATE:
15 DECEMBER 2017

COURSE FEES:
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