

METS WATCH

DHIS2 Academy 2022

METS participated in the DHIS2 Academy 2022 that was hosted by HISP-Uganda under the Theme 'Design for Data Use Academy'.



DHIS2 Academy participants take a group photo.

The workshop was held at Namawa, Uganda on 28th November to 2nd December 2022 with 100 participants from 17 countries representing different non-Governmental organizations (NGOs), Ministries of Health, and Education.

The NGOs from the different countries in the region included AFIPNET Nigeria & Uganda, Save the Children Somalia & Uganda, UN Women Republic of Guinea, Pathfinder Malawi, Pathfinder Uganda, UN Uganda, Child Health and Development Center - Makerere University, Life Net Uganda, UN South Sudan, UN Uganda, MACH-WEIT Uganda, UNICEF

Somalia. The academy was also attended by participants from ministries of health.

The Design for Data Use Academy was a practical training program aimed at supporting facilitators and participants to work together to learn the principles and skills for good system design. It allowed participants to review the adoption of DHIS2 user interface features within their local country contexts. It also provided an opportunity for experience and solution sharing among countries and promoted networking and collaboration among DHIS2 implementers in the region. Participants were equipped with the

skills to design systems that support data analysis and use and not those that create the data collection tools. The academy goal was achieved with numerous use cases, interactions, and knowledge exchange between different implementers.

In her opening remarks, the Director for Primary Education, Dr Joyce Kabuka emphasized the need for cross-sector learning and designing sustainable systems that enable managers in country to build capacity. She further emphasized the need for evidence-based planning where data informs