



3<sup>rd</sup> International Workshop (20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018), Geneva, Switzerland

**INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP**  
**On**  
**UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE &**  
**ACCESS TO MEDICINES**

**Sessions held at**  
UNDP, UNITAID, UNAIDS, WHO,  
Gavi, The Global Fund, Stop TB, MIMV & IFRC

**Conducted by**



## AT A GLANCE

Empower successfully conducted 3<sup>rd</sup> International Workshop on Introduction to Universal Health Coverage and Access to Health Commodities from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland. The aim of the workshop was to understand the goal of Universal Health Coverage with focus on Access to Medicines and to explore the role of global health organizations in promoting Access to Medicines. Prior to the training, participants were required to complete the two weeks online UNDP course on Procurement and Supply Chain Management - <http://www.undp-psmtraining.com/login/index.php>, jointly developed by UNDP and Empower School of Health.

The training focused at equipping the participants with basic understanding of the concepts of Access to Medicines, engage directly with the global health and access leaders, understand how new products, new policies at the global level get translated to national policies and actions and get an overview of market shaping to promote access to medicines.

The training was attended by a total of 10 participants. The participants were a mix from number of countries like Nigeria, Uganda, Ghana, Nepal, France, Italy and Switzerland. The represented organizations like Riders for Health, Chemonics International Inc., Ghana Health Services, Nepal Red Cross Society, USAID, INSEAD, Graduate Institute- Geneva and Action for Development.

The training methodology was based on adult learning principles, discussions with the international leaders working in global health and presentations from the leaders of international organizations learning about access to medicine and newest trends and advancements.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORKSHOP

- **Participants' profiles:** 10 participants from 9 organizations including international NGOs and Ministry of Health attended the workshop
- **Experience:** about 50% participants had less than 5 years, 30% had 5-10 years and 20% had more than 10 years of PSM experience
- **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
  - Ambassador Denis Broun, Director- Empower Swiss
  - Ms Cecile Mace, Senior Health PSM Advisor, UNDP
  - Ms Sanne Fournier – Wendes, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director; Martins Pavelsons,; UNITAID
  - Mr Gang Sun, Senior Advisor, UNAIDS
  - Dr. Gilles Forte, The Medicines Programme Coordination (MPC), World Health Organization
  - Mr Alex de Jonquieres, Chief of Staff of the Executive Office, GAVI
  - Dr Lucica Ditiu, Executive Director, Stop TB
  - Mr George Jagoe, Executive Vice President, Access & Product Management, MMV
  - Mr. Job Muriuki and Mr Freddy Munyaburanga, The Global Fund
  - Ms Elise Romero, Mr Nelson Castano, Mr Thierry Balloy, Mr Panu Saaristo, IFRC
- **Mode of delivery:** 5-day face-to-face workshop with visits and interactions with organizational leaders and program-based sessions along with field visit
- **Key topics covered:**
  - Introduction to concepts about Access to Medicines and Universal Health Coverage
  - Introduction about global health organizations and their areas of work in promoting access to medicines
  - Why access to medicines and the active players in access
  - Technical overview of concepts of market shaping to promote access to medicines
  - Technical sessions at international organizations like GAVI, WHO, Global Fund, UNAIDS, UNDP, MMV, IFRC, Stop TB, UNITAID etc.
  - Access to medicines- roadmap on access, medical devices and access to health technology
  - Case studies and video of advocacy strategy at the country level with key stakeholders to promote access to HIV/AIDS commodities

## A SNAPSHOT OF THE WORKSHOP



FIGURE 1 WITH DR. LUCICA DITIU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STOP TB



FIGURE 2 WITH MR. GEORGE JAGOE, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, MMV



