## **VHL Training Testimonials**

Organizationally and participation was very good although there were few days of training classes, I could see some things that I did not know.

Very Grateful Always

Santos Filipe

Biblioteca Nacional de Saúde

Participating in the VHL training was a different experience, which enabled me to get in touch with the platform for the first time. Allied to this aspect, lies the fact that the area (library), not being my education area, which made the opportunity challenging. Although it is not my education area, it should be noted that the training was very well taught, very interactive, which facilitated, in a way, the transmission and understanding of the contents. I confess that in day-to-day there are still some doubts as to the use of the platform, but I believe that in time they will be resolved.

Thank you

Ivan Argimindo Diamantino

The training of the Mozambique Virtual Health Library in Maputo was important, since it had no real idea of the importance of the VHL platform. Today, I know that the VHL is a relevant tool that provides data on different health-related issues that relate to Mozambique.

During the training, as a communication technician of the *Instituto Nacional de Saúde*, I had the instruction to use the Portal. Today, my biggest challenge is to keep the portal updated with relevant data, as well as to contribute to a better dissemination of this platform that aggregates different contents related to public health.

Mussa Chaleque, comunicação

First of all, I would like to thank the *Instituto Nacional de Saúde* and the World Health Organization (WHO) for their support in the success of the workshop.

VHL training was a good initiative that, from my perspective, should be the beginning of a new era in terms of trying to show what health research information is available about Mozambique and how it can be made accessible to people who need it for their use.

It is important to note that the workshop was well received with some participants who live outside of Maputo City, which was a very well-liked sign of inclusiveness on the part of the organizers.

The organization of the workshop was excellent with the participation of two facilitators from Brazil (BIREME). Demonstrate a deep level of experience in terms of preparing the presentations in power point format. Additionally they showed the deep level of expertise in their fields of work.

The hands-on exercises were very important to measure if the participants were following what was being demonstrated despite some problems with the Internet connection, but we always had the IT staff available to help. I think there is a need to reinforce training through manuals and more training of this nature, if resources allow, which can help us, especially when it comes to load or input information on the VHL platform.

The period of time for training was short, so it was another program which needs a lot of support to keep the participants active.

My overall assessment of the training was a success and I would like to thank all the parties involved and also to encourage the participants to put into practice what they have learned.

Tendayi Madziya Uinversidade Católica de Moçambique

On March 27-31, 2017, I and my colleagues from the Department of Education, Information and Communication, participated in the Virtual Health Library (VHL) training at MISAU – *Instituto Nacional de Saúde* (INS). In addition to the INS technicians, eight other technicians from different educational institutions were present, of which:

- \* Universidade Eduardo Mondlane Faculdade de Medicina
- \* Universidade Católica de Moçambique --- Beira
- \* Universidade Zambeze --- Tete
- \* Universidade Lúrio Nampula
- \* Instituto Superior de Ciências de Saúde Maputo
- \* Instituto de Ciências de Saúde Maputo

The moment I entered the room where the training took place I was anxious, the time seemed to pass quickly. The facilitators presented themselves and then the participants. During the training, the facilitators demonstrated knowledge and performed the training dynamically.

Difficulties after the training

In the first weeks after the training, I had difficulty starting with the activities. However, I print all the information sent by Juliana and Rosemeire, I reread to understand what I should do. So I gained the courage and indexed two documents for now.

Importance of the training

A new experience. The VHL training contributes to my daily work routines.

The training ended successfully on March 31 at 5:00 p.m., we signed a commitment to operate the Virtual Health Library of Mozambique and took photos.

The training was fine for me, well-crafted themes, despite the short period. I will certainly deepen my knowledge of the VHL.

Thank the opportunity, the learning and share the experience.

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