

Bridging Communities and Eye Care Providers to Achieve **VISION 2020** in Africa

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Moshi - Tanzania.

Course Description:

To provide eye care programme managers with the skills necessary to develop, implement and monitor strategies for increasing utilization for services by the population in need.

Main Learning Objectives

At the end of the course trainees should be able to:

- Identify reasons for poor utilization of existing eye care services.
- Identify strengths and weaknesses in current strategies to mobilize patients for surgery.
- Understand the meaning of “bridging strategies” and the importance of equity based policies and programmes.
- Determine the relative merit of different approaches for increasing awareness and acceptance of eye care services by the population.
- Understand the potential role of community in mobilization of patients for surgery and the factors that lead to strong partnership.
- Describe reasons for gender disparities utilization of eye care services and approaches to increasing equity in service utilization.
- Understand how to establish a community optometry to generate funds that can be used to support the bridging strategy.
- Understand how decisions regarding surgery are made at the community level.
- Understand what is counseling, its importance in bridging strategy, and components of a counselling system.
- Understand how to set up a system for providing follow up after surgery.

Target Audience:

Eye care programme managers (from government, NGO's, or service groups), trainers and key decision makers of national prevention of blindness programmes.

Methods: Lectures, Case Studies, Group work, Field visits

Course Fee:

\$ 400 per week

Venue

- Moshi, Tanzania

Faculty

- Dr. Amos Nyathirombo

- Mr. Edson Mwaipopo

- Mr. Peter Kileo

Conveners

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* The Fee will cover local transport, lunch and tea breaks during the course, lecture notes, and other course materials



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