UCL Institute for Global Health: The Economics of GH(&D)

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Historical focus on the first 1000 days...

Enabling vulnerable mothers and children to survive and thrive

Economics as the science of *decision making and behaviour-change*. We quantify why and when people behave as they do within our trials…and whether local governments can afford to pick up where we leave off.
What are the questions?

**Micro Environment**
- The supply of quality care, is the intervention cost effective, affordable and sustainable?

**Meso Environment**
- The mothers time use, agency, capability and exposure to health literacy (diffusion)

**Macro Environment**
- Household poverty (absolute and relative), access to coping strategies, social networks.
Why these questions?

• CAN women respond to our interventions?
• HOW do women respond to our interventions?
• Do our interventions increase women’s CAPACITY to support the growth and development of their children (and themselves) beyond our interventions?
• Will our interventions place mothers and children at greater RISK in their households or in failing health systems?
• Where should our interventions be TARGETED for the greatest effect (if we can’t reach everyone)?
• Can we justify diverting SPENDING from other public health priorities towards our interventions?
• Are our interventions FEASIBLE and SUSTAINABLE?
• Is LOCAL OWNERSHIP possible?
But it's not just maternal and child health...

- Part of the OPTIMA CONSORTIUM FOR DECISION SCIENCE
  - Optimising national investments in HIV programming
  - Optimising national investments in TB programming
  - Optimising national investments in Nutrition programming
  - Optimising national investments in NCD programming
- Improving access to insulin in low income countries (working with industry)
- Prevention and Control of Diabetes (D-Magic)
- Cost effectiveness of complex public health trials
What do we teach?

NEW: MSc in Health Economics and Decision Science

- Health Systems in a Global Context module (Masters)
- Key Principles of Health Economics module (Masters)
- Economic Evaluation module (Masters)
- Global Health Policy module (Undergraduate)
The Centre for Global Health Economics

Launching soon to pull all this work together across UCL – get in touch if you want affiliation!