



Short Courses in International Health

16 – 20 July 2018

**HEALTH SYSTEMS
STRENGTHENING**

SCHEDULE 2018

08 – 19 January 2018

Disease Control: Strategies and Policies

22 January – 02 February 2018

Public Health Anthropology: Concepts and Tools

05 – 16 February 2018

Global Challenges in Reproductive Health

19 February – 02 March 2018

Improving Quality of Health Care Services in Resource
Poor Settings

05 – 16 March / 25 June – 06 July 2018

Consultancy Skills in International Cooperation in
Health

19 – 23 March 2018

Proposal Writing as a Consultancy Skill

09 – 13 April 2018

Decision-Making in Public Health

16 – 27 April 2018

Financing Health Care

30 April – 11 May 2018

Public Health and Disasters

14 – 25 May 2018

Leadership and Change Management in International
Health

04 June – 08 June 2018

Applying the Rights Based Approach in Achieving
Health Related SDGs

11 – 22 June 2018

Quality Management in International Health

09 – 13 July 2018

Neglected Tropical Diseases: A Public Health Issue

16 – 20 July 2018

Health System Strengthening

23 – 27 July 2018

Global Mental Health

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Duration an Accreditation

1 week (60 hrs)
2 ECTS (once tropEd accredited)

Course Fee

General Admission **€ 750**
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Included in the course fee is a non-refundable
registration fee of € 200.

Registration

All applications should be submitted online. A limited
number of places are available in each short course.
Places are allocated on a first come first served basis.
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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

Content Overview

The catalytic role of health systems strengthening (HSS) for the improvement of populations' health and the protection against health-related financial risks in low- and middle-income countries is well-documented.

During the last few decades international donor and technical agencies intermittently used disease-specific („vertical“) and system-specific („horizontal“) strategies for providing health support to LMICs. While epidemic impact of the former has been impressive, sustaining results, due to poorly performing health systems, has been a challenge.

The integrated approach has recently emerged as a more effective strategy, which implies designing system-related solutions to address disease-related challenges. This approach has been embedded in the global Sustainable Development Goals framework (SDGs 2016-2030), which places increased emphasis on achieving universal health coverage through improved performance of countries' health systems.

This course aims to provide participants with the necessary tools to develop and successfully implement HSS interventions in LMICs in order to maximize impact of national disease-control programmes, such as HIV, TB, malaria and maternal & child health.

Main Topics

- Approaches and strategies for health systems strengthening in low-/middle-income countries
- Interactions between national disease control programmes and broader health systems, as well as HSS and UHC
- Overview of global partnership mechanisms, donor environment and on-going collaborations on HSS

Target Group

Graduate students enrolled in global health programmes, as well as health practitioners in LMICs (e.g. Ministry of Health staff, health facility managers, national disease programme managers, provincial/district health authorities) and technical/operational staff of international organisations based in LMICs (e.g. WHO, UNICEF, NGOs).

Prerequisites

This course is held in English. Excellent command/high level of proficiency in reading, writing and speaking English is required.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course students will be able to:

- Clarify theoretical and practical aspects of HSS in the context of LMICs, including multiple conceptual frameworks, strategic approaches to HSS, and political and economic aspects that determine health policy choices.
- Understand operational aspects of HSS, including diagnosing the gaps in health systems performance, designing high-impact interventions and measuring performance of health systems strengthening programmes.
- Gain knowledge on the global health landscape relevant to HSS, including global health funding architecture, partnership mechanisms and technical support mechanisms

Teaching and Assessment

This course fosters an active participatory learning process by using a mixture of interactive lectures, discussions, case study reviews, group work and presentations.

Participants are expected to attend teaching sessions full-time, participate regularly in discussions and group work.

Participants will also be assessed on their:

- Individual written assignment (essay): a critical synthesis of retrieved information on selected topics 1500-2000 words (60%)
- Oral presentation based on group work (40%)

SHORT COURSES IN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH / tropEd

The short courses programme offered by the Institute of Public Health at Heidelberg University provides opportunities for continuing education and professional development. Short courses are open to the Institute's postgraduate students, students from other tropEd member institutions, and health professionals wanting to specialise or expand their knowledge in a particular subject area in international health.

The Institute of Public Health offers one- and two-week intensive courses, requiring full-time attendance from Mondays to Fridays, 9am - 5pm. Short courses offered at the Institute of Public Health are tropEd accredited.

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