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TCC TRAINS GHRI/IDRC PROJECT GRANTEES IN SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

Training Centre in Communication (TCC) provided training for Global Health Research Initiative/International Development Research Centre (GHRI/IDRC) grantees from 5-9 January 2015.

The 14 health scientists were from Gambia, Uganda, Tanzania, Senegal, South Africa, Botswana, Pakistan and India, were trained on Science Communication. This course focused on translating technical information for non-scientists. The courses were facilitated by Mrs. Anuradha Khoda a Knowledge Management Specialist, Mr. Kennedy Kirui, a Social Media Specialist, Ms. Joy Owango and Dr. Sheila Kaka, Science Communications Specialists.

Global Health Research Initiative (GHRI) is an initiative based on a partnership of three Canadian government agencies, with the following partners, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) and International Development Research Centre. GHRI brings people together from different countries, sectors, and areas of expertise to tackle the complex problems that affect health around the world. GHRI’s goal is to support researchers and decision-makers in their efforts to develop effective policies, programs, and strategies to improve health and strengthen health systems.

GHRI programs fund innovative global health research and strengthen the ability of low and middle-income countries to carry out and use research as they work to improve the health of their populations.

About TCC

TCC is a not-for-profit organization set up in 2006 and is in partnership with the University of Nairobi and is the first African-based Training Centre to teach effective communication skills. TCC has its headquarters at the University of Nairobi, Gecaga Institute, Chiromo Campus, and Nairobi, Kenya. The centre’s mission is to contribute to the increase in profile, locally, and internationally, of African science, and its impact on the life of Africans, by improving skills in technical communication in all forms, at academia and other relevant forums, in African countries.

TCC has also partnered with Kenyatta University, Kenya, in training scientists in communication and publishing. TCC has opened a satellite office in Nigeria in partnership with Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria (OAU), through the Directorate of Linkages and Sponsored Research. The new office trains research scientists and postgraduate students from the Western Africa sub-Saharan region. TCC has also opened an office in South Africa in partnership with The Innovation Hub.

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