



International Workshop on Global Health Procurement, &
Supply Chain Management
Bangkok, Thailand
Resort Hotel Bangkok



Face-to-face workshop in Bangkok (18th – 22nd June 2018)

**9th INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
ON
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AT A GLANCE

Empower successfully completed the 9th International Workshop on Global Health Procurement and Supply Chain Management, scheduled in Bangkok, Thailand from 18th to 22nd June 2018. The goal of the workshop was to provide professionals with a platform to build continuously learning organizations, and to provide them with a strategic approach and understanding of PSM, regulatory affairs and quality assurance.

The unique strength of the workshop was access to the rich experience of faculty from various organizations. Prof Paul Lalvani and Prof Andy Barraclough inaugurated the workshop by introducing the organization as well as the aim of the workshop and thereafter, conducted sessions on the Procurement and Supply Chain and Access to Medicines. Mr. Martin Ellis conducted a session wherein he briefed the participants on “Utilizing Maturity Frameworks in Developing Countries to Improve Health Commodity Supply Chains”.

The workshop also focused on capacity development of individuals based on Self-Assessment Methodology. Dr. Andrew N Brown, as an honorary presenter, briefed the professionals about the USAID Global Health Supply Chain Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) Program Health Systems Strengthening approach to Capacity Development followed by a session on Empower’s Competency Assessment Tool conducted by Prof. Andy Barraclough promoting the need for continued learning.

A field visit to organizations like UNDP, UNAIDS and WHO was also organized wherein Mr. Leslie Ong and Ms. Mashida Rashid from UNDP emphasized on Promoting Access to Health Technologies, Dr. Salil Panakadan and Mr. Aries Valeriano from UNAIDS conducted a session on Regional Overview of HIV Epidemic and Response, and Dr. Renu Garg from WHO briefed the professionals on the Importance of Access to Medicines and how can it be achieved.

Ms. Hooi Poay Tan from Thermo Fisher Scientific was also invited to demonstrate the use and benefits of the TruScan RM analyzer. The analyzer’s non-destructive point-and-shoot sampling principle facilitates rapid verification of a broad range of chemical compounds. Some of the applications in QA/QC include enhanced raw material ID for similar compounds, multiple component ID, and identification and quantification of finished products.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORKSHOP

- **Participants’ profiles:** 20 participants from 15 organizations representing 12 countries attended the workshop
- **Trainers:** Faculty with over 30 years of experience working in Public Health, Procurement and Supply Chain and Access to Medicines, conducted the sessions and moderated the group work
 - Prof Paul Lalvani (*Director, Empower Group*)
 - Prof Andy Barraclough (*Director – Training and Capacity Building*)
 - Dr. Andrew N Brown (*Workforce Development Specialist, USAID GHSC-PSM*)
 - Dr. Salil Panakadan (*Regional Program Advisor, UNAIDS*)
 - Mr. Aries Valeriano (*Youth Officer, UNAIDS*)
 - Ms. Mashida Rashid (*Public Health Specialist, UNDP*)
 - Mr. Leslie Ong (*Programme Analyst, UNDP*)
 - Dr. Renu Garg (*Medical Officer, WHO*)
 - Mr. Martin Ellis (*Former Head of Supply Chain, The Global Fund*)
 - Ms. Hooi Poay Tan, Thermo Fisher Scientific
- **Mode of delivery:** 5-day face-to-face workshop with theory-driven and program-based sessions along with field visits.
- **Pre-requisite:** 2-week online UNDP course on Introduction to Procurement and Supply Management. The aim of this course is to describe the importance of PSM in ensuring the uninterrupted supply of life-saving medicines and other health products.
- **Key topics covered:**
 - Why Access to Medicines and the Active Players in Access
 - Defining and Measuring Access to Medicines (Country to Country)
 - Promoting Access to Health Technologies
 - Public Health Flexibilities within Intellectual Property Frameworks
 - Utilizing Maturity Frameworks in Developing Countries to Improve Health Commodity Supply Chains
 - Overview of Health Systems Strengthening Approaches
 - Empower’s Competency Assessment Tool
 - INCOTERMS
 - Quality Assurance of Medicines
 - Introduction to Quantification and Forecasting
 - Need and Benefits: Thermo TruScan Raman Analyzer

A SNAPSHOT OF THE WORKSHOP



Prof. Paul Lalvani and Prof. Andy Barraclough addressing the participants (left to right)