FIGURE 3 VISIT AND DISCUSSION AT THE GLOBAL FUND



FIGURE: SESSION AT UNITAID WITH MS. SANNE FOURNIER, CHIEF OF STAFF



FIGURE: SESSION AT THE GLOBAL FUND WITH MR. JOB MURIUKI AND MR. FREDDY MUNYABURANGA



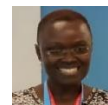
FIGURE: SESSION AT WHO BY DR. DENIS BROUN, DIRECTOR-EMPOWER SWISS

## PARTICIPANTS' TESTIMONIAL

"The comments and feedback from lead facilitator during the presentations were the most valuable. Numbers are nice for one side, but after that not. Suggest you can be more precise to the organisation in what you want out of the presentations." *Ms Lisa Swinkel, INSEAD*



"The workshop was very useful. Empower can consider bringing hot topics/discussions closer than Geneva and training over borders- where participants can enjoy similar training back home- over video conferencing". *Ms Suzan Nakawunde, Uganda*



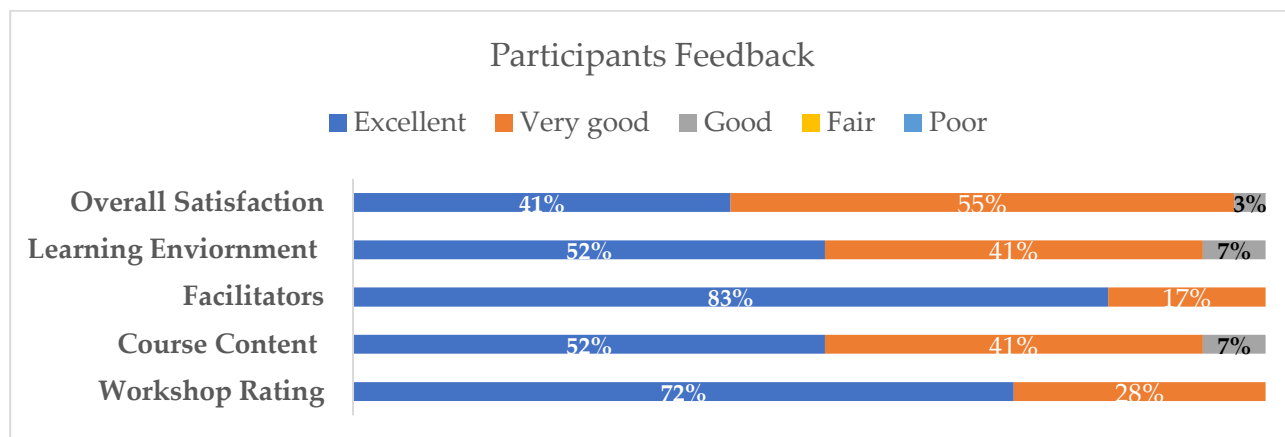
"I appreciate the essence of undergoing the UNDP PSM introductory course before/during this course as a beginner. So that should be encouraged. Suggest including more of such practical exercises in training methods." *Ms Maame K Brobby, Switzerland*



"The facilitators are wonderful; the team lead Prof. Paul is also fantastic. His manner of carrying all in attendance along with his humor is fascinating." *Mr Oluwaseyi Omole, Nigeria*



## PARTICIPANTS' FINAL FEEDBACK



## OTHER COURSES OFFERED BY EMPOWER SCHOOL OF HEALTH

**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](http://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](http://cat.empowerschoolofhealth.org)

**Online Certificate Course in Quantification & Forecasting in Public Health:** Understand the fascinating science behind the methodology, tools and key processes used to estimate your country's needs for health commodities. - [goo.gl/XkrTHD](http://goo.gl/XkrTHD)

**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](http://goo.gl/7QpHg2)

### Upcoming Workshops

- 2nd International Course on Global Health Procurement and Supply Chain in Conflict and Fragile States
- International Workshop on Management of Pharmaceutical Waste in Public Health Programs
- **Annual Training Calendar 2018:** Empower conducts various workshops on multiple domains of Public Health - [goo.gl/747QEO](http://goo.gl/747QEO)

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