Social Science Working Group Meeting
Wednesday, 23 Sept 2020
12:00 pm BST / 1:00 pm CET / 2:00 pm EAT

Action Items
- Coordinator, co-chairs to start an email thread with key interested people to decide on format and content of webinar [Coordinator]
- Share a list of journals & draft outline, share prior to next WG meeting [Coordinator]

Notes

New member introductions

Finalize working group priorities and research questions
- No comments, consider this document the final version of the priorities

Working group outputs

1. Vaccine trials, trust webinar
   1. Question: Is it okay to co-brand our webinar?
   2. Do we want to focus on the development of vaccines, or do we want a session on fair distribution and issues that will overlap with our borders?
   3. Question: Would it be worth going into issues like misinformation, mistrust, issues that cause doubts in people?
      1. Is it helpful to have something on this topic?
      2. The roots of mistrust go beyond the epidemic, it's tied into more complicated relationships with government and issues people have felt from the past. How well do people trust those in power and authority?
      3. Dynamics of mistrust are more difficult with implications for community engagement. Community engagement cannot be implemented in silo from these dynamics. Who are trusted actors to engage to influence public opinion?
      4. Can the trust issue be a theme across different webinars?
      5. There are lots of different communities involved. External groups may also be involved in terms of expressing mistrust. In HIV research, we've seen that outside groups have seen the HIV trial as problematic.
   4. Question: With the webinar, what should we speak to? Who is the audience? Plans for the vaccine trials, opportunities and issues that may arise related to trust.
   5. We do want a presentation from the Global South.
      1. South African colleagues can contribute where the group is not doing anything specific on COVID vaccines. Plans to be involved in future trials.
      2. Work is generally focused on vaccination.
   6. We could also have presentations from local social science partners.

1. Mistrust paper is Salla's but her colleagues – HIV Vaccine Group has social scientists who could speak from their side about their engagement program.
            2. Salla's colleagues could be included in a conversation.
    7. Webinar structure:
        1. A couple of quick presentations – what have we learned from vaccine trials?
            1. What should vaccine trials plan for?
            2. Roundtable with practitioners and social scientists that work in the field
        2. Present it as a series –
            1. Part 1 - Presentations
            2. Part 2 - Roundtable
            3. Part 3 – Vaccine hesitancy/deployment
    8. Good Participatory Practice Working Group for Social Science – guidelines for focal people for the WHO vaccine trial. Link up with Lisa who is leading that.
        1. Collaborate with WHO.
    9. Luisa led on a brief for SSHAP on this issue
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2. Commentary piece
    1. We can share an outline, and people can say where they'd like to contribute
    2. Who is our audience? Who are we trying to persuade?
        1. Is this for social scientists?
        2. Clinical trialists? WHO?
        3. Biomedical/public health journal – more selling of our work?
        4. Are we convincing those in public health or biomedicine?
        5. Explaining contribution of social science to those
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3. Other outputs
    1. We need to have a discussion about us being a repository for topic guides and protocols
        1. Add this to the agenda for next time

All other business and next meeting

1. Next meeting in two weeks