

Introduction

The demand for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services has increased in recent years particularly in local government, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the private sector.

As a result, many people who lack specialised training and skills in implementing WASH activities have been employed to meet this demand. It is against this background that Makerere University School of Public Health (MakSPH) developed a practical course tailored to meet the gaps in knowledge and skills among such cadres with limited training in WASH.

The aim of the short course is to equip practicing individuals with appropriate attitudes, adequate skills and scientific knowledge for handling and managing duties and technical procedures in WASH. Competence areas of the course include WASH promotion, disease prevention and control, management and administration of WASH services in community, research and training.

Course Objectives

The course is intended to strengthen the capacity of practicing workers to successfully identify and manage WASH opportunities and problems by facilitating the acquisition of adequate knowledge and development of skills and attitudes through understanding and use of the 6 essential services of WASH.

These are to:

1. Monitor WASH status to identify and solve community environmental health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate WASH problems and health hazards in the community.
3. Inform, educate and empower people about WASH issues.
4. Mobilise community partnerships and actions to identify and solve WASH problems.
5. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population based WASH services.
6. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to WASH problems.

Course Structure

The course is an 8-weeks programme of study. Participants will spend 3 weeks (full-time) at MakSPH while 4 weeks will be spent at suitable work places / field sites. The final week of the course will be spent at MakSPH for presentation of project / field work, final examination, and certificate awarding ceremony.

The next intake will run from 25th May to 17th July 2020.

The course consists of 5 modules:

1. Water Resources Management
2. Environmental Sanitation
3. Hygiene Promotion
4. WASH Policy, Planning and Financing
5. Field / Project Work

Mode of delivery of the course includes lectures, tutorials, seminars, practicals and field work.

Who should apply?

1. Practicing officers in the WASH sector including those working in local government, NGOs or private sector.
2. Environmental Health workers who wish to broaden their knowledge and skills as a form of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) so as to be better equipped to implement WASH activities.

Entry requirements for admission to the course are Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) or its equivalent with at least 1 year working experience in WASH.

Fees

Participants will pay tuition fees of 900,000 Uganda shillings for Ugandans and 500 US dollars for Internationals.

How to apply

Application forms and procedure can be obtained from the Department of Disease Control and Environmental Health, Makerere University School of Public Health, Mulago Hospital Complex or from the course website.

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