

# Health System Strengthening

An open online course for health, development and medical professionals

## Background

Health system has played a vital role in delivering efficient health services and contributed in attaining good health to numerous men, women and children all over the world. This module focuses on health system and its varying functions and components and also enlightens the steps taken worldwide to tackle the inequity in health. The module is divided into 14 online lectures which demonstrate a better understanding of health system. The sessions will also cover global challenges faced by health systems and financial protection schemes launched by government of various countries to improve access. Another important step in health services is program monitoring and evaluation and hence, the module will also address the critical aspects of program planning and frameworks used to monitor and evaluate health related programs.

## Eligibility

Candidates with bachelor degree preferably in medical, para-medical, management or social science field are suitable to apply for this course. However, candidates with at least bachelor level qualification in any other stream, with keen interest and broad understanding of public health sector, are also encouraged to apply.

## Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the participants will be able to perform the following:

- To appreciate systems approach of problem solving and understanding health care delivery as a system.
- To appreciate global and regional challenges faced by the health system and probable roadmap to deal with these challenges.
- To understand the different components of the health system especially human resource, finance and their roles and interactions in shaping up the system.
- To make an appropriate program planning which is context specific and addresses the complexity of the local health system.
- To understand and develop an appropriate monitoring and evaluation system to guide the programs.

## Duration

The duration of the course is three months.

## Mode of Delivery

The course is designed as an open online course comprising of 14 lectures, totaling to 40 hours of online lectures and self-learning. It will comprise the following:

1. Audio recorded lectures
2. E-text book
3. Online discussion forum

## Course content

The course comprises of 14 lectures on different aspects relating to various aspects of health systems. The lectures are as follows:

- Perspectives on health systems and systems thinking
- Health systems challenges
- The WHO Building Blocks & World Bank Control Knob framework
- The global burden of disease: Health status and challenges worldwide
- Universal health coverage
- Human resource for health
- Partnerships in health systems strengthening
- Pro-poor pathways to universal health care and social health protection
- Basics of health care financing: Concept, functions and methods
- Equity In health financing: Meaning, measurements and impacts
- Critical aspects of program planning
- Introduction to program monitoring & evaluation
- Framework for program monitoring & evaluation
- Managing health information

## System Requirement

- Internet bandwidth : 512 kbps (1 Mbps recommended)
- RAM : 512 MB and above (1 GB recommended)
- Supported browsers : Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 or later, Mozilla Firefox 3.x, Google Chrome
- Adobe Flash Player 11.x for all types of operating systems.

## Course Fees

As part of the ARCADE-RSDH, the course is being offered free of cost to members from ARCADE partner institutes.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Last date of accepting applications: 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2015**

**Date of course commencement: 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, 2015**

For more information about the program and to download the program brochure and application form, visit: [www.phfi.org](http://www.phfi.org); [www.arcade-project.org](http://www.arcade-project.org). Please send your filled application form to [arcade@iiphg.org](mailto:arcade@iiphg.org). For any further clarifications, please mail to [arcade@iiphg.org](mailto:arcade@iiphg.org)

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