



**3<sup>rd</sup> International Workshop  
in  
Geneva, Switzerland**

**Ensuring Universal Health Coverage by  
Promoting Access to Life-Saving Medicines**

**Two weeks of preparatory work  
One week of direct interaction with Global Health Professionals  
( 20 - 24 August, 2018)**

**Briefing sessions and  
field visits to\*:**

**World Health  
Organization**

**Gavi, The  
Vaccine Alliance**

**The Global Fund**

**UNDP**

**UNAIDS**

**Stop TB**

**MMV**

**IFRC**

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Chapter

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## ABOUT THE COURSE

### BACKGROUND

The goal of **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)** is to ensure equity in access to good quality health services and protection against financial risks without hardship. **Availability and access to essential medicines**, which contribute immensely to household and government spending on health, is a core aspect of Universal Health Coverage, and a necessary component of moving towards Sustainable Development Goals. Many households are at financial risk due to catastrophic health expenditures and one of the major factors is the cost of medicines.

This workshop will share with you how leading global health stakeholders are supporting the Universal Health Coverage agenda with the focus on ***access to essential medicines***.

### COURSE FEE

- Course fees: **US\$ 2500** which includes:
  - One week face-to-face training in Geneva + two weeks preparatory work
  - Certificate from Empower Swiss
  - Local transportation for field visits
  - Technical assistance for one year
- Does not include – international travel, airport transfers, food and accommodation
- Empower will provide extensive support in booking accommodation through its tie-ups

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Interact with and learn from global health leaders from WHO, Global Fund, UNDP, Red Cross, GAVI, Stop TB and many more.
- Recognize the role and structure of leading global health organizations in promoting Universal Health Coverage
- Identify the key concepts of access to medicines and relationship with Universal Health Coverage
- Learn about improvements and innovation in access to new medicines
- Achieve personal growth in terms of leadership and management skills linked with global policies translated into local actions

### TARGET GROUP

The course provides the participants with a gateway to the world of global public health access to medicines. It is targeted at professionals in public health programs (donors, government, private sector, NGOs, civil society, academia) and people interested in global health procurement and supply chain / logistics and universal health coverage.

### REGISTRATIONS

- Registration deadline: **5<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2018**
- To apply, please [Click Here](#)
- Email us at: [training@empowerschoolofhealth.org](mailto:training@empowerschoolofhealth.org)

## KEY TOPICS

- **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)- ‘ENSURING HEALTH FOR ALL’:** UHC is about ensuring that people have access to the health care they need without suffering financial hardship. SDG 3 focusses on increasing the efforts made towards achieving UHC by providing timely access to quality essential health care services, access to safe, effective and affordable essential medicines/vaccines and financial risk protection for all.
- **Access to Medicines:** Access to Medicines means access to treatment. Ensuring access to effective treatment is a high priority. The pathway to improving ‘Access to Medicines’ lies in strengthening key levers like health supply chains, financing, investment in training of skilled public health management cadre.
- **Supply Chain- Levels of Maturity:** Procurement and Supply Chain (PSM) represent a continuum of activities which are performed to improve the access to medicines. The work of procuring drugs and medical supplies in a timely way through a supply chain is a very critical step, so that they can reach the people who need them at the ‘last mile’.
- **Key Components of PSM:** Functions in an integrated supply chain include product selection, quantification, forecasting, procurement, quality assurance, storage and distribution, data and information management, and many interconnected steps.
- **Quality Assurance and Regulatory Sciences:** Quality assurance of the medicines is a wide-ranging concept covering all matters that individually or collectively influence the quality of a pharmaceutical product, it also helps ensure that each medicine reaching a patient is safe, effective, and of acceptable quality. Regulatory science focuses on development and application of scientific methods and tools to evaluate the safety, efficacy and quality of medical products to facilitate a sound and transparent regulatory decision-making.

