

## 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 the public-private mix* in each. Subsequently, the course reviews the policy options available under each element, and goes into how these options can potentially affect the multiple goals of the healthcare system. These goals concern improved health, equity, cost containment, efficient production of care, and client satisfaction. The conceptual discussion is complemented with 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 understand and 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 healthcare policy- and management-oriented delegates of varied backgrounds.