Post Graduate Diploma in Global Health Procurement and Supply Chain Management

Online Course

Pharmacists, doctors, scientists, engineers and management professionals, prepare yourself for an international career with:

Ministries of Health, International NGO's, UN agencies and International Donors

Transforming the way people learn, work and save lives through digital learning!
Benefits

- Career growth and new opportunities in Ministries of Health, UN agencies, donors' programs and international NGOs
- Potential for internships and consulting opportunities through Empower's extensive partner network
- Exclusive access to Empower's 10,000+ strong alumni
- Mentorship during the course and on-the-job technical assistance by Empower faculty
- Use of cutting-edge e-learning technologies and instructional design to make learning easy and impactful
- A practical and applied approach with the extensive use of exercises and global case studies

Technical Assistance

Enrolled students will receive on-the-job Technical Assistance through our remote digital network and platform. This will include academic support and technical support from Empower’s global mentors.

Consultancy and Placement Support

Empower supports its alumni with internships, consultancies and new job openings through its network. Our alumni work with UN agencies and Ministries of Health on supply chain projects including, strategy, policy, assessment, data analysis, LMIS projects, market research and more.
Overview of Course Topics:

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<td>Introduction to Procurement and Supply Chain Management</td>
<td>Develop an understanding of health commodities and all the steps in a typical PSM cycle in global health. The concept of essential medicines will also be explored.</td>
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<td>Public Health Commodities</td>
<td>In this module students will develop a basic understanding of health commodities, review how products on the national treatment guidelines are arrived at including the process, persons involved, key strengths and gaps. A detailed understanding of the essential medicines concept will be explored.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Quantification and Supply Planning</td>
<td>Understand the fascinating science behind the methodology, tools and key process used to estimate your country’s needs for health commodities. We discuss the consumption method, morbidity method and proxy consumption method, and how they apply to different product categories and contexts.</td>
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<td>Global Health Procurement</td>
<td>Learn about the factors that influence prices, the different procurement methods, good pharmaceutical procurement, methodologies used in supplier selection, financial sustainability in procurement, and procurement assessment.</td>
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<td>Inventory Management</td>
<td>Understand the key role that Inventory Management plays in ensuring a robust supply chain. The module covers the concepts of stock records and standard reports, selection of items to be held in stock, inventory control models and reorder frequency, standard inventory calculations and advanced models of inventory management.</td>
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<td>Storage &amp; Distribution</td>
<td>Gain knowledge on WHO's Good Storage and Distribution Practices, warehouses processes, transportation systems, and techniques on maintaining a cold chain with a special focus on design of country distribution systems, effectiveness of the system, and level of responsiveness.</td>
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<td>Rational Use of Medicines</td>
<td>This module helps students understand the major types of irrational medicine uses and their impact on public health. Make them aware of the different major strategies to improve rational medicine use and the need for multi-strategy approach.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>PSM Support Functions &amp; Systems</td>
<td>Become an expert in the fundamentals of Organisational Management and Project Management discussing various facets of project management, as an interplay of project elements such as time, cost, scope and resources, applied to a public health context.</td>
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This module focuses on leadership, its traits, its fundamentals and the differences between administration, management and leadership in supply chain management. It guides you to identify your own leader profile, develop a personal action plan and understand the right way to manage change.

The final thesis provides an opportunity to the professionals for applying all the concepts learned over the past modules in a single project. It would be based on the problems identified in the professional's home country and would recommend practical solutions to address them.

Prospective Candidates

If you're planning to pursue a career in Global Health Procurement and Supply Chain, this is the only online fully comprehensive course for you.

We accept fresh graduate students as long as you have completed at least a bachelor's degree in any of the following subjects: pharmacy, medicine, any health sciences, engineering, finance and management. If you have any other qualification, please check with our admissions coordinator.

Applicants can be students with no experience or professionals working in NGOs, government organizations, health facilities, pharmaceutical sector or any public health organization.
Key advisors and faculty members

Prof. Paul Lalvani
Executive Director, Empower Group; Former Head of Global Fund’s Department of Procurement & Supply Chain Management; Former Co-chair, Procurement & Supply Chain Management-Working Group, Roll Back Malaria Partnership, Geneva; Advisor to various UN agencies & MoH. His area of expertise includes public health, advocacy, business development, capacity building, strategic planning, policy development, national, and international partnerships.

