

Title of Course:

Elements of Health System Finance

Course overview: The course introduces the elements of health system finance: fund raising, allocation, paying medical personnel, reimbursing clinics and hospitals, and public-private mix. Subsequently, it lists the policy options available under each, and how these options can affect the multiple goals of the health system: health, equity, macro and micro economic efficiencies, and client satisfaction. The conceptual discussion is exemplified by relevant experiences.

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Learning Objectives: The course aims to advance the policy-making and program design skills of the delegates by helping them to articulate the concept of health system finance, deal systematically and consistently with the relevant policy and options, and share experiences while using common concepts and terminology.

Expected Audience: The course is designed for policy-oriented delegates of varied backgrounds who deal with health system design and programs. It would be desirable to run the course for up to 25 delegates.