Briefing sessions at UNDP Office Bangkok by Ms. Mashida Rashid and Mr. Leslie Ong (left to right)



Briefing sessions at UNAIDS Office Bangkok by Dr. Salil Panakadan and Mr. Aries Valeriano (left to right)



Briefing sessions at WHO Office Bangkok by Dr. Renu Garg



Briefing sessions by Mr. Martin Ellis and TruScan demonstration by Ms. Hooi Tan (left to right)

PARTICIPANTS' TESTIMONIAL



"This workshop has given me a scientific understanding; self confidence in my career. It has empowered me with scientific references, methodologies and power over my career. I am now able to employ a system, give advice and also provide scientific references to my responds. Therefore, I recommend this course to other PSM professionals so that they will also be empowered with a detail understanding of the PSM."

Geeton Gayflor, Save the Children International, Liberia

"As a participant I think this workshop is very useful to people who are working in procurement and supply chain management. During the field visits I learned and got more guidelines from different organizations like UNAIDS & WHO which is useful to any organization."



Dr. Mohammad Asaduzzaman, Deputy Program Manager, National Tuberculosis Control Program, Bangladesh



"The training has been beneficial to my work; it has provided a lot of insightful information needed. The information has created a hunger to learn more about PSM an area in which I had no interest before. Thank you for the training as well as the insights, experiences and thought-provoking ideas shared during the sessions. Thank you very much Empower, Empowering people is truly your passion."

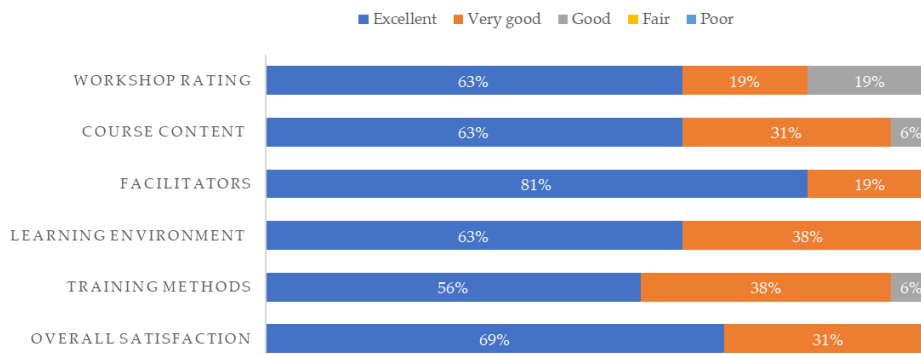
Nicholas Ngunjiri, International Organization for Migration, Kenya

"The workshop has thought me about how to learn by referring to the Yellow Bible, checking references from it will help in gaining more knowledge. All the required information has been provided during the workshop and the facilitators were very knowledgeable in the subject, even the organizers were very accommodating."



Naw Suziena Htun, Deputy Country Director, Population Service International, Myanmar

PARTICIPANTS' FINAL FEEDBACK



OTHER COURSES OFFERED BY EMPOWER SCHOOL OF HEALTH

Upcoming Workshops

- 3rd International Workshop on Ensuring Universal Health Coverage by Promoting Access to Life-Saving Medicines - goo.gl/UmpXiX
- 2nd International Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of Global Health Programs - goo.gl/3B6joR

Annual Training Calendar 2018: Empower conducts various workshops on multiple domains of Public Health like Strengthening Data Quality Using RDQA Tool, Strengthening the performance of RHIS, Mapping and Size Estimation for HIV, TB & Malaria, Application of GIS in Public Health, Gender Integration, Impact Evaluation, M&E of Health Programs, Strategic Leadership in Public Health, Procurement and Supply Chain Management, Quality Assurance of Health Commodities, among others. For more details, follow this link: goo.gl/747QEO

Online Post-Graduate Diploma in Global Health Procurement and Supply Chain Management: This 11-month Post-Graduate Diploma course in collaboration with Kent State University - goo.gl/7QpHg2

Online Certificate Course on Introduction to Procurement & Supply Chain Management (Free): The course has been jointly developed by UNDP and Empower in three languages (English, Russian and French) - goo.gl/9EsWvi

Online PSM Competency Assessment Tool (CAT) (Free): This is an online assessment developed by Empower to assess Procurement and Supply Management (PSM) capacity development needs of staff working in public health organizations - cat.empowerschoolofhealth.org

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