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The Primary Health Care Resource Center



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We hope this Newsletter finds you well. With the Corona virus still affecting us all, we continued developing and improving the Resource Center by using information technology. As of the end of September, the Center has

released the new Library Catalog, which offers the discovery or ability to search a wide variety of collections on scholarly resources including books, journals, e-journal articles, gray literature, technical reports and other government documentation. The Catalog harvests data and creates a single searchable index. We recommend that you explore this online Catalog to discover and access the collections of the Resource Center.

After exploring the Catalog, please let us know what you think.

With this Newsletter, we would like to update you on the latest primary health care resources including books, eLearning courses and research articles that have been published in the past six months. We hope that these resources will enable you to go forward in learning new skills and approaches.

Enjoy!

Articles on primary health care & community health

John Snow, Inc (JSI), in collaboration with IIfPHC -E, conducted a rapid assessment, **'Responsiveness to COVID-19 pandemic and its immediate impacts on essential RMNCH services in Addis Ababa'**. We recommend for you to visit the Resource Center to find the summary report and learn the key findings of the assessment.

The **Bulletin of the World Health Organization's** issue focuses on PHC as a special theme. The articles emphasize the critical need to strengthen PHC in order to accelerate progress in achieving primary health care goals and the health-related SDGs. Please access these important articles to learn more on how to strengthen PHC and realize its vision. The

article entitled, **'Communities, universal health coverage and primary health care'** emphasizes that UHC depends on strong PHC system. PHC must be expanded at community and household levels to be successful. The article, **'Delivery of essential surgery by family physicians'** calls for essential surgery to be considered as part of the primary health system.

Special points of interest:

- ARTICLES ON PHC & COMMUNITY HEALTH
- NEW BOOKS ON PHC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
- RESOURCES ON E-LEARNING COURSES

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New book on community health worker programs



The Johns Hopkins research team released a book on national community health worker programs across the globe. The book, **Health for the People: National Community Health Worker Programs from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe**, provides an in-depth examination of information about national community health programs. It

consists of case studies of 27 national community health worker programs, all detailed in the same format to allow for comparison of similar dimensions from program to program. The case studies provide insights into details of existing national CHW programs: their structure and achievements as well as the challenges they face. Each study also provides

information on the historical context, health needs, health system structure, CHW program features, scope of work, selection and training, support and supervision, incentives, community role, linkages with the formal health system, program scale-up, monitoring and data use, financing, impact, and challenges. You can download the 476-page book for free.

New book on achieving health for all

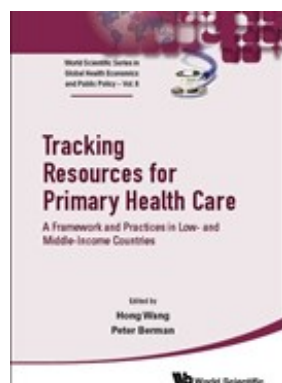


The new book, **Achieving Health for All: Primary Health Care in Action**, is written to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Alma-Ata Declaration. It draws on case studies from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Nepal, Ghana, Sri Lanka and Vietnam to explain how a PHC approach achieved in improving

community health. The book demonstrates that community-inclusive planning and multi-sectors engagement is a viable strategy for good health at low cost. We recommend for you to watch the video, **Comprehensive primary health care: Blueprint for resilient health systems** to learn more about the

contents of the book. This book explains about comprehensive PHC, its origins and principles as well as relevance of PHC to SDGs. The new book invites you to identify what you can do and what your role could be in realizing your community's PHC.

New book on tracking resources for primary health care



The book, **Tracking Resources for Primary Health Care: A Framework and Practices in Low- and Middle-Income Countries**, introduces a resource tracking management framework and its application for primary health care

development in LMICs. The framework includes five components that determine effective and efficient financing for PHC: resource mobilization; allocation; utilization; productivity; and targeting. In addition, the book has a set of case studies from Bangladesh, Indonesia,

Ethiopia, Nepal, Ghana, Sri Lanka and Vietnam and explains how a PHC focus succeeded in improving population health. Read this book if you wish to work in this area and develop your career in improving the performance of PHC for scalable good health at lower cost.

