

Training Workshop for Health Workers on Integration of Essential NCD interventions for Prevention and Control of Major NCDs into Primary Health Care, Paro, Bhutan

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1. assess capacity of primary care to integrate major NCDs ;
2. provide training on integration of major NCDs into Primary Health Care (PHC) to a team of trainers and health workers; and
3. explore the feasibility of piloting the essential NCD interventions package in primary care in selected facilities

WHO HQ & SEARO in collaboration with WHO Country Office has conducted Orientation and Training Workshop for Health Workers on Integration of Essential NCD interventions for Prevention and Control of Major NCDs into Primary Health Care, Paro, Bhutan from 11 – 13 March 2009. A total of 40 District Medical Officers, Assistant Clinical Officers and Health Assistants participated in the workshop.

In the closing session, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Health was the guest of honour. Dr H.S.B. Tennakoon, WHO Representative to Bhutan and other senior officials of the Ministry of Health also participated.



Ministry of Health will initiate and implement Pilot Project on Integration of NCDs into Primary Health Care: WHO Package of Essential NCD interventions in two districts: Paro in the western region and Bumthang in central region. Based on the experience and evaluation, it will then be expanded to other districts.