



"Relationships in country teams have been built. We should create space for more of that if we can."

"Working with COUNTDOWN and the fellowship study has been a full package of learning for me."

Self confidence

FUTURE PLANS

DATA COLLECTION

Creative and virtual methods

"I have learned about international principles."

Mentors

CONTINUE TO USE LEARNED APPROACHES AS...

Team leaders
Learners

Between NTD programme managers and researchers

Common goals
Teamwork

Communication
Community engagement
Time management
Writing

SKILLS LEARNED

Public speaking
Writing grant applications

COVID-19 RAPID RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Stepping stone

SUPPORTING FUTURE GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERS

"It has provided a unique stepping stone as I continue to pursue progress in my academic career. This has truly been a wonderful experience."

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

FURTHER EDUCATION

2 PhDs
4 Masters

85%

BUILDING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

IN-COUNTRY TEAMS

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

Writing

Budgets

RESEARCH PROCESSES

Reporting
Ethics

"The coaching and mentoring by mentors and supervisors has been excellent."

SKILLS LEARNED

SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONAL RESILIENCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

"It would be nice for other research consortiums to learn from how COUNTDOWN engaged programme managers through academic partnerships."

LAB EXPANSION IN GHANA

Enabling expertise in molecular genetics of infectious diseases

Lab supported diagnostic responses (COVID-19)

RELATIONSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

HEALTH SYSTEM ACTORS

CROSS-LEARNING

COLLABORATION

Other research partners

COUNTDOWN
Calling time on Neglected Tropical Diseases
IMPACT ON RESEARCHERS

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STRENGTHENING RESOURCE MOBILISATION SYSTEMS

IMPROVED WORKING ENVIRONMENT

Job enrichment

Health system strengthening

Mentoring
Relationship building

Countries

Settings

Projects

Use of different platforms
Flexibility

LEARNING VIRTUALLY

LEARNING BY DOING

STAKEHOLDERS

Engaging with
Identifying

Include in study design

Method diversity

Photovoice
Conducting interviews

Developing tools for IDIs, FGDs and observations

FORMAL TRAINING

Capacity strengthening webinars

PRODUCING OUTPUTS

Authoring case studies and policy briefs
Writing reports
Project summaries

Increased authored articles
Increased contribution to production of tools
Authoring blog posts
Cross-country blog series

"Having to explore creative ways to collect data virtually was an exciting experience."

BUILD SKILLS TO LATER MANAGE PROJECTS AND LEAD

SKILLS AND RESEARCH METHODS

DATA

Presenting study findings
Synthesising findings

RESEARCH PROCESSES

Data collection
Interpreting data

Anticipating how research could change policy
Organising a dissemination event
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QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS

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Paper writing workshops
Encourage wide range of authors at different career stages

Digital engagement series
Blogs
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PowerPoint

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"Qualitative research has become real for me - it has gone beyond the theory now, with more practical aspects."