

## **Community Health Assessment for MCH Programs and Policy Practice**

### **Background:**

Understanding the basic concepts of epidemiology is necessary to prevent diseases, prolong life, and promote health. This knowledge is also important in realizing the core functions of public health (assurance, policy development, and assessment). The National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, subcommittee on State and Community Health Statistics recommended that the promotion of community health assessment is critical. States and local public health agencies to set up MCH programmatic and policy priorities need to have skills in performing community health assessments.

### **Training objectives:**

At the completion of the session, participants will gain knowledge in:

- 1) Basic epidemiology for community health assessment practice
- 2) Understand and define fundamentals of epidemiology, data sources, collection, management and presentation tips,
- 3) Assess and evaluate possible priorities and challenges in implementation process

### **Training Methods:**

The training will be interactive in nature. The trainer will utilize both PowerPoint presentations and hands-on exercises emphasizing assessment approaches and processes used by states and local public health agencies.

### **Training Implication;**

MCH programs and policy applications will benefit from this training given their role in community health assessment.

### **Keyword Concepts:**

Training, skill building, epidemiology, community health assessment

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