

Training Course in Procurement and Quantification Management of Medicines and Medical supplies

The Netherlands

11– 16 April, 2010

Date of arrival: April 11

Date of departure: April 17

Course objectives

Today, there are many challenges presented by the increasing number of stakeholders in the health sector especially in developing countries. These challenges range from different funding mechanism to reporting requirements, and influence the quantification and subsequent procurement of medicines and medical supplies. This course addresses the major challenges faced during quantification and procurement and aims at building participants' capacity to manage the quantification and procurement processes in a multi-stakeholder environment.

Aims

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of procurement cycle and procurement methods, and suggest ways in which they can improve effectiveness and quality of procurement processes in their settings including management of medicines and medical supplies donated from different stakeholders.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the quantification process and conduct quantification using both the consumption and morbidity based quantification methods.
- Recognize the characteristics of good procurement and quantification systems
- Establish and maintain an efficient quantification and procurement plan suitable for their work settings.
- Monitor and evaluate the quantification and procurement processes

Target Audience

The course targets those responsible for the quantification and procurement components of the supply chain especially, pharmacists and pharmaceutical buyers, physicians, senior health system managers and technical assistance professionals from governmental and non-governmental organizations. Those managing Drug Supply Organizations (DSO) and Hospitals will benefit from the course. The course will also benefit previous participants of the Drug Supply Management (DSM) and Long distance Supply and Warehouse Management (SWM) courses.

Course facilitation and Training Methodology

I+solutions is a not-for-profit organization that specializes in pharmaceutical supply chain management in developing countries.

I+solutions trainings' are participatory in nature and involve lectures, facilitated group discussion, exercises and case studies. Participants are provided with course reference materials for use during and after the training. The course facilitators come from i+solutions, WHO and a pool of independent consultants. The broad experience of i+solutions in Pharmaceutical management support make this course a unique opportunity for participants to share experiences and enhance their quantification and procurement knowledge and skills.

Course Design

The course is highly participatory - the interchange of skills and experience among course members is essential for training activities and learning. The course contains presentations, discussions, exercises, case studies and a project. ***Please, be aware that strong English language skills are necessary to take part in this course.***

The course covers the following modules:

- Overview of procurement and procurement planning
- Procurement Methods and supplier selection
- Overview of quantification for medicines and medical supplies
- Quantification and procurement in emergencies
- Financing mechanisms, cost saving through efficient quantification and procurement
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS) for procurement and quantification
- Monitoring and evaluation of the procurement and quantification processes
- Practical activity – Individual/group quantification and procurement improvement project

Location and Accommodation

The course will take place in the Netherlands. Hotel accommodations, educational and recreation excursions, as well as a transfer from and to the airport are included in the course fee.

Course Dates

11 - 16 April 2010

Hotel check-in: Sunday April 11th afternoon

Hotel check-out: Saturday April 17th morning

Course Fees and Costs

The total fee of €2.700 includes:

Tuition fee (including course materials)

Transfer to and from Amsterdam International airport (on April 11th and April 17th only)

Hotel accommodation (single occupancy) for the duration of the course

Three meals a day during the week

Coffee and tea during course breaks

In addition to this fee, each participant requires an allowance to cover personal expenses.

Health insurance

All participants are required to have valid health insurance for the duration of their stay. Sponsoring agencies are responsible for obtaining health insurance for their participants.

Visa

All participants, with the exception of those from the EU and USA, are required to obtain visas for the Netherlands. We would like to underline that the participant is responsible of getting a visa in time.

I+solutions can provide an invitation letter if required.

Applications

Applications and fees must be received as soon as possible and at the latest before the 11th of March 2010 in order to be guaranteed a place on the course. After this date places will be assigned on a first-come, first served basis.

For a copy of the application form, please visit our website or contact:

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Fees are due at the time the application is submitted.

Confirmation

Course space is allocated as soon as the application is received. Enrolment for the course is limited to encourage maximum participant involvement

Sponsor Information

Applicants are required to secure their own funding to cover course fee, per diem allowance, health insurance and travel expenses. **Course providers do not provide funding for courses.** To obtain funding, applicants should contact government or non-government agencies in their countries.