Action for Equitable Health Systems- Advancing universal comprehensive primary health care in pandemic times

We are happy to announce that the Equitable Health Systems Thematic Circle of People's Health Movement (PHM) along with PHM South Asia and PHM South East Asia Pacific Region, is organizing a capacity building course (International People's Health University, IPHU) on "Action for Equitable Health Systems- Advancing comprehensive primary health care in pandemic times". Through this course we plan to build a better understanding among health activists of why health and healthcare is an entitlement of all human beings, and how this can be realized and of current best practices in this area. The course would also build skills for activists to analyze where they are on the road map and mobilize people as well as advocate with the government for an accelerated push towards Health For All.

The course is open to participants from selected countries in South Asia and South-East Asia and will be held in December 2022. The course is designed as a hybrid program with an online component, an onsite face to face training program in Bangkok, Thailand which includes field visits and a post training mentored six month follow up. The dates for IPHU are-

Online: Four sessions between November 15^{th} and November 30^{th} -Session Time & Duration: Two-hour session each day from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm (Indian Standard Time) / 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Philippines Standard Time).

On-Site Sessions in Bangkok, Thailand: From December 6th morning to December 11th noon. (9.00 am to 1.00 pm, and 2.00 to 5.00 pm) Participants arrive by December 5th evening or late night to be able to attend in time for the session on December 6th.

Post-Training Follow up- back in home country with the PHM country circle. Two sessions of two hours each three months apart.

Below is the eligibility criteria for the application:

- i. Participants must be from one of the following countries-Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, Philippines, Malaysia, Myanmar and PNG
- ii. Candidates must be available for
- a. all pre-workshop online classes (8 hours)
- b. On site in Thailand in the 2nd week of December.
- c. Two post-workshop sessions

Participation in online classes along with assignments will help ensure that candidates are ready to make use of the onsite classes. There is a small process of filtering for this reason, at this stage.

iii. Involvement with PHM country circle/ networks will be an advantage.

iv- must have a valid passport or be reasonably sure of securing it in time.

v- must have access to stable internet connection for on-line classes and later follow-up.

Selection Process:

Interested candidates can apply via the <u>Google Form</u>. If there is a problem, they can send the application by email (<u>hsiphu2022@gmail.com</u>). **Applications are due on or before October 25th, 2022.**

Applications will go through a screening process by a committee. The committee would go not only by individual's suitability for the course, but it would also ensure that the final set of participants is a balance of gender, nationalities, age, pre-existing engagement with People's Health Movements and health rights campaigns. Candidates would be informed of selection by November 5th.

Candidates who are active in PHM country circles or networks and are sponsored by these, will be prioritized / strongly preferred.

We request you to share the announcement widely with your networks in the South East Asia and Pacific and the South Asia region. Please feel free to write to (hsiphu2022@gmail.com) for any queries or difficulty on filling the application form.

Website link to announcement: https://phmovement.org/call-for-applications-international-peoples-health-university-iphu-course-of-phm/

Thanks, and Regards Equitable Health Systems Thematic Circle of PHM