

# Where should the money go?

A short course on tools for allocating health resources in developing countries

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## Course Overview

This intensive five day course will introduce participants to health economics; development economics; methods of health financing; and health economic tools to aid resource allocation and priority setting decision-making in the health sector. It incorporates techniques for obtaining data in challenging developing country settings. This course will be useful for those working in, or interested in working in health or finance ministries, academic research or International NGOs, where duties involve making decisions or devising policies on healthcare spending, financing or resource allocation.

The first module will give participants an introduction to the relevant and important economic themes, so a background in economics is not required to make the most of this short course.

Case studies and exercises will be used to illustrate many of the key concepts.

*The course will be delivered in English, therefore it is expected that participants will have competence in spoken & written English.*

## Course Objectives

- To enhance knowledge and understanding of health economics and health financing;
- To introduce participants to the techniques of economic evaluation in health care;
- To explore alternative methods for priority setting and resource allocation in health care; and
- To provide participants with the ability to determine key health issues, and tools to prioritise health issues in their own environment.

## Course location

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## Course Content

### Module 1: Health economics for developing countries (1 day)

This module will provide participants with an introduction to economics and how it relates to health and development. Topics covered include:

- an overview of “the economic problem”;
- development and development economics;
- understanding health systems; and
- trends in global development.

### Module 2: Choosing between interventions; an introduction to economic evaluation in healthcare (1.5 days)

This module will introduce the technique of evaluating health programs from an economic perspective. This will assist in determining which programs return the best health gain for a given use of resources for an identified health priority. Topics covered include:

- methods of economic evaluation, eg cost effectiveness and cost benefit analyses;
- determining the resources used, costs and outcomes of health programs;
- interpreting the results of economic evaluation; and
- incorporating economic evaluation into health development proposals.

### Module 3: Determining health priorities: using economic techniques to inform decision making (1.5 days)

Health programs competing for resources are an issue in any locality. This module will introduce techniques to assist decision-making in funding priorities at a provincial or national level across a variety of health programs. Topics covered include:

- determining local and national health issues;
- priority setting models;
- planning for future health investment; and
- fairness and equity in priority setting.

#### Module 4: Health financing (1 day)

This module will examine different methods to fund the delivery of health care across the health sector. The role of incentives underlying various models will be explored and the implications these may have for achieving equity and efficiency in the health care system. Topics covered include:

- alternative payment mechanisms for health service consumers;
- alternative arrangements for paying health workers;
- methods for purchasing pharmaceuticals; and
- financing health insurance.

#### Single Module Enrolments

Participants may elect to attend any single module instead of the whole course. Single units are \$500 inc gst. Please indicate on your application which module you wish to attend.

#### Course Presenters

The course will be given in collaboration between the Centre for International Health at the Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health and the Centre for Health Economics at Monash University.

#### The Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research & Public Health (Burnet Institute).

The largest institution of its kind in Australia concerned with research into viral infections in humans. The Centre for International Health (CIH) leads the Burnet's collaboration with other Australian, overseas government, and international agencies to promote the health of populations in less developed countries. The CIH provides technical support, program management, assistance with public health policy development, and training related to communicable disease prevention and control in the broader context of community-based primary health care. (<http://www.burnet.edu.au>)

#### The Centre for Health Economics (CHE), Monash University

The CHE has been at the forefront of health economics teaching and research in Australia for more than 13 years. As one of the largest concentrations of senior health economists in Australia, it has a strong track record in health economics research, teaching and community service. The overriding goal of the CHE is to undertake and promote high quality health economics research and teaching activities, with both a national and international focus. (<http://www.buseco.monash.edu.au/centres/che/>)

#### Application form

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current role: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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Qualifications : \_\_\_\_\_

#### Course fee

Early-bird registration fee is AUD\$1200 inc gst for applications received by June 23, 2008.

Standard registration fee is AUD\$1400 inc gst for applications received after June 23, 2008;

ACFID/NGO registration fee is AUD\$1200 inc gst.

Single module is \$500 inc gst per module.

(Registration fee includes course materials, & morning & afternoon tea).

Please do not confirm travel arrangements until your registration has been confirmed as places in the course are limited.

#### Course payment options:

1. **International Funds Transfer:** An invoice will be emailed upon acceptance of registration for the course which will include our Bank details to complete your funds transfer. Please include the invoice number with your payment.

2. **Credit Card:** Charged only after application is accepted

International Funds Transfer, or

Charge my credit card (please circle):

MasterCard                      Visa

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