

# GLOBAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES

## DEMONSTRATING COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM IMPACT FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES USING RIPPLE EFFECTS MAPPING IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026  
12:00 pm via Zoom



Join us as we welcome Dr. Mary Hearst from University of Minnesota.

Families with children with disabilities living in low-income compounds in Lusaka, Zambia face stigma due to misinformation about disability that results in family hardship and poor quality of life. Kusamala+ was a community-based, multi-level program designed to reduce stigma and improve quality of life for families with children with disabilities through training and education at the health facility, community, and household level and provision of skills, social support, and referral. The program evaluation revealed significant positive changes in stigma and quality of life. The purpose of this presentation is to describe an impact evaluation of Kusamala+ using Ripple Effects Mapping.



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