ALERT 2006 Calendar for International training

DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF DISABILITIES
January 23rd to February 17th (4 weeks)

Target group: general health workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, podiatrists as well as experienced leprosy workers involved in PMD. Emphasis on both patient care (early detection of nerve function deterioration, health promotion, problem solving) and programme management (POD management, home-based care and rehabilitation). Those participants particularly interested in community based rehabilitation can sign on for the following CBR course.

COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION (CBR)
February 20–March 3 (2 weeks)

Target group: all health workers involved in CBR, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and project managers. Emphasis will be on setting up a CBR programme in a given situation focusing on individuals with disabilities, their families and their communities. Participants will be exposed to a realistic approach and to practical learning experiences by visiting existing CBR projects in and around Addis Ababa. The course can be taken on its own or in addition to the preceding PMD course.

ESSENTIALS OF LEPROSY AND TUBERCULOSIS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAMME SUPPORT STAFF
March 13–March 24 (2 weeks)

Target group: administrative and managerial staff without a medical background, working in leprosy and TB programmes and donor agencies like journalists, fundraisers, public relations officer.

Objectives: to gain a better understanding of the two diseases, to communicate more effectively with public, medical staff and to contribute in decision making and priority setting.

This course is tailor made with the preceding CBR course. Those who are involved with HIV/AIDS programme management will benefit by attending the following 1-week course.
STRATEGY FOR HIV/AIDS PATIENT’S MANAGEMENT

April 10–14 (1 week)

Target group: All health workers dealing with HIV/AIDS patients. This course intended to support and facilitates proper management and scale up of anti retroviral therapy to people living with HIV/AIDS. The course will deal with indications for antiretroviral therapy (ART) monitoring and assessing therapeutic effects with first or second line regimens, treatment with TB and other HIV related conditions etc.

Programme managers, administrators with no TB/leprosy medical background are recommended to take the preceding 2-week course.

TB/HIV COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

August 21–26 (1 week)

Target group: All general health care workers, health workers working with TB and or HIV programme, programme managers working at the nation, district level TB/HIV programmes, counsellor, data managers, physicians, social workers involved in programme management.

The course will deal with situation analysis, setting aims and objectives, epidemiology of TB, HIV, principles of TB, HIV collaborative activities, HIV, AIDS control activities, TB diagnosis, categories of TB, DOT strategies for TB, 3 by 5 initiatives, clinical management of AIDS, ART/TB drugs supply and management, Interim policy on TB/HIV collaborative activities, recording and reporting, surveillance of HIV prevalence among TB patients, human resource development, programme monitoring and evaluation, budgeting.

CLINICAL LEPROSY AND TROPICAL DERMATOLOGY FOR PHYSICIANS

September 18–22 (1 week)

Highly recommended for the participants in the following ‘Management of combined programmes’ course who need to refresh their knowledge of clinical leprosy and tropical dermatology. The course can also be taken on its own by physicians responsible for diagnosis, treatment and care of patients with leprosy in either a hospital or a control programme setting.

MANAGEMENT OF COMBINED LEPROSY AND TUBERCULOSIS, HIV/AIDS CONTROL PROGRAMMES FOR PHYSICIANS AND OPERATIONAL RESEARCH METHODS IN EPIDEMIOLOGY

Sept. 25–October 20 (4 weeks)

Target group: experienced physicians responsible for managing a leprosy and TB control programme at the regional level or above. Emphasis on programme management: needs analysis, action plan, implementation of activities, supervision, evaluation, management of PMD. Participants without leprosy experience should also take the preceding ‘Clinical leprosy’ course.

The last few days of the course will comprehensively cover policy on collaborative TB, HIV/AIDS control programme activities.
OPERATIONAL RESEARCH METHODS IN EPIDEMIOLOGY

October 16–20 (1 week)

This course is organized jointly with the Department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine, Umea University, Sweden.

Target group: TBL control programme managers, scientists and other health workers who deal with epidemiological research work and statistics. Basic computer knowledge is a prerequisite. Participants will be introduced to programmes such as Epi-info as a means to analyse data.

CLINICAL LEPROSY AND MANAGEMENT OF COMBINED LEPROSY, TUBERCULOSIS AND HIV/AIDS CONTROL PROGRAMMES
FOR SENIOR FIELD STAFF

November 6–December 8 (5 weeks)

Target group: experienced nurses, paramedical workers or supervisors responsible for leprosy and TB control at the district (or equivalent) level. Emphasis on planning, implementation, supervision and evaluation of control activities with special attention to PMD, health promotion and support functions.

The last few days of the course will comprehensively cover policy on collaborative TB, HIV/AIDS control programme activities.

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