Mr. Alex Mejía
Mr. Mejía is the Director of UNITAR’s Division for People and Social Inclusion. His career spans two decades in private and public organizations, serving as the Counsellor at the Ecuadorian Embassy in Bogotá, Colombia, as the Vice Minister of Economy for the Republic of Ecuador, as the Alternate Governor to the International Monetary Fund, to the World Bank, and to the Inter-American Development Bank, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Ecuador’s Central Bank. Mr. Mejía holds a master’s degree in Foreign Affairs from Georgetown University in Washington DC, and a master’s degree in Business Administration from INCAE University in Costa Rica. He also holds a Diploma in Political Leadership from Harvard University. Mr. Mejía is the recipient of the highest decorated award in Ecuador: The National Order of Merit of the Republic of Ecuador.

Director Henri Fourcault
Henri Fourcault is the Director of Empower’s Center for Leadership Development. He is a former Senior Management Advisor of the Executive Secretary of UNECA in Addis Ababa, Senior Management Officer at the Office of Internal Oversight Services of UNHQ in New York, and Change Manager to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva.

Prof. Andy Barraclough
Director of Training and Capacity Development, Empower, Professor of Public Health Procurement & Supply Chain Management, GMS certified Global Fund PSM consultant. Over 30 years of experience working with major international funding institutions and bilateral donors in medical procurement and supply chain management in low- and middle-income countries

Prof. Denis Broun
Director, Empower Swiss; has more than 30 years of experience. He was the former Executive Director of UNITAID, former Regional Director of UNAIDS, and former Director for WHO.

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Key advisors and faculty members

Dr. Florence Duperval Guillaume (Alumni of Empower School of Health) She is the former Minister of Health of Haiti (2011-2016). She has 32 years of experience as a physician with outstanding contributions in public health for the past 28 years. She is a public health practitioner with extensive experience in service organization, health governance, leadership and management focusing on performance-based approach for which Haiti is recognized worldwide as one of the pioneers.

Director Frank Biayi (Alumni of Empower School of Health) Director of the National Drug Supply Program, Democratic Republic of Congo. He has more than 25 years of experience as Pharmaceutical Advisor in cabinets of Ministers. He has been Honorary Director of the Traditional Medicine Program, Honorary Director of the Directorate of Pharmacy and Medicines, Honorary Deputy Director of the Essential Drugs Program, National and International Consultant of WHO, UNFPA, World Bank, Enable, Save the Children.

Prof. Santiago Kraiselburd
He holds a Ph.D. in Supply Chain Management from Harvard Business School. He is also an Associate Professor and the Research Director at INCAE Business School. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina), and teaches at the Zaragoza Logistics Center (Spain), both in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) International Logistics Program and at the Spanish Master’s program.

Dr. Bonface Fundafunda
Dr. Fundafunda is the interim CEO and Government Engagement Director at Africa Resource Centre, Africa. He is an experienced executive, with extensive public sector experience in health product supply chain policies, strategies, planning, financing, operations and management. He is a trusted advisor for international donor agencies and governments.

Prof. Bernadette Nirmal Kumar
Director of the Norwegian National Center for Migration and Minority Health; Associate Professor - Global Health, Institute for Health and Society, University of Oslo; Former Senior Advisor to the Royal Norwegian Embassy for the Prime Minister’s - Norway India Partnership. She is the Senior Advisor at the Empower School of Health.
Alumni Speak

I thank you for this course and giving this opportunity for improving my knowledge; It has been an honor to be a part of Empower School of Health.

Florence D. Guillaume,
Country Director USAID GHSC-PSM (Haiti)

This course has made me gain a deeper understanding of the real issues that affect procurement and supply chain. This is a must do course for someone who wants to pursue a career in PSCM!

David Munemo,
Ministry of Health & Child Care (Zimbabwe)

The necessary skills acquired at Empower School of Health will go a long way in helping my department & country as a whole.

Iakuna Moide,
CHAI (Papua New Guinea)

I would like to start by thanking you Empower for being supportive along the way and always encouraging. I am very grateful to my organization Chemonics for this opportunity to me and colleagues.

Ruth Kuria, Office Manager USAID GHSC-PSM, Chemonics International Inc (Kenya)

The supply chain course is a new frontier in my career. This course was incredible in terms of content and design. Especially the final case study was a new experience for me. Thank you Empower team for your kind support.

David Munemo,
Ministry of Health & Child Care (Zimbabwe)

I am thankful to Empower for giving me an opportunity to participate in the course and I feel very lucky to be taught by experienced trainers.

Viengsavanh Phanmanivong,
GFATM PR office Ministry of Health (Lao PDR)

I am privileged to be with the team who has graduated and appreciate the way the course was designed. We really enjoyed the course, enjoyed doing practices, and am also grateful to my organization Chemonics- we will use this knowledge to improve the supply chain management in our area. Thank you.

Juvenal Majoro,
Senior Advisor for Health Systems Strengthening (Rwanda)

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