



International Cancer Control Partnership ECHO® Program for National Cancer Control Plan Implementation (ICCP ECHO) 2022-2023 & Technical Assistance Program

Overview of the ICCP ECHO

The [International Cancer Control Partnership](#) (ICCP) ECHO Program is a virtual community of practice for countries active in National Cancer Control Plan (NCCP) implementation. Using the [ECHO Model](#), the ICCP ECHO Program brings together country teams and global cancer control experts in a bi-directional learning environment through monthly hour-long ECHO sessions. The curriculum focuses on key implementation strategies (Table 1), and incorporates topics identified by participants as key areas of technical need in their context in cancer control plan implementation. Each session includes a case presentation by one of the participating country teams, a didactic presentation by an expert, and a group discussion. Program outcomes are measured through a mixed method evaluation using pre-post surveys and pre-post focus group discussions, 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.

Overview of the ICCP Technical Assistance Program

The ICCP Technical Assistance Workgroup provides guidance and connection to technical resources for countries developing and implementing their NCCPs. This includes connection to ICCP partner institutions with relevant expertise. During participation in the ICCP ECHO, country teams can request technical assistance if they encounter questions and technical assistance needs in NCCP implementation as they arise. After each ECHO session, the ICCP ECHO hub team will follow up with each country team and if they have specific questions, they can set up a Zoom call to further discuss and navigate accordingly. For example, if a country has set strengthening surveillance data as a priority, the ICCP ECHO team can connect that country to the regional cancer registry network for further dialogue and technical guidance. At the end of the ICCP ECHO, the country may be asked to provide feedback on technical assistance provided by ICCP to inform future programs.

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. Country teams may consist of up to five participants representing country level cancer control partners working on NCCP implementation, such as from the government, policy, research, advocacy, and clinical sectors.
2. Country team applicants will confirm via letter of support that they have government/Ministry of Health support for involvement in the ICCP ECHO.

3. Country team applicants, once accepted, will confirm institutional commitment for participation in the ECHO through the ICCP ECHO Program Statement of Collaboration**.
4. Applicants will confirm time and availability to participate in the ICCP ECHO for a minimum of one-year (12 sessions).

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, or other cancer control-related questions.

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 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 an overview of the curriculum, the session schedule, participant list, and invitation to complete the baseline evaluation survey, and participate in the pre-ECHO focus group discussion.

Application start date for 2022-2023: 01 June 2022 (tentative)

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Table 1: List of National Cancer Control Plan implementation strategies explored within the ICCP ECHO curriculum:

- Improving data collection and use of data for NCCP implementation
- National coordination of cancer control efforts and partners
- Importance of costing, financing, and allocating for NCCPs
- Mobilizing the healthcare workforce
- Use of data for monitoring, evaluation, and research
- Improving service delivery, implementing system changes
- Resource mobilization and allocation

**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.