Managing Transport and Distribution of Medicines Up to the Last Mile

COURSE PROGRAMME

Introduction

The Last mile, is where the patients, clients and end-users are located. In many low and middle-income countries, the last mile is often the weakest link in the supply chain thus putting patient lives and huge investments upstream at risks.

Using a participatory approach built on a strong didactic and experiential learning, this course exposes learners to understand the meaning, realities and context of working in the last mile, its unique characteristics, peculiar issues and challenges.

This course takes learners on a journey to the last mile and encourages critical thinking and pragmatic approach to solving issues of last mile distribution by leveraging best practices from the commercial and private sector.

Course objectives

After having successfully completed the course, participants will be able to:

What are the target participants?

The course is designed for all health personnel, business administrators and managers involved in the health sector, development cooperation, healthcare programmes and projects in developing countries. No prior knowledge is required, although practical involvement in the health sector is an advantage.

Teaching and learning strategy

This online course requires the students to engage in self-directed learning and go through the course materials on the learning platform with the support of an online facilitator. Taking part in discussion forums, exchanging ideas with fellow participants and doing self-evaluation through online quizzes form a vital part of the learning experience.

In addition, there are several short assignments to guide the learning process of the participants, offering feedback on the submissions and an opportunity to interact with the facilitator. Assignment responses should be submitted within the respective due dates.

Assessment and grading

Participants will be graded based on their online participation and completion of activities. A certificate of completion and an e-badge will be awarded to all those who complete a minimum of 75% of all online activities (lessons, quizzes, discussion forums). The percentage of completion will be measured automatically online as the participant goes through the course.

In addition, participants need to obtain a passing mark of minimum 7/10 on the post-test.

Course duration

6 weeks

Level of effort: 4 hours per week