

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The goal of the Continuing Education Programme (CEP) is to further strengthen the professional expertise and problem-solving skills of the professionals belonging to different sectors of health so that they can provide more efficient and effective health and development programmes for their work places.

The CEP is particularly useful for mid-level health and development workers, managers, researchers and planners working at different levels in government, NGOs, and international agencies. It is designed to benefit the participants, their parent organizations, programmes and the target populations they serve.

BACKGROUND

Important changes have occurred in Pakistan over the past decade in the policies and programs and country has moved away from the implementation of narrowly directed health programs to a broader approach of health system development and reform. Also, the country's development agenda is not centered on single social or health targets, but includes the broader goal of poverty reduction as well. Moreover, the nation is committed to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which have been commonly accepted as a framework for measuring development progress and encompass several pressing health needs.

In this changing scenario, there is a dire need that professionals working in the fields of social and health sectors are sensitized to understand the linkages between RH and Gender related MDGs in context of health sector reforms and the Poverty Reduction Strategies Paper process. To be effective advocates on population and reproductive health issues, they need to understand how these developments affect and are being affected by population and reproductive health policies in their regional context. Moreover, they need to acquire the skills to deal effectively with these developments.

To address these issues, a course for Sensitization of Millennium Development Goals, Poverty Reduction Strategies, and Reproductive Health focused Sectoral Reforms will be offered by Population and Reproductive Health Program of the Department of Community Health Sciences, Aga Khan University and World Bank Institute in collaboration with Ministry of Health, Ministry of Population Welfare, and United National Population Fund.

GOAL

The goal of the course is to equip participants with the specific knowledge and tools needed in their work on reproductive health for implementation of health reforms, sectoral programs and poverty-reduction strategies.

The course will explore key elements in designing efficient, equitable and financially sustainable health and population policies and reproductive health programs in the context of

health sector reform and Millennium Development Goals.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, the participants would be able to:

- ◆ understand how the changing international and national policy environment impacts on their work in population and reproductive health;
- ◆ have knowledge and skills needed to deliver population and reproductive health services in Pakistan in an efficient and equitable way
- ◆ understand how health sector reforms help in improvements in population and reproductive health outcomes in Pakistan
- ◆ be able to develop action plans for the issues they face currently in their work.

COURSE OUTLINE

The course will cover the following areas

- Population and RH Issues
- Strategies to improve RH outcomes
- RH Services : Issues and financing
- Priority Setting
- Health System and RH
- Equity in RH
- RH, Gender & Poverty
- Population, RH and Poverty reduction
- Sector wide approaches in RH
- Finance and Budgeting in RH (Budget Tracking, Gender Budgeting)
- Reinforcing RH and FP in PRSPs

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The course is suitable for those working in the field of population and Reproductive Health from private and government sector. The later includes employees of Ministries of Health, Population Welfare, Finance, Economic Affairs and Planning Commission as well as from Provincial Governments.

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

As English is the exclusive language of instruction, participants must be comfortable to read, write and speak in English language.

EDUCATIONAL STRATEGIES

The basic educational strategy will be "Learning By Doing". This will be accomplished through lectures, group work and discussions.

DURATION OF THE COURSE

The duration of the course is 10 working days. The scheduled dates are from *Feb 12 to 22, 2007, both days inclusive.*

TUITION FEES

The David & Lucile Packard Foundation will sponsor all participants for tuition fees along with boarding, lodging and traveling for participants from outside Karachi. The tuition fees cover classroom instructions, course material, refreshments, and lunch during working hours.

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