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Title

Developing Leadership for Managing and Governing Universal Health Care (UHC): Innovations and Evidence from the Field

Organiser

Management Sciences for Health (MSH)

Objective

The purpose of this session is to hear and learn from local and international organizations, and share the existing evidence about the situation of UHC in their respective countries, and how the professionalization of public health leaders and managers helps achieve this goal. An effective health system with universal coverage that meets people’s needs depends as much on well-prepared and valued health leaders and managers as it does on clinically prepared nurses and doctors. The challenge we face is not a lack of medical knowledge. The medical and technical knowledge exists to save lives and significantly reduce illness. What is missing is the knowledge and skills to: (a) lead and manage the supportive requirements (human resources, policies, and finance), and (b) to put in place the clinical and community health and education practices we know protect and promote health. In this side-event, 3-4 organizations will be selected to make a presentation on how countries have addressed the challenges of UHC by recognizing the value of health leader-managers and of professionalizing these critical roles, establish clear career paths, created and implemented innovative tools and mobile applications to provide the preparation that these personnel tell us they need, and have built compelling evidence on the results obtained. Each presentation will be followed by a panel discussion and comments and questions from the audience.
Outcome

To increase awareness of the gap in leadership capacity in UHC; To present evidence of the impact of leadership, management and governance on UHC; To provide tools for scaling up effective programs.