

# Fact Sheet: What is the Global Public Health Connect Network (GPHCoN)?

The Global Public Health Connect Network (GPHCoN) is a professional public health network dedicated to fostering global collaboration, bridging professional gaps, and building a stronger future for local communities. We provide a platform for professionals, particularly those in developing and underdeveloped countries, to connect with seasoned experts, enhance their skills, and gain access to invaluable mentorship and professional opportunities.

## How We Work

GPHCoN operates on a collaborative, volunteer-run model. We conduct routine research, monitoring, and evaluation (RM&E) to ensure we are meeting our aims and serving our members effectively. Our activities are designed to empower members and include:

- **Monthly Meetings:** We hold monthly sessions that alternate between personal and professional development topics.
- **Professional Development:** Mentors and other experts present on a variety of topics relevant to the public and environmental health field.
- **Research Opportunities:** Members can gain research experience by participating in projects led by mentors or in partnerships with external institutions.
- **Peer Support:** We foster a supportive environment for members to share experiences, provide feedback, and collaborate on projects.

## How We Select Our Mentors

Our mentors are the heart of the GPHCoN network. We select professionals who are currently working in the field of public health and have a strong track record of professional success. They must also demonstrate a willingness and ability to pass on knowledge, mentor, and support others.

The selection process is as follows:

- The network may directly approach individuals who are recognized leaders in the field.
- Professionals can also express interest in becoming a mentor.
- All potential mentors are required to provide a reference from a reliable professional in the field.
- Their applications are assessed against a dedicated **Terms of Reference for Mentors**.
- The GPHCoN Executive team reviews all applications and makes the final selection based on the established criteria and the availability of open mentor spaces.

## Network Oversight

GPHCoN is managed through a clear leadership and accountability structure.

- **Network Director:** The Network Director, who also serves as the CEO of GPHCoN, provides leadership and oversight. This role involves managing the network's activities, ensuring proper governance, and overseeing accountability processes.
- **Network Coordination Assistant:** This volunteer role assists with the day-to-day running of the network, including communications and administrative duties.
- **Volunteers and Interns:** Other volunteers and interns support the network in various roles as needed, contributing to the overall success and sustainability of our mission.

## How We Are Funded

GPHCoN is a not-for-profit organization and is currently run by a dedicated team of volunteers. We are grateful for the support of our generous network members, whose donations help sustain our operations. To ensure the network's continued growth and stability, GPHCoN reserves the right to:

- Receive direct donations.
- Offer paid products or services.
- Conduct fundraising initiatives.

We are committed to using all funds to support the network's mission and provide maximum value to our members.