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AFRICA EVIDENCE WEEK – VIDEOS



As part of the Africa Evidence Week, the AEN launched a series of videos called "why did I fall in love with EIDM?" They interviewed five emerging EIDM leaders and this is what they said about their love for evidence.

- Ms Jennifer Opare-Kumi, Young1love, Botswana
- Ms Sana Ben Salem, Tunisian Evaluation Network, Tunisia
- Ms Diana Warira, a communications specialist, Kenya
- Mr Luvuyo Zigana, Department of Water and Sanitation, South Africa
- Ms Ndi Euphrasia Ebai-Atuh, Effective Basic Services, Cameroon

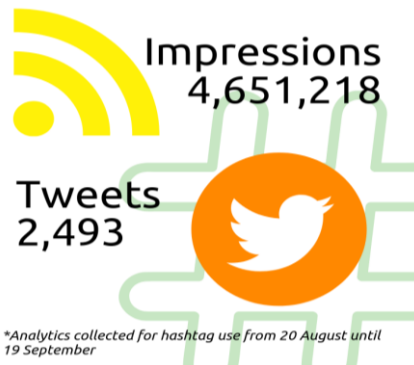
AFRICA EVIDENCE WEEK – TWITTER

Twitter analytics for #AfricaEvidenceWeek

Highlight numbers for the weeks* leading up to, including, and after Africa Evidence Week.



Three hundred and ninety-nine online participants from 15 different countries participated representing 91 organisations.



*Analytics collected for hashtag use from 20 August until 19 September

AFRICA EVIDENCE WEEK – CONVERSATION STARTERS

The AEN secretariat promoted resources such as reports, policy briefs, and Twitter conversations, amongst other conversations starters, from other organisations during the Africa Evidence Week:

- Ermel Johnson, **West African Health Organisation**: "Evidence-based policymaking has two goals: to use what we already know from program evaluation to make policy decisions and to build more knowledge to better inform future decisions" – [see more...](#)
- A free toolkit for how to develop clinical guidelines for your context is one of the resources that were shared during the Africa Evidence Week – [see more...](#)

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AFRICA EVIDENCE WEEK – BLOGS

*During the Africa Evidence Week, the most popular way in which organisations participated was through blogs on evidence-informed decision-making (EIDM): we promoted twenty-two **blogs** in just five days!*



Community Evidence Home Schools Ndi-Euphrasia Ebai-Atuh and Louise Amungwa of **Initiative for Social and Economic Development** [Read more...](#)



Interview with Zimbabwe policy-maker: rapid synthesis Ronald Munatsi of **ZeipNET** shares reflections from this interview [Read more...](#)



In Africa, we are bringing the sunshine into our homes! Okwen Mbah, Olivette Chia, and Emmanuel Kamga of **eBASE Africa** [Read more...](#)

AFRICA EVIDENCE WEEK – WEBINARS AND EVENTS

There was an amazing variety of webinars – some pre-recorded, others live – that covered various EIDM topics, and many in-country events that celebrated Africa's EIDM. Organisations were responsible for hosting their webinars or events, with the AEN supporting them.

WEBINARS

- Evidence databases, maps, and repositories: fit-for purpose to respond rapidly to policy-makers' evidence needs? **The Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in South Africa, South African SDG Hub, Centre for Rapid Evidence Synthesis, and the Africa Centre for Evidence** – [see more...](#)
- Production and use of evidence in the design and management of public policies in West Africa, **West Africa Capacity-building and Impact Evaluation (WACIE)** – [see more...](#)
- Evidence, policy needs and political realities - Learning from experiences in Africa, **Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results (CLEAR-AA)** – [see more...](#)

EVENTS

- Training workshop on navigating and evaluating quality evidence, **PACKS Africa** and Inter Departmental Research and Information Group of the Parliament of Ghana: This was a closed training workshop.
- Success stories: two years after VakaYiko in Ghana, **PACKS Africa**: Presentations from beneficiaries after two years of training on evidence-informed policy-making in Ghana.
- Improving mental health of children exposed to traumatic experiences in conflict zones, **Initiative for Social and Economic Development**: Equipping children and young people of school-going age in conflict zones of the North West region of Cameroon with evidence-based behavioural therapies.