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Certificate Course in Community Eye Health

October 13-Dec 5, 2008

The KCCO and its partners at ICEH and the University of Cape Town received a grant from Nuffield Foundation (UK) to support community eye health (CEH) training in Africa. The KCCO will be conducting the third, of four, 8-week CEH courses in eastern Africa starting October 13, 2008

The students attending the courses are expected to come from government or NGO salaried positions where they will use their training to maximum effect and implement the plans they develop during the course. It is anticipated that participants will be individuals whose primary responsibility is to implement a “district” (population 1 million) VISION 2020 programme or who have national VISION 2020 responsibilities. The course is open to participants from throughout Africa. To ensure good interaction, it is envisioned that 10-15 people will attend the course.

Course faculty will come from throughout Africa as well as from Europe and North America.

Date	Module topic
Oct 13-17	Principles of prevention of blindness & VISION 2020 Background sessions to understand the fundamentals of prevention of blindness and VISION 2020 (includes background on systems of health care service delivery, blindness as a disability, geographic differences, NGOs, other related health care issues)
Oct 20-24	Blinding eye diseases (cataract & refractive error) Epidemiology (risk factors), management of the conditions, follow up, outcomes
Oct 27-31	Blinding eye diseases (childhood blindness, focal diseases, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, low vision) Epidemiology (risk factors), management of the condition, follow up, outcomes
Nov 3-7	Planning Fundamentals of planning for populations (burden of disease, needs assessment—hospital and community, tools needed, assessing existing capacities, population based planning, individual work time regarding project area)
Nov 10-14	Bridging strategies Strategies to link communities with eye care providers

Nov 17-21	Management Financial management, human resource management, marketing, leadership, quality, computerized reporting, managing change
Nov 24-28	Management Financial management, human resource management, marketing, leadership, quality, computerized reporting, managing change
Dec 1-5	The “way forward” Advocacy, community participation, health education, finalizing plans

The Nuffield Foundation will be providing scholarships (accommodation, meals, transport) for up to 8 students selection by their respective national prevention of blindness committee. Others may apply as non-scholarship students; they will be responsible for covering course fees (which include all costs except airfare to/from Kilimanjaro). Interested individuals should contact:

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