**EHS 2110 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT (3 CU)**

**Course description:** The course covers descriptions of social structures, their organisation, characteristics of healthy rural homesteads and issues related to community development. Methods used to carry out a community diagnosis and strategies to promote community development and improve environmental health are described. Also empowerment, practical and strategic gender needs in development will be discussed.

**Course Objectives**

By the end of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe concepts of community, community development, gender, and engendering
2. Describe procedure of carrying out community diagnosis.
3. Describe the strategies and existing social structures for improving rural communities.
4. Demonstrate ability to conduct community diagnosis.
5. Identify existing social structures of community development and recognize their existence.
6. Mobilize the community to promote their environmental health status.

viii) Equip the community with strategies to improve their well being.

**Detailed Course Outline**

* Concepts of community, development and gender
* Community characteristics: structure, culture, social, political and economic factors, language etc
* Characteristics and importance of a healthy homestead
* Community characteristics and environmental health problems
* Community diagnosis, identification and prioritization of health problems
* Formulation of strategies and work plans with community participation and involvement
* Different models of community approach e.g. PHAST (Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation, T.O.F (Training of facilitators), PRA etc
* Gender and development
* Concept of empowerment and gender mainstreaming

# Mode of delivery:

* Lectures

**Mode of Assessment**

- Continuous assessment **(40%)**.

- End of semester exam: MCQ’s, short answer and long assay questions **(60%)**.

**Suggested Reading List**

1. Lecture handouts and additional materials on reserve at the MUSPH Resource Centre.

2. Barton, T. Sexuality and Health in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Annotated Bibliography. 1991

3. Training for Community – Based Health Care; (5curricula) MOH-Uganda et al. 1988

4. Osuga, B., Training in the Collection and Use of Information For CHWs.. 1988

5. Oranya, H. and E. Nordberg, Community – Based Health Information Systems. 1997