

Welcome to the Course

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Hi everyone, I'm so very excited to welcome you to the course *Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation in Global Health*. My name is Nami Kawakyu, and I'm the instructor for the course. I have been working in global health for about 20 years in different capacities from direct clinical care, to program management, teaching, and of course, monitoring and evaluation. I have worked in the United States, in Eastern and Southern Africa, and different parts of Asia. In all of these different roles I've seen over and over again the transformative power of monitoring and evaluation.

Monitoring and evaluation is really a critical part of the success of any global health program in its ability to improve people's health and save lives. I'm so excited about all of the practical skills you'll develop through this course, including developing monitoring and evaluation tools, such as logic models, and analyzing and visualizing data. Whether you have been working in global health for many years or you're relatively new, we all come with rich life and work experiences.

So, I really encourage and welcome you to share your thoughts and your experiences with the group because that will bring so much more depth and richness to all of our learning. I look forward to getting to know you and being a part of your monitoring and evaluation journey.