International Cancer Control Partnership (ICCP) Cancer Control ECHO® Program

Overview

The International Cancer Control Partnership (ICCP) ECHO Program seeks to support national cancer control plan implementation through development of a virtual community of practice using the Project ECHO technology-enabled collaborative learning model. The ICCP ECHO Program convenes countries in the implementation stage of their national cancer control plan, bringing together country-level participants and global cancer control experts in a bi-directional learning environment through monthly hour-long ECHO sessions. The curriculum focuses on topics identified by participants as key areas of technical need in cancer control plan implementation (e.g., scaling up evidence-based cancer prevention and control interventions, costing the national cancer control plan, strategies for prioritizing cancer prevention and control activities, etc.). Each session includes a case presentation by one of the participating countries, a didactic presentation by an expert on a technical topic, and a group discussion. Program outcomes are measured through a pre-post survey method, which will assist in tracking knowledge acquisition and responding to changing participant and country needs over the course of the ICCP ECHO Program. The ICCP ECHO Program launched in October 2020 and accepts applications on an annual basis.

Application Eligibility Criteria

The ICCP ECHO Program welcomes applications from country-level teams who lead or are active in the implementation of the National Cancer Control Plan in their countries. The eligibility criteria for participation are as follows:

1. Participation in the ICCP ECHO Program is open to country teams from low- and middle-income countries (as defined by the World Bank country classification) who are actively implementing a National Cancer Control Plan (NCCP) in their country.
2. Priority will be given to applicants from LMIC countries with a current National Cancer Control Plan (NCCP), with plans in place for implementation of the NCCP.
3. Applicants will confirm via letter of support that they have that they have government/Ministry of Health support for involvement in the ICCP ECHO.
4. Applicants will confirm via letter of support that they have institutional commitment, including time permission, for participation in the ECHO through the ICCP ECHO Program Statement of Collaboration**.
5. Applicants will commit to a minimum of one-year (12 sessions) participation in the ECHO.

Applicants who do not meet the above eligibility criteria have the opportunity to be referred to the ICCP Technical Assistance Working Group for guidance on National Cancer Control Plan development and implementation.

Application Process

Each year the ICCP ECHO invites eligible applicant teams to complete an online application form for the ICCP ECHO Program. The questions in this form are not intended to be a merit assessment. They are intended to help the ICCP ECHO planning team become familiar with in-country cancer control plan implementation activities so as to best design the curriculum to suit participants' current situations. The ICCP ECHO planning team reviews all applications, follows up with any questions, and notifies applicant teams of acceptance. Upon acceptance into the ICCP ECHO, accepted participants receive a Statement of Collaboration** to sign and return, indicating confirmation of enrollment into the ECHO program (each individual is asked to sign a Statement Collaboration). Prior to the start of the ICCP ECHO Program, participants receive on overview of the curriculum, the session schedule, participant list, and invitation to complete the baseline evaluation survey.

Application start date for 2021: April 2021 (tentative)

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**Statement of Collaboration includes commitment to participate for a minimum of one year (12 sessions), willingness to give a case presentation, agreement to complete program evaluation (baseline, midpoint, and endpoint survey).]