

# 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 Namanve, Uganda on 28th November to 3rd December 2022 with 105 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; AFENET Nigeria & Uganda, Save the Children Somalia & Uganda, GIZ Malawi Republic of Guinea, Palladium Malawi, Pathfinder Ethiopia, JSI Uganda, Child Health and Development Center - Makerere University, Life Net Uganda, RTI South Sudan, IDI Uganda, MakSPH-METS Uganda, GREDO

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 standards and 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 mimic 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 State Minister for Primary Education, Dr. Joyce Kaducu emphasized the need for cross sectoral learning and designing sustainable systems that can be managed in-country thus building capacity. She further emphasized the need for evidence-based planning where data informs