

ASPH Fellow Attends Outcome and Impact Assessment Training

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From April 26th – 28th, ASPH/CDC Allan Rosenfield Global Health Fellow in Global Program Management, Krysta Gerndt, attended The Evaluator's Institute (<http://tei.gwu.edu/index.htm>) training on Outcome and Impact Assessment in Chicago, IL. Course participants included staff from the World Bank, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ICF MACRO, Canadian Public Safety officials, and educators from various Universities and US State Departments of Education. The goal of the course centered on the logic of outcome evaluation and the conceptual and methodological nature of approaches, including research design and associated analysis issues. Topics covered during the training focused on identifying and conceptualizing outcomes, measuring outcomes, change and impact on outcomes, basic outcome designs and their elaborations, and design sensitivity and effect size.

The diverse nature of course participants provided an even greater learning environment. Participants delved into evaluation scenarios from their respective positions and countries, providing course participants an array of evaluation strategies to analyze and tailor. At the completion of the course the ASPH/CDC fellow had an improved and clear understanding of impact and outcome evaluation. By attending this course the ASPH/CDC fellow will prove to be a greater asset to CDC-Namibia by providing technical support on impact and outcome evaluation related to various projects and programs in order to ensure detection of meaningful program effects and interpreting the magnitude of effects.