Primary Health Care Resource Center Newsletter

of the International Institute for Primary Health Care - Ethiopia

The Primary Health Care Resource Center

A team of experts discussing on how to set up of the resource center

We welcome you to our new e-newsletter! We are excited to launch this newsletter, which will provide you information on primary health care (PHC) and related thematic areas. The International Institute for Primary Health Care-Ethiopia (IIfPHC-E) serves as a platform to strengthen Ethiopia's PHC and share best and evidence-based practices with the rest of the world. The IIfPHC-E Resource Center serves as information hub to share knowledge and promising practices on PHC. The Resource Center is a unique, open access and free source of information on primary health care, community health, public health and other PHC related fields. It is dedicated to supporting you to stay informed about PHC.

We produce this newsletter bi-annually and you can get the latest content delivered to your email through subscription. You can visit our website and subscribe by clicking the link at http://iifphc.org/iifphc-resource-center/

Each newsletter will also be posted on our website in the IIfPHC-E Repository.

We want this newsletter to be valuable for you. So please share your suggestions and feedbacks to help us improve.

Special points of interest:

- ETHIOPIA'S PHC PROGRAM & HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTED BY IIFPHC-E

- E-LEARNING PHC COURSES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Have you seen the digital IIfPHC-E Resource Center

The Resource Center houses a collection of PHC resources, including government documents, books, guidelines, manuals, presentations and other e-resources. The Repository makes available digitized institutional presentations, reports, research and other documentation, giving you open access to all documents. Freely available online journals in PHC are curated in one place to connect you to scholarly research information. Our collection in the Health Database comprises published and unpublished specialized topics. You can explore these & other documents on the different webpages of the Resource Center.

Research on the development of Ethiopia's PHC system

Graduation of the first batch of trained health extension workers, 1997

Ethiopia has achieved progress in improving the health outcomes of its citizens during the past decade, which is mainly attributed to the Health Extension program (HEP). The Program is a community-based PHC system, in which health extension workers provide door to door services. In the past four months, IlfPHC-E

made an extensive research to document the historical background of the HEP, from its initial inception to impact, including literature review and the current and anticipated future development. The documentation is currently finalized & will be used in training courses and for the resource center.

Further, it is anticipated that the research will help to inform Ethiopia's HEP in a changing landscape. It will also facilitate the sharing of best experiences to countries in similar low income settings that wish to learn first hand. The final version of the document will be deposited in the IlfPHC-E Repository soon.

ETHIOPIA'S PROPOSED PHC RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE WORLD GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MAY 2019

Ethiopia's PHC resolution approved at World Health Assembly

The 72nd session of the World Health Assembly held in May 2019 has recognized the contribution made by community health workers to achieve universal health coverage. The Assembly approved Ethiopia's proposed resolution entitled 'Community

Health Workers delivering Primary Health Care.' WHO affirmed that community health workers have a key role to play in delivering PHC since they speak local languages & have the trust of local people. WHO has urged countries and partners to

use its' guideline on health policy and system support to optimize community health worker programs and to allocate adequate resources following the adoption of the resolution. See WHA website for more information.

The Health Extension Program Evaluation

Former IlfPHC-E Executive Director with Women Development Army, Amhara Region, Ethiopia, 2017

IlfPHC-E proposed and engaged in the design of a project to evaluate the HEP through a private consultancy firm. Currently, the research is well underway by a team of experts. A cross-sectional data collection has been

made from different regions. Over 7,000 households were interviewed to collect primary data. Also, extensive documents have been reviewed. The next step will be conducting analysis and synthesis of the

huge amount of data gathered by the experts. The assessment will serve as an impetus for further strengthening the health extension program and PHC in Ethiopia

E-Learning resources

The Resource Center has curated online open access e-Learning resources for you to learn about the latest developments on PHC. You can also use the resources for your personal and continued professional development to reach your goals. The resources include courses from the world's leading universities. You can learn on your own pace and build skills.

We would like to bring to your attention that a PHC course entitled: **"Health for All Through Primary health Care"**, offered by our partner, Bloomberg School of Public Health, University of Johns Hopkins is now available through coursera. The course introduces you to the origins of primary health care going back in time. It will also go forward in time when applying the principles of PHC for the lives of millions of people around the world. Visit *https://www.coursera.org /learn/health-for-all/* to register and get on a bus.

E-learning course on community health workers

IIfPHC-E has supported Last Mile Health/ Community Health Academy to develop a case study on Ethiopia for a course entitled: **"Strengthening community health workers programs"**. This course will introduce you to the core concepts of community health worker programs. It will also help you to learn to deliver high-quality primary health care at scale through national community health workers programs. Visit *https://www.edx.org/course/strengthening-community-health-worker-programs-to-deliver-* *primary-health-care* for more information and registration. The course takes 6 weeks, with 2 to 4 hours of effort per week. Don't miss the chance to take the course for free before it is archived in December 2019.

'HEALTH FOR ALL THROUGH PRIMARY HEALTH CARE' COURSE OFFERED BY JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY IS NOW AVAILABLE ON COURSERA

Where can you find the new Resource Center

The IIfPHC-E Resource Center (RC) provides service on first-come first served basis on site. The RC has 14 comfortable chairs and desks for sitting options in the Resource Center and reading. We will soon have workstation computers for our patrons. In the mean time, you can use your laptops.

We are located at Ethiopian Public Health Institute, National Training Center, Second Floor, Room # 003. See our address on google map or overleaf.

The PHC Resource Center

The Federal Ministry of Health, recognizing the importance of primary health care, established the International Institute for Primary Health Care - Ethiopia 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 grass-roots health systems and in the institutionalization of robust PHC movements in the African Region as a post Astana conference action.

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Share your resources

Let us come together to learn from each other and achieve health for all through primary health care. If you/your organization has produced materials on primary health care, we are happy to include them in electronic or hard copy form in our Resource Center. Please contact us at: **Resourcecenter @iifphc.org** if you have anything to contribute.

In the mean time, please visit *https://www.who.int/ primary-health/ conference-phc/ declaration* on the latest Declaration on Primary Health Care, passed on a pivotal conference in Almaty, Kazakhstan in October 2018. There are loads of resources on background documents about primary health care and how it will help us achieve universal health coverage. There

are also case studies from 11 countries on various PHC reforms over the past four decades.