



Population Research Centre  
University of Groningen

## Training Workshop on Qualitative Research Methods.

### *Aims of Workshop*

Qualitative research methods are becoming more widely used across a variety of disciplines in the social sciences. There has also been a renewed focus on the integration of qualitative and quantitative methods in addressing research questions.

This workshop aims to give participants a detailed understanding of qualitative methods, their theoretical foundations and their application to a range of research projects, particularly health research. The workshop sessions are structured so that participants gain experience in both theoretical and practical aspects of qualitative research. The workshop has a particular focus on the conduct of qualitative methods in developing country contexts.

### *Modules*

The workshop is comprised of the following modules:

- Qualitative Concepts & Techniques
- Ethical Issues
- Participant Recruitment
- Data and Data Management
- In-Depth Interviews
- Focus Group Discussions
- Observation Techniques
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Computer Assisted Data Analysis
- Reporting Qualitative Findings
- Assessing Quality
- Integrating Qualitative with Quantitative Research

### *Duration*

The workshop is available as a one-week course. Alternatively workshop modules can be selected to construct a tailor-made workshop of shorter duration or focussed around specific areas (eg: focus group discussion or data analysis) to suit the needs of various target audiences. Please feel free to discuss your requirements with the workshop presenters.

### *Target Audience*

The workshop is aimed at a wide variety of participants, including post-graduate research students, researchers, health service providers, NGO professionals, Government Ministry staff, or other professionals wishing to use qualitative methods in their research or seeking to gain a further understanding of the practical application of particular methods.



Workshop Practical: India

### **Presentation Methods**

Participatory teaching approaches are used during the workshop. Each module will typically consist of a formal teaching session and practical activities, such as; group discussion, class-room practical sessions and group presentations. In addition there are several field-based practical sessions during the workshop which enable participants to apply the skills acquired in the classroom to field situations. Participants will also receive a folder of documentation, which includes lecture material, reading lists, copies of relevant articles and a related text for reference.



*Field Practical: Malawi*

### **Presenters**

The workshop is a joint initiative between the University of Groningen (Netherlands) and the University of Southampton (UK). The course presenters are:

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**Dr. Inge Hutter** is associate professor at the Population Research Centre, University of Groningen, and coordinator of the research programme on reproductive health, HERA, of PRC Groningen and NIDI Den Haag. She has extensive experience in combining quantitative small-scale surveys with qualitative methods, especially in research on social-cultural aspects of reproductive health in rural South India. In addition, she has experience in research for action, such as translating research into health interventions.

**Dr. Monique Hennink** is a senior research fellow at the University of Southampton, working on a programme of research on reproductive health in developing countries. She has extensive experience in the design and application of qualitative methodologies. She has published on methodological aspects of qualitative research as well as substantive research using qualitative methods, and has particular experience in using qualitative methods in developing country settings

### **Venue**

The workshops are typically held at in-country institutions (eg: Universities, Ministry of Health). If you would like to host a workshop in your institution, please discuss your requirements with the course presenters. Alternatively, research students can attend the annual 5-Day training workshop held at the University of Groningen, Netherlands. This workshop is held in September or October each year; please consult the website for further information: [www.socstats.soton.ac.uk/choices](http://www.socstats.soton.ac.uk/choices)

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