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How do community participatory approaches influence behaviour change communication for health? A realist evaluation of community conversations in Marsabit, Kenya

Dr Brynne Gilmore is a Round 1 CAROLINE Awardee who conducted an operations research project on community engagement interventions for health behaviour change with the non-governmental organisation (NGO) Concern Worldwide (<https://www.concern.net>) in Marsabit, Kenya. In collaboration with Concern and her home institution, Trinity Centre for Global Health, Trinity College Dublin, Brynne used realist evaluation (a form of theory-driven evaluation) to understand how, why and for whom the community engagement intervention called 'Community Conversations' (CC) works. To do so, this project followed four CC groups over the course of 1.5 years, involving baseline and endline with over 400 participants and three rounds of iterative interviews with relevant programme stakeholders. Data was examined to understand how programme components and contextual factors trigger particular mechanisms of action from those involved with the intervention and what outcomes these interactions generate. In addition to her two-year secondment to Kenya, Brynne also had an optional placement with the WHO's Department of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in Geneva. The study in Marsabit has recently concluded.

Outputs and information from this CAROLINE Fellowship include

- <https://globalhealth.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Programme-GHE-2019-Final.pdf>
- <https://asbc-conference.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/14th-Programme2.pdf>
- <https://gh.bmj.com/content/4/5/e001638>
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