

1st Announcement

The Challenge of Universal Health Coverage

Asia Regional Flagship Course on Health System Strengthening and Sustainable Financing

3 - 8 October 2016

Siem Reap, Cambodia



Course Outline:

Many countries and agencies are strongly committed to the goal of universal health coverage (UHC) in health. This five-day course applies the Flagship analytic framework to enable structured and strategic thinking about how to move health systems towards Universal Health Coverage. This Global Flagship course prioritizes issues relevant to countries in the Asia regions.

About ANHSS:

The Asia Pacific Network for Health Systems Strengthening (ANHSS) has been established to satisfy the growing need for a platform for knowledge improvement and exchange in health systems strengthening in the Asia region. The reforms carried out by the countries in the region often demand reference to successful policies and programmatic innovation. In the meantime, the country institutions demand to play an increasing role in the region for capacity building and knowledge dissemination. As a result, an agreement among 12 national institutions has been reached to set up a consortium style regional network to support knowledge transfer and capacity building.



Course Design:

The course methodology uses a mix of lectures, debates, hands-on group work exercises and case studies specifically related to Universal Health Coverage. Daily group work sessions are a key part of the course, and give participants the opportunity to apply the course concepts and content to the specific situation in their own countries, and to interact with and draw on the experiences of other participants/countries.

The course approach and purpose is not advocacy but analysis. During five days of intensive interaction with peers and faculty, participants apply tools and concepts to assess where their health systems are relative to their coverage goals, the determinants of progress and health system performance, and feasible policy options.

Faculty and Resource Persons:

- **Prof. Tom Bossert**
Harvard T.H Chan School of Public Health
- **Dr. Ravi Rannan-Eliya**
Institute for Health Policy, Sri Lanka.
- **Dr. Wayne Irava**
Centre of Health Information Policy and Systems Research (CHIPSR), Fiji National University.
- **Dr. Peter Annear**
University of Melbourne - Nossal Institute for Global Health, Australia.
- **Dr. Malabika Sarker**
James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Bangladesh.

* Final faculty list to be confirmed

Objectives:

By the end of the course, participants are expected to:

- Be able to explain clearly the different aspects of Universal Health Coverage and how UHC relates to the performance goals of a health system.
- Be better able to systematically analyze the challenges, opportunities and potential risks associated with using the five main policy levers (financing, payment, regulation, organization and persuasion) to move health systems towards Universal Health Coverage.
- Be able to recognize the ethical and political economy issues involved in progressing towards Universal Health Coverage.
- Appreciate the importance of promoting health, preventing disease, and controlling costs in making Universal Health Coverage possible.
- Have gained a clearer sense of the options, opportunities, constraints and priorities in considering the next major steps towards UHC in their country.

Participants:

The course is intended for mid-level and high-level policy-makers from Health and Finance Ministries and Social Security/Health Insurance agencies from countries in East, South and Central Asia, together with their development partners and other key stakeholders.

Program Fee: US\$ 900

This includes tuition, course materials, coffee break and lunch during the days of the course. Participants or their funding agency will be responsible for covering the costs of travel, accommodation, health and accident insurance and other expenses while in Siem Reap.

Visa:

Applicants are responsible for obtaining a visa. For most visitors to Cambodia, visas are obtainable upon arrival at both Phnom Penh and Siem Reap International Airports. Tourists also can obtain visa through the online E-Visa. Please visit <https://www.evisa.gov.kh/> for further information or to apply for online E-Visa.

Nationals from Afghanistan, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Nigeria are required to get visa in advance at a Royal Embassy of Kingdom of Cambodia in their country.

Course Venue

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