

WEBINAR | KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Preparing to Dress for the Slide, Not for the Ride: Identification and Prioritization of Health Technologies

Date: September 9, 2020

Time: 9:00am Accra/Dakar; 11:00am Lilongwe; 12:00pm Dar es Salaam; 2:30pm Delhi; 3:00pm Bhutan; 4:00pm Bangkok/Jakarta

Objectives:

- Introduce the why and how of evidence-informed prioritization for healthcare in the context of various health systems and characteristics of interventions.
- Explore the benefits and disadvantages of different approaches and processes to prioritize and decide on interventions, especially during the time of a pandemic where rapid response and decision-making is crucial.
- Highlight the importance of stakeholders and political aspects in the prioritization process to provide an understanding of the complexity in the decision-making process.
- Provide participants with a hands-on experience to appreciate the trade-offs in making healthcare decisions as well as the considerations that go into the prioritization process.

Agenda

Chair: Dr. Wanrudee Isaranuwatjai (HITAP)

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| 10 min | Getting Down to Business Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House-keeping rules • Introduce the session, objectives, and overview of the webinar • Exercise for participants to explore prior understanding on issues around priority-setting | Mr. Leslie Ong (UNDP) and Ms. Alia Luz (HITAP) |
| 15 mins | Covering All the Bases The Priority-Setting Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the importance of priority-setting? • Considerations for priority-setting (e.g. scope, criteria, steps) • What are the boundaries of priority-setting? (activities post decision-making, e.g. procurement and implementation) Q&A (5 mins) | Prof. Ole Frithjof Norheim (University of Bergen) |

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| 15 mins | <p>The Building of a Foundation Ghana's Priority-Setting Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the history and development of the Ghanaian priority-setting process and corresponding guidelines Understand the catalysts, stakeholders, and considerations pushing the process creation forward Explore the application of the priority-setting process to an HTA research or topic selection cycle <p>Q&A (5 mins)</p> | Dr. Brian Asare (Ghana Ministry of Health) |
| 15 mins | <p>Politics Without Principle? The Impact of Politics on Decision-Making in the Time of COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process of setting up the priority-setting institution examined through a political lens Political considerations and challenges in priority-setting in the context of UHC Examination of political impact on prioritization for COVID-19 interventions <p>Q&A (5 mins)</p> | Dr. Jesse Bump (Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health) |
| 15 mins | <p>Rationing Critical Care The Thai Guidelines for Prioritizing Scarce Critical Care Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The situation and considerations in Thailand during the pandemic that catalyzed the creation of guidelines Development process as well as exploration of the guidelines themselves Application of the guidelines in the current prioritization process <p>Q&A (5 mins)</p> | Ms. Rachel Archer (HITAP) |
| 10 mins | <p>Learning the Tools of the Trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q&A for general questions Link to the exercise | Dr. Wanrudee Isaranuwatthai, Chair (HITAP) |
| 5 mins | Break | |
| 15 mins | <p>Balancing Trade-Offs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic evaluation concepts crash course Introduction to the exercise (prioritization of vaccines based on different methods/processes) <p>Q&A (5 mins)</p> | Ms. Alia Luz (HITAP) |
| 40 mins | <p>Thought to Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Going through the exercise in breakout groups</i> | Dr. Hugo Turner (Imperial College London) |

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| | Report-back and Discussions (20-25 mins) | |
| 10 mins | That is a Wrap! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback session/closing - Summary, conclusions, and ways forward | Dr. Wanrudee Isaranuwatthai, Chair (HITAP) |

Suggested Reading

1. Culyer, Anthony J., and Jonathan Lomas. "Deliberative processes and evidence-informed decision making in healthcare: do they work and how might we know?." *Evidence & Policy: A Journal of Research, Debate and Practice* 2.3 (2006): 357-371.
2. Culyer, Anthony J. "Involving stakeholders in health care decisions—the experience of the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) in England and Wales." *Healthc Q* 8.3 (2005): 54-8.
3. Lomas, Jonathan, Tony Culyer, and Chris McCutcheon. *Conceptualizing and combining evidence for health system guidance*. Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, 2005.
4. Chalkidou, Kalipso, et al. "Priority-setting for achieving universal health coverage." *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 94.6 (2016): 462.
5. Teerawattananon, Yot, et al. "Role of priority setting in implementing universal health coverage." (2016): i244.