
SI Public Sector Innovation Programme 2023

Karolinska Institute, MIDWIZE Capacity building programme for public health officials in maternal and child health

In 2020, the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Health (CESH) started building capacity within the field of reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition (RMNCAH+N) in East African countries (KI, 2021). A collaboration between Karolinska Institute, Makerere University, and other partners including University of Gondar and University of Debre Berhan in Ethiopia, University of Nairobi in Kenya and University of Malawi was upheld and resulted in a capacity building training programme for public health officials that has been running three times in these African nations.

KTH , OneLearns - Online Education for Leaders in Nutrition and Sustainability

Resource-limited African countries experience unacceptably high rates of malnutrition among children and other health-related issues. The importance of training health workers to reduce these health problems is paramount. OneLearns is a programme that aims to increase awareness of effective online education and use it to improve digital health literacy and promote the global sustainability goals. The target groups are government officials and actors in civil society organisations (NGOs) in Rwanda, Ethiopia, and Kenya who hold a position with a mandate to bring about change.

Lund university, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and the Equal Right to Health

The module aims to strengthen the public sector's ability to contribute to the sustainable development agenda through increasing capacity for addressing sexual and gender-based violence policymaking in innovative, cross-disciplinary, and multi-sectoral ways. Using a design-led process, the programme capacitates agents of change while simultaneously building multisectoral collaborations and opportunities for networking. The programme is guided by principles of a rights-based perspective, collaboration, networking, adaptive strategies, and a context-driven approach.

Lund university, New Welfare Services – Sustainable Service Design as a driver for regional development: The Great Lakes region

The program on “*New Welfare Services*” focuses on sustainable services for the East Africa Great Lakes Region and aims at highlighting sustainable service design and management as a tool for regional development. It focuses on governance as service, as well as governance as a facilitator for inclusive commercial service design, development, and management. Primarily the program aims to increase and create more sustainable (social as well as environmental) national and inter-regional cooperation within and between industry-specific actors, where synergies between the respective

industry specific representatives.

Lund university, Innovation and Co-design for Sustainable, Resilient and Inclusive Public Spaces and Services

The programme aims to increase the capacity of municipal officials to co-design inclusive public services and physical and digital spaces through improved municipal service provisions and social innovation. The development of a change project in teams is at the center of the programme. Finalization of the change projects includes the completion of the change projects and presenting them to the local decision makers at the final online conference.

Lund University, Innovation in Governance for Urban Nature-Based Solutions

Urban Nature based solutions (NBS) use the properties of nature to address urban challenges. Global megatrends such as accelerating urbanization or escalating carbon emission constraints underline the increasing importance of sustainable urban environments. NBS provide an alternative to conventional methods of urban planning and development that rely on so-called “grey infrastructure” – as NBS can provide multi-faceted interventions capable of creating ecological, economic, social and urban planning benefits.

Governance forms that embrace new ways of doing things (eg NBS) require increased capacity for individuals and organisations to innovate for change – and change requires new forms of collaboration/cooperation, and the exchange of experiences. The purpose of the programme is to strengthen capacity for innovation and sustainable governance among public administrations that govern towns and cities.

Stockholm university, Rethinking Cities in Ukraine

“*Rethinking Cities in Ukraine*” is an educational program that provides capacity building for deep understanding of challenges ahead after the war on-site, as well as methodologies and tools for solving these tasks. The educational program invites civil servants and elected officials of municipalities in Ukraine to participate in thematic course modules about spatial planning, strategic perspectives on smart services and technologies for residents, citizen participation and inclusion, culture and urban planning/development, funding and partnerships, governance for transparency and accountability. A program with theoretical base that relates to practical daily challenges.

Södertörn university, Resilient and Strategic Decision Making for EU integration

The Kyiv-Mohyla Business School (KMBS) was asked by the Ukrainian government to design and implement an educational course helping put the Recovery Plan and SDGs into practice, already during the war. The course is called Strategic Programme for Strengthening the Institutional Capacities of Ukraine for Post-War Transformation and European Integration (Strategic Programme).

Södertörn university contributes to this Strategic Programme with one academic competence building module focusing on resilience and strategic decision-making. The overall purpose is to develop resilient and high performing public administration through competence building among the top-level public servants that can learn from existing practices, and plan for a future democratic public administration along the lines of *acquis* and establish the SDGs as the foundation of post-war Ukraine.