

## Procurement and Supply management of Artemisinin Based Combination Therapies (ACTs)

The Netherlands

15– 24 July, 2009

**Date of arrival: July 15th**

**Date of departure: July 25th**

### Course Objectives

Over the last four years, malaria case management using Artemisinin based combination therapies (ACTs) has come to the forefront and a number of countries are in the process of scaling up the use of ACTs to appropriately cover both the public and private sectors. Today, there are various combinations of ACTs and the number of ACTs manufacturers is increasing. This course aims at building participants' capacity to manage the procurement and supply chain of ACTs.

### Aims

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Positively contribute to the preparation of country procurement and supply management plans
- Select, forecast, quantify and procure ACTs to efficiently meet the assessed needs.
- Contribute to the planning and implementation of suitable ACTs inventory management and distribution models suitable to their own settings.
- Monitor and evaluate performance of their ACTs supply chain management function.

### Target Audience

The course is suitable for those involved in or intending to join malaria control activities especially, procurement and Supply chain managers, central/regional medical Stores managers, policy makers involved in preparation of national malaria control policies, national malaria control program officers and managers, and District/Regional malaria program managers. It should be noted that some aspects of the course are also applicable to other programs like Tuberculosis & Leprosy control, and Neglected disease.

### Course Design

The course is highly participatory - the interchange of skills and experience among course members is essential for training activities and learning. The course contains presentations, discussions, exercises, case studies and a project. **Please, be aware that strong English language skills are necessary to take part in this course.**

The course covers the following modules:

- Background: process, roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders in the introduction and scaling up the use of ACTs.
- Pharmaceutical Management Cycle: Challenges and role of the cycle in management of malaria.
- Selection, forecasting and quantification of ACTs.
- Procurement of ACTS: Process and financing mechanisms.
- Inventory management and distribution of ACTs : Public and Private sector inventory and distribution management models
- Rational use of ACTs
- Organization and management: Procurement and Supply management (PSM) plans, Information requirements (Procurement Management Information System – PMIS)
- Monitoring and Evaluation of ACTs supply chain

### Course facilitation and Training Methodology

I+solutions is a not-for-profit organization that specializes in pharmaceutical supply chain management in developing countries.

I+solutions trainings' are participatory in nature and involve lectures, facilitated group discussion, exercises and case studies. Participants are provided with course reference materials for use during and after the training.

The course facilitators come from i+solutions, WHO and a pool of independent consultants. The broad experience of i+solutions in Pharmaceutical supply chain management support makes this course a unique opportunity for participants to share experiences and enhance their ACTs supply chain management knowledge and skills.

### **Location and Accommodation**

The course will take place in the Netherlands. Hotel accommodations, educational and recreation excursions, as well as a transfer from and to the airport are included in the course fee.

### **Course Dates**

15 – 24 July 2009

Hotel check-in: Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> afternoon

Hotel check-out: Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> morning

### **Course Fees and Costs**

The total fee of €3.600 includes:

Tuition fee (including course materials)

Transfer to and from Amsterdam International airport (on July 15<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup> only)

Hotel accommodation (single occupancy) for the duration of the course

Three meals a day during the week

Coffee and tea during course breaks

In addition to this fee, each participant requires an allowance to cover personal expenses.

### **Health insurance**

All participants are required to have valid health insurance for the duration of their stay. Sponsoring agencies are responsible for obtaining health insurance for their participants.

### **Visa**

All participants, with the exception of those from the EU and USA, are required to obtain visas for the Netherlands. We would like to underline that the participant is responsible of getting a visa in time. I+solutions can provide an invitation letter if required.

### **Applications**

Applications and fees must be received as soon as possible and at the latest before the 15th of June 2009 in order to be guaranteed a place on the course. After this date places will be assigned on a first-come, first served basis.

For a copy of the application form, please visit our website or contact:

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Fees are due at the time the application is submitted.

### **Confirmation**

Course space is allocated as soon as the application is received. Enrolment for the course is limited to encourage maximum participant involvement

### **Sponsor Information**

Applicants are required to secure their own funding to cover course fee, per diem allowance, health insurance and travel expenses. **Course providers do not provide funding for courses.** To obtain funding, applicants should contact government or non-government agencies in their countries.