## PLANNED FIELD VISITS & BRIEFING SESSIONS\*

### World Health Organization

**World Health Organization\*\*** is a specialised agency of the United Nations which was established on 7 April 1948, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. Working through offices in more than 150 countries, WHO staff work side by side with governments and other partners to ensure the highest attainable level of health for all peoples.

### The Global Fund

**The Global Fund** is a 21st-century partnership organization designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics. Founded in 2002, the Global Fund is a partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and people affected by the diseases.

### UNAIDS

**UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS**, is an innovative partnership of ten United Nations Organizations that leads and inspires the world in achieving universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. UNAIDS Visions is Zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS-related deaths.

### MMV

**MMV** is a leading product development partnership in the field of antimalarial drug research and development. Its mission is to reduce the burden of malaria in disease-endemic countries by discovering, developing and delivering new, effective and affordable antimalarial drugs.

**\*\*WHO does not charge any fee for conducting the briefing sessions**

### Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance

**Gavi** is an international organisation that was created in 2000 to improve access to new and underused vaccines for children living in the world’s poorest countries. Gavi is the Vaccine Alliance, which brings together public and private sectors with the shared goal of creating equal access to vaccines for children, wherever they live.

### UNDP

**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** is the United Nations’ global development network, headquartered in New York. UNDP’s partnership with the Global Fund is a crucial for achieving the goals set out by Global Fund, wherein UNDP supports implementation by serving as temporary Principal Recipient of the Global Fund.

### Stop TB

**The Stop TB Partnership** was established in 2000 to eliminate tuberculosis as a public health problem. Its partner organizations include international, nongovernmental and governmental organizations. The Stop TB Partnership aims to push tuberculosis up the world political agenda.

### IFRC

**The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies** is the world’s largest humanitarian organization, providing assistance without discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. Founded in 1919, the IFRC comprises 190 member Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies with secretariat in Geneva.

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## KEY ADVISORS/SPEAKERS



**Prof. Paul S. Lalvani:** Director, **Empower Group**; Deputy Chair, People that Deliver; former head of Global Fund's dept. of PSM



**Dr. Denis Broun:** Director, **Empower Swiss**; former Executive Director, UNITAID, permanent observer of the PPD with Ambassador rank



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**Ms. Sangeeta Tikyani:** Director - Public Health, **Empower School of Health**

*...and several other faculty of international repute*

## COLLABORATING PARTNERS



**Empower's** vision is to empower lives by promoting universal access to health and education. We work with health professionals from more than 40 countries to strengthen institutional capacity of global health programs. We also conduct assessments, research and provide advice to donors, governments and UN agencies on sourcing, logistics, pricing, quality, drug regulations, catalyzing local production and technology transfer. We offer intensive programmes (online, classroom and onsite) for participants/organizations seeking a more comprehensive understanding in a specific area of expertise.

### Kent State University

**Kent State University** is one of the best universities in the state of Ohio, United States, and also has a global presence. The university has eight campuses in Ohio with the main campus in Kent being the largest. In addition to its US campuses, KSU also has presence in Florence (Italy), Geneva (Switzerland), Beijing (China), New Delhi (India) and over 60 study abroad locations. It also has cutting edge programs in public health and has over 2,14,000 alumni worldwide.



**The People that Deliver Initiative (PtD)** was established in 2011 as a global partnership of organizations focusing on professionalization of supply chain personnel by advocating for a systematic approach to HR for supply chain management. PtD envisions a world where health supply chain workforces are empowered and equipped to optimize health outcomes by improving access to health commodities.



**IAPHL India Chapter**, managed by Empower, promotes the IAPHL mission of supporting the professionalization of supply chain officers and managers in India and others working in the field of public health logistics and commodity security. The objective of this chapter is to promote the importance of "Supply Chain" in public health programs in India.

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For aspirants who wish to pursue an advanced course in PSM, Empower offers an **online Post-Graduate Diploma in Global Health Procurement & Supply Chain Management**, in collaboration with Kent State University, Ohio. For more details, follow this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

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