

Monday 4th November

Practical: Selecting a Study Design

Working in small groups, discuss each of the five study objectives/research questions listed below. Identify an appropriate study design to address the objectives/research questions, make notes on the design and any methodological features you think should be included. Outline the rationale for your design decisions, including key strengths and limitations of the chosen design. Choose one spokesperson who is able to present your group's ideas to the rest of the class.

1. Treatment of Psychosis by Traditional Healers in Uganda

Study Aim: To determine the naturalistic outcome of the treatment of psychosis by traditional healers in two districts in Eastern Uganda

2. Restricting Access to Pesticides and Suicide in Sri Lanka

Study Aim: To evaluate the impact of the introduction of legislation to restrict access to pesticides upon suicide rates in Sri Lanka

3. Brief Intervention for Alcohol Use among People Living with HIV/AIDS in South Africa

Study Aim: To evaluate the efficacy of a brief intervention for hazardous alcohol use in out-patients with HIV in primary healthcare clinics in South Africa

4. The transition from hospital-based to community-based mental healthcare in Romania

Study aim: To assess the impact of the transition from hospital-based to community-based healthcare upon people with severe mental illness in Romania

5. Brief Intervention to improve stigma-related knowledge, attitudes and beliefs among primary healthcare workers in Zambia

Study aim: To evaluate the feasibility and acceptability of a brief stigma intervention (developed in the UK but adapted for use in Zambia) among staff at primary healthcare centres in Zambia