

1st Cohort UoN HIV Fellowship Programme

THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI (UON) HIV FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

WAS ESTABLISHED in 2008 to build the capacity of indigenous Kenyans to run large scale HIV programmes. The aim of the program is to provide Leadership and Management skills to professionals managing health programs in Kenya and support service delivery in partner institutions.

The Fellowship is funded by the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is implemented by the University of Nairobi Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (UNITID) in collaboration with the University of Washington (UW). Within the University, UNITID, works closely with the School of Business, School of Computing and Informatics, School of Medicine, School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the School of Continuing and Distance Education. The fellowship programme prides itself in providing competence based training that creatively combines class based training with experiential learning and mentorship.

The programme provides three types of training: The Long Term Fellowship, targeting mid to senior level public health professionals in the public and private sector to build their capacity to provide evidence-based and effective public health leadership and management. Training is full time for 24 months (6 months class based training, 18 months experiential learning). Fellows can specialize in HIV Program Management, Health Informatics and Health Economics.

Medium Term Fellowship In Monitoring and Evaluation is an in service training targeting professionals working in health institutions. The program is designed

to build institutional capacity through training individuals in Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Training is for 6 months (2 months class based training, 4 months experiential learning). The admission requirements are a relevant Bachelors degree; familiarity with the Kenya health care system and HIV/AIDS programs; an interest in applying M &E in health.

The short courses are designed to provide specific skills to programme managers at all levels. The courses are implemented via face to face or through web cast technology. Training is for 5-10 days. Candidates are sourced from the private and public sector depending on the specific course.

Through this programme, over 1,200 participants across the country have attended various short courses while through online short courses, people in far flung areas like Wajir and Lamu have accessed training. To date the program has trained 30 fellows. The programme graduated 12 graduates during the 1st Cohort UoN HIV Fellowship Programme ceremony held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012.

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