

**South Asia Centre for Disability Inclusive Development and Research (SACDIR)**  
**Indian Institute of Public Health – Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India**  
**Director – Prof. G V S Murthy**

**Virtual Short Course on Public Health Planning for Hearing Impairment**

**Date: 23rd November to 4th December 2020**

**Course Fee: INR 3500**

**Deadline for receipt of applications: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

The World Health Organization estimates that there are about 466 million people in the world with disabling hearing loss. Almost 90% of these people live in the low and middle income countries. WHO also states that prevalence of disabling hearing loss in children and adults over 65 is greatest in South Asia, Asia Pacific and Sub-Saharan African regions. The aim of this course is to enable participants to understand the magnitude and causes of hearing impairment and the challenges of providing hearing health in developing countries. The course will familiarize participants with public health approaches to ear and hearing care and show how to develop programmes for prevention and management.

This 10-day virtual course is particularly suitable if you:

- Are an Oto-laryngologist, Audiologist, or allied health professional, especially in the health sciences, or a health planner or an NGO staff member.
- Have an interest in the developing world.
- Are interested in establishing, continuing or resuming a career in ear and hearing health in the developing world.
- Have an interest in the planning principles involved in establishing public health programmes for ear and hearing health in the developing world
- Are interested in working in partnership with developing world practitioners.

Teaching methods of this course includes:

- Interactive virtual sessions
- Participatory Group work
- Develop planning document
- Virtual Field trip

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**PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING FOR HEARING IMPAIRMENT**  
**Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) & London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) Collaborative Project**  
**11 - 15 November 2019**



**Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)** is a response to address the limited institutional capacity in India for strengthening training, research and policy development in the areas of Public Health. It is a public-private partnership that was collaboratively evolved through consultations with multiple constituencies including Indian and international academia, state and central governments in India, multi & bilateral agencies and civil society groups in India. Today the initiative enjoys substantial support in India and internationally.

**SOUTH ASIA CENTRE FOR DISABILITY INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH (SACDIR)** is a Centre of Excellence located at the Indian Institute of Public Health – Hyderabad, Telangana State. The IIPH is part of the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), a public-private partnership to find appropriate solutions to public health problems in India and to develop capacity through need-based training.

The Centre will actively engage in providing the evidence base for vision and disability including children, evaluate public health efforts for improving the quality of life of individuals in South Asia, help policy formulation by the respective National and State Governments and create an infrastructure for developing a critical mass of professionals trained to handle the challenges of vision and other disabling problems in South Asia.



**The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)** The mission of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine is to contribute to the improvement of health worldwide through the pursuit of excellence in research, postgraduate teaching and advanced training in national and international public health and tropical medicine and through forming policy and practice in these areas.

**International Centre for Evidence in Disability**

**The International Centre for Evidence in Disability (ICED) at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine** aims to establish LSHTM as an International Centre with expertise and competence in disability research and teaching in the context of public health and development.

The Centre is led by Professor Hannah Kuper and draws together a diverse range of researchers, with broad skills and knowledge in the field of disability. Our focus is on developing tools, techniques and evidence about disability.



**Course Organisers:** Prof. Andrew Smith, Prof. GVS Murthy, Dr.K. Suresh Kumar and Dr. Shailaja Tetali

**Teaching:** The course will be taught by experts who come from or who have lived and worked in developing countries. Teaching method of this course involves:

- Interactive virtual sessions
- Participatory Group-work
- Develop Planning Document
- Virtual Field Trip

**Accreditation & Methods of Assessment:** There is no formal assessment but at the conclusion of the course, a certificate of attendance will be provided.

The World Health Organization estimates that there are about 466 million people in the world with disabling hearing loss. Almost 90% of these people live in the low and middle income countries.

- ❖ The major preventable causes of hearing impairment in low and middle income countries are middle ear infections, excessive noise, inappropriate use of certain drugs, problems during child birth and vaccine-preventable infections.
- ❖ At least half of all hearing impairment is preventable.
- ❖ Detecting and responding to hearing impairment in babies and young children is vital for the development of speech and language.
- ❖ Properly fitted hearing aids can improve communication in at least 90% of people with hearing impairment
- ❖ In developing countries, fewer than 1 in 40 people who needed a hearing aid have one.

**Aim of this course** is to enable participants to understand the magnitude and causes of hearing impairment and the challenges of providing hearing health in developing countries. The course will familiarize participants with public health approaches to ear and hearing health and show how to develop programmes for prevention and management at the local, district and national level.

This 10-day virtual course is particularly suitable if you:

- ❖ Are an Oto-laryngologist, Audiologist, or allied hearing health professional, especially in the communication sciences, health planner or NGO worker
- ❖ Have an interest in the developing world.
- ❖ Are interested in starting, continuing or resuming a career in ear and hearing health in the developing world.
- ❖ Have an interest in the planning principles involved in establishing public health programmes for ear and hearing in the developing world.
- ❖ Are interested in working together with health workers from developing countries.

The course is especially relevant now since the World Health Assembly ratified the WHO resolution on Prevention of Deafness and hearing Loss in May 2017. Almost all of the essential principles and tasks recommended by the Resolution are covered in this course. The Resolution can be downloaded from

[https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA70/A70\\_R13-en.pdf?ua=1](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA70/A70_R13-en.pdf?ua=1)



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Hosted by the International Centre for Eye Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK & South Asia Centre for Disability Inclusive Development and Research, Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad, India

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

PLEASE WRITE IN CAPITAL LETTERS

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Surname or family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Forename(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male  Female

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Main degrees or Qualifications, Diplomas & Certificates held:

Approximate dates Educational Institution

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Name of Course Degree or Diploma

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**Most Recent Employment**

Employer Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe the work involved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why do you wish to attend this course?**

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Self - financing

Sponsored by organization / company

If sponsored for the course, please send a letter of agreement from your sponsor as soon as possible.



**COURSE FEES**

Fees are payable in advance by the **25th October 2020** and attendance of a course may not begin until the fees are fully paid. Cancellation of attendance on a course may lead to loss of all or part of the fee.

**INR 3500 for Indian Participants**

**USD 100 for International participants**

**BANK DETAILS :**

Payment should be sent to Prof. GVS Murthy  
Online bank transfer/Demand drafts can be done in the name of "PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION OF INDIA",

HDFC Bank, Madhapur Br.

(A/C No 05451110000048),

IFSC / RTGS - HDFC0000545

SWIFT CODE - HDFCINBB

**HOW TO APPLY**

Application forms should be sent to Prof. GVS Murthy, Director

**Disabilities**

If you have any medical condition, physical or other disability of which the organizers should be aware or which might call for special arrangements or facilities, you should attach a confidential letter.

**Declaration and signature of candidate seeking admission:**

I declare that the information given on this application form is correct. I have read and understood the arrangements for payment of tuition fees to which I will adhere.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_