

## SCHEDULE 2019

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### FACTS

#### Duration and 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

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**November 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019**  
E-Learning Course: Quality Improvement

**January 7 – 18, 2019**  
Disease control: Strategies and Policies

**January 21 – February 1, 2019**  
Public health anthropology

**February 4 – 15, 2019**  
Global Challenges in Reprod. Health

**February 18 – March 1, 2019**  
Improving quality of health care services in resource limited settings

**March 4 – 15, 2019**  
Consultancy Skills in International Cooperation in Health

**March 18 – 29, 2019**  
Leadership and Change Management in International Health

**April 1 – 12, 2019**  
Financing Health Care

**April 29 – May 10, 2019**  
Public Health and Disasters

**May 13 – 17, 2019**  
Proposal Writing as a Consultancy Skill

**May 20 – 24, 2019**  
Decision-making in Public Health

**May 27 – 31, 2019**  
Global Mental Health

**June 3 – 7, 2019**  
Health Systems Strengthening

**June 10 – 21, 2019**  
Quality Management in International Health

**June 24 – July 5, 2019**  
Consultancy Skills in International Cooperation in Health

**July 8 – 19, 2019**  
Mixed Methods

**July 22 – 26, 2019**  
Applying the Rights Based Approach in Achieving Health Related SDGs

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Short Courses in International Health  
June 3 – 7, 2019

HEALTH SYSTEMS  
STRENGTHENING

## 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

- This course aims to provide students with the necessary tools to develop and to successfully implement Health systems strengthening (HSS) interventions in low/middle-income countries (LMICs), in order to maximize impact of national disease-control programs. At the end of the course, students will be able to:
- Critically discuss 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.
  - Apply operational aspects of HSS, including diagnosing the gaps in health systems performance, designing high-impact interventions and measuring performance of health systems strengthening programs.
  - Examine 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

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