



Islamic Republic of Iran

**International Diploma Course on Malaria  
Programme Planning and Management**

**(Announcement)**

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## **Introduction**

This WHO - recognized course is organized jointly by the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Islamic Republic of Iran, the School of Public Health, Tehran University of Medical Sciences.

It will provide participants with the knowledge and skills in malariology and planning and Managing control programmes.

It is conducted through small group work, exchange of experiences and Discussion with qualified specialists. Since Initiating the course participants from 16 different countries had attended.

## **Objective**

The objectives of the course are for the participants to have gained sufficient knowledge and skills to be able to :

- Analyse the malaria situation and problems and find solutions.
- Plan, implement, manage and evaluate antimalaria programmes.
- Develop a training programme for capacity building for malaria control.

## **Entry Requirements**

The course is designed for medical officers and scientists involved in disease control, particularly malaria, who are presently, or will be in future, responsible for antimalaria control activities. This includes disease control programme managers and provincial and district medical officers. Candidates will be expected to have at least a medical degree or a PhD or Msc in medical parasitology, medical entomology or a related subject and To have a good command of the English language for which evidence of Proficiency is required.

## **Organization**

This intensive course will last for 8 weeks and is practically oriented ( laboratory and field ) with formal presentations kept to a minimum, and with emphasis on group work.

A minimum length of time will be devoted to each subject in the class, but each participant will have to spend at least 60 hours in the field . The minimum total structured time is 350 contact hours for the entire course. Sessions will be held for a minimum of seven hours each Day including all day on Thursdays. Formal sessions will not be held on Fridays.

Towards the end of the course, during fieldwork and planning, participants will be required to work irregular and longer hours to complete their assignments.

## Course Contents

The major subject areas to be dealt with are :

- Introduction to the use of microcomputers
- Basic epidemiology and statistics
- Basic malaria microscopy
- Malaria disease management
- Malaria entomology
- Vector control
- Epidemiological approach to malaria control
- Planning and management of malaria control programmes



## Accommodation

The Course is fully residential (accommodation and all meals provided) at the WHO Regional Malaria Training Centre located in Bandar Abbas, which is a coastal town bordering the Persian Gulf.

It is accessible by air from Tehran and several of the Gulf States and has an International airport. The Centre in Bandar Abbas has laboratory, computer and library facilities.

Participants will reside in the Training Centre in Bandar Abbas, which has both single and double

accommodation. All rooms have shower and toilet facilities. The best available accommodation will be found for fieldwork, where participants will spend a minimum of eight days conducting a situation analysis and stratification of a health district.



## Field Work

The field training will involve residence in malarious areas and visits to various localities on unpaved roads during the day and at night where exposure to Malaria infection is probable. Suitable prophylaxis should be taken and participants should be prepared to take self protection measures against mosquito-borne diseases.

They will be expected to take the usual public health precautions when travelling in tropical areas and are advised to take out appropriate health and accident insurance for the period of the course and travel to and from Bandar Abbas.

### **Language**

This course will provide intensive training in the subject of malaria and planning and management of control programmes. It will be conducted entirely in English Only.

Participants will be expected to be fluent in spoken and written English and will be asked to provide evidence of this.

### **Attendance and Accreditation**

The participants will be expected to attend all sessions and field visits throughout the course and to be in attendance on the opening and closing days of the course without exception.

Travel arrangements should therefore be made accordingly in both directions before arriving in Bandar Abbas. Participants are not encouraged to make changes to their flight reservations.

Those participants fulfilling the attendance requirements and reaching a satisfactory standard will receive the Diploma in Malaria Programme Planning and Management from the Tehran University of Medical Sciences, IR Iran.

### **Follow-up Activities**

Participation in a practical, intensive training course such as this is only the first step towards better management of national malaria control programmes and human resources development.

After completion of this course, participants need to put to good use the Knowledge, skills and competence acquired.

It is hoped that governments will select participants for this course who will, upon returning to their countries or place of work, be deeply involved in planning and replanning malaria control activities, managing, supervising or implementing antimalaria action, and conducting training workshops, organizing seminars, or in any other appropriate form, attempting to pass on their knowledge and skills to other health workers.

### **Admission procedures**

This course has a maximum capacity of 21 places. Interested individuals should apply to Tehran University of Medical Sciences preferably through their governments.

## Acceptance

Applicants who are selected to participate in this course should obtain a visa to enter the Islamic Republic of Iran and which covers the entire period of the Course up to, and including, the date of flight departure.

This must be obtained at least one month before the course is due to begin, from the nearest Islamic Republic of Iran Embassy.

However that embassy will only be able to issue a visa after the office of International Relations in the Ministry of Health and Medical Education in Tehran have officially notified the embassy of your participation in the course.

Thus a telephone call should be made to the embassy to ensure that this authorization has been received before travelling to that embassy to collect the visa.

## Admission to the course

Participants must arrive in Bandar Abbas no later than 5 September 2002.

The absolute deadline for admission to this course is 1 September 2002.

Any participant who has not been accepted by this date will not be admitted to this course.

Any participant who has been accepted, but by 1 September 2002 is not in possession of a valid passport, with a valid visa for the I.R. Iran, will not be admitted to the course.

Any expenses incurred will have to be borne by the traveller.



## What you will need to bring with you

Applicants should prepare themselves for the course. This should include compiling data and obtaining maps and charts on the demographic, climatic, geographic, economic, social, health and malaria status of their country and area of work in their country over the past three years.

This data should be brought to the course as it will be needed during the planning sessions where

each participant individually will be expected to develop a plan for malaria control for their country or place of work, as an exercise in planning.

Light clothing should be brought to the course, including appropriate foot ware for the field work.

The average daytime temperature in Baudar Abbas will be around 35°C, with no rain.

### **Expenses**

A tuition fee of US \$3000 for this course will be payable, which includes board and lodging and books and training materials for the participants to use during the course and to take back with them for future reference.

Any excess luggage will have to be paid for by the participants who are therefore advised to travel light to the course. Participants should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance.



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