EVALUATION CRITERIA OF THE ABSTRACTS OF STM-MCH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

Option 1: Programmatic/Policy Abstracts (Lessons from programs, projects, or policies)
- Background/Introduction/synopsis: Purpose, scope, and objectives.
- Description: Implementation period, setting, population, activities.
- Lessons Learnt: Outcomes, best practices, and analysis.
- Conclusions: Significance of findings.

Option 2: Scientific Abstracts (Research-based submissions)
- Background/Introduction/synopsis: Topic significance, objectives, research questions.
- Methods: Study design, setting, population, sampling, data analysis.
- Results: Key findings (positive/negative).
- Conclusion: Interpretation, implications, and recommendations.

1. Background/introduction *Consider* the clarity, relevance, and significance of the research question or project. Is/are the objective(s) smart?
2. Methodology/Activities *Appraise* the appropriateness, rigor, and feasibility of the described methods, approaches or activities.
3. Results/Lessons Learnt and Conclusions *Assess* the quality, validity, and impact of the findings, deductions or lessons learnt and recommendations.
4. Relevance to the conference theme *Assess* how well the abstract aligns with the conference's focus and goals.
5. Originality and Innovation *Evaluate* whether the submission presents new insights, approaches, or perspectives.
6. Appropriateness of the title