Enroll in free PHC and pandemic training course

The IfPHC-E, along with its community of health and university partners, launched a free e-learning course, 'Leveraging Primary Health Care Systems for COVID-19: Insights from Ethiopia's Health Extension Program'. The course highlights the country's PHC response to the corona virus. If you are interested to build

resilient PHC systems to respond to COVID-19 and want to learn more about Ethiopia's experience, you can enroll in this short online course for free. You can also learn from the health extension program and the role of frontline workers in the COVID-19 response as primary source of information as

well as their work in the prevention and control of the disease. Check out the [course trailer](#) on Youtube for more information about the contents of the course and what you can learn from Ethiopia. Be part of the solution by applying the lessons learned to your own context.



Course on financing community health programs

Community Health Academy/Last Mile Health, launched a new course series, 'Financing Community Health Programs for Scale and Sustainability' in October. The course explores the financing value chain needed to understand resource needs and to mobilize resource for community health. It equips leaders with the skills they need

to advocate for financial and effective community resources as well as mobilize new funding for strong health systems. Drawing on examples and lessons learned from a range of experts from around the world, the course presents an in-depth exploration of the financing pathway needed to ensure that

community health programs are successfully launched, adequately resourced, & financially sustained. Enroll and start your learning journey with the Academy and learn how to finance community health programs that transform health outcomes. Watch the [course trailer](#) for more information.

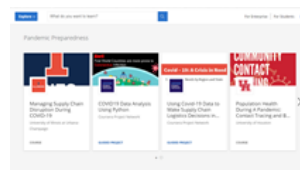


Free courses for health workers on COVID-19

A curated collection of courses developed by world-class universities are available on [coursera](#) for those involved in public health and are actively responding to the ongoing crisis. These courses include: COVID-19 training for healthcare workers; supply chain during

COVID-19; data analysis of COVID-19; measuring & maximizing impact of COVID-19 contact training; population health during the pandemic; contact tracing for nursing professionals and more. The courses enable you to get pandemic prepa-

ration and will help you to learn new information in real time. You can benefit from the high-quality training around a specific pandemic response subject. You will also learn the latest with experts from respected universities including Johns Hopkins & the University of Illinois.





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Information that strengthen primary health care

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The Ministry of Health - Ethiopia, recognizing the importance of primary health care, established the International Institute for Primary Health Care - Ethiopia (IIFPHC-E) in 2016. The Institute is founded to contribute to and play a key role towards the development of a structured, proactive, flexible, problem-solving, and resilient PHC system. IIFPHC-E facilitates capacity building on operational, programmatic and managerial levels, including carrying out PHC systems implementation research and disseminating lessons learned by developing a variety of communication platforms both with Ethiopian and international mandates. The Institute facilitates the sharing of Ethiopia's successful Health Extension Program with low & middle-income countries interested in the establishment of grassroots health systems. Also, the Institute works towards the institutionalization of robust PHC movements in the African Region as a post Astana conference action.

We're on the web:
<http://iifphc.org/iifphc-resource-center/>

Share your resources

The IIFPHC-E Resource Center has a **resource sharing policy** to facilitate the sharing of resources among partner health organizations. Resource sharing is founded on the principles of reciprocal access, interdependence, equitable access and efficiency. We invite you to participate in this resource sharing arrangement. Please contact us at:
resourcecenter@iifphc.org

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The Resource Center continuously works to add new contents and update the website resources. The information is available to you online to help you learn new knowledge and skills. Please turn this challenging and difficult time into opportunity by staying up to date and learning new practices for yourselves, your teams and your organizations. Stay safe!

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