

## Teaching Materials and Services

### **Centre for African Language Learning, London**

Centre for African Language Learning (CALL), London, UK, provides a wide range of African languages taught by mother-tongue speakers through individual or group tuition. A variety of teaching and learning resources cover issues including development and Primary Health Care. Translating and interpreting services are also available. Contact: Saidi El Gheithy, CALL, Africa Centre, 38 King Street, London WC2E 8JT. Tel: 071 240 0199.

### ***Health Policy and Planning***

This Journal on health development published by Oxford University Press in association with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and edited by Patrick Vaughan and Gill Walt in the LSHTM, Keppel Street, London W1C 7HT. A recent editorial note follows:

‘The first issue of this volume (Number 7) of *Health Policy and Planning* was unusual—a special issue on rapid assessment methods in tropical disease research—and we are keen to elicit responses from readers about its impact. The papers took a critical look at a variety of purposes—rapid evaluation of disease prevalence, mortality estimates due to specific causes, assessment of community problems and priorities and rapid data analysis—and their potential for application to tropical settings. While the articles focused on tropical diseases the methodological issues raised by the authors are equally relevant to most other health problems.

What do readers think of the issue? Should *Health Policy and Planning* produce more special issues? Are there other topics suitable for this sort of presentation? Readers’ comments and views, as always, are encouraged. Enquiries to the journal from other symposium and conference organizers would also be welcomed.

We are still keen to receive papers from the developing world and, while happy with the increase in numbers of papers from industrialized world writers, we would particularly welcome contributions from people living in the less developed world. We welcome articles and reports:

- reviewing major topics
- reporting original research
- short articles covering health policy issues
- short reports of research studies and evaluations of general interest.

A 1-year free subscription for the best articles from authors in developing countries is one way we try to encourage writers. The winners of a free subscription for 1992 are: Bong-min Yang in Korea, R. C. Sharma in India and R. Soebekti in Indonesia.

Volume, No. 3, September 1992 carries 2 articles on leprosy: ‘Where are we now? Leprosy’ by S. K. Noordeen and ‘Ten best readings in leprosy’ by A. C. McDougall.

### **Epidemiology Programme; Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK**

The Liverpool Epidemiology Programme (LEP) was set up in response to the World Health Assembly’s call for greater use of epidemiology in monitoring strategies for health for all and for improved training in epidemiology, particularly to meet the needs of developing countries. The aim

of the programme is to promote the methods of epidemiology towards the improvement of health in developing countries.

LEP is based in the Unit for Statistics and Epidemiology (USE) in the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) and receives financial support from the Overseas Development Administration. Our team of experienced epidemiologists and statisticians work alongside health professionals to define the role of epidemiology in their work and to identify training needs. Activities include the provision of short courses in Liverpool, assistance in running courses overseas and the development of training material.

We are inviting colleagues with similar interests to join the programme as visiting fellows for periods of between 3 and 6 months. The most suitable people will be health professionals involved in training programmes in their own countries who would like to develop and share their ideas with us in Liverpool. Their activities might include the development of:

*Methodologies*, for example, methods of needs assessment, alternative training strategies, techniques of evaluation.

*Training material* using various media, for example, case studies, computer based learning, reference material.

*Syllabuses* for short courses for groups of health staff, for example, working in maternal and child health, disease surveillance, district health management, refugee health care.

We are looking for people with innovative ideas for promoting epidemiology in health care.

Visiting fellows will have had some years' experience in senior government or university posts and it is essential that they receive in-country support to implement the projects which they develop in Liverpool.

Research fellows will each receive:

- a return fare to Liverpool;
- subsistence and accommodation in Liverpool;
- administrative support in Liverpool;
- access to the computing and library facilities in LSTM;
- academic and technical support from LEP staff during and after their stay in Liverpool.

Applicants should send:

- a detailed curriculum vitae;
- a 2-page summary of the work they would like to undertake in Liverpool indicating how long it will take (3–6 months);
- a statement from their employer indicating the support which will be given to implement the ideas after returning from Liverpool.

Applications will be assessed in terms of quality and of their likely contribution to the overall aims of LEP. Up to 6 fellowships will be awarded between September 1992 and December 1994. There are no closing dates for receipt of applications but applicants are encouraged to apply immediately.

Applications or requests for more information should be sent to:

Liverpool Epidemiology Programme, Unit for Statistics and Epidemiology, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Pembroke Place, Liverpool L3 5QA, UK Fax 051-708 8733.

### **Action in International Medicine: AIM, London, UK**

AIM wishes to promote improvements in health care to needy populations by helping to strengthen continuing education and postgraduate training for health professionals, and by assisting in the development of the infrastructure of health care. AIM works through interprofessional collaboration by responding to initiatives and requests from within countries of 'the South'.

More than 80 organizations have pledged their support in principle. What is needed now is to expand a programme of action which can be carried out in full participation with institutions and individuals.

AIM intends to proceed by enhancing skills and improving the working conditions of health professionals on the front line, and by focusing more public and political support on the health care of deprived communities.

Further information is available from: AIM, Windeyer Building, 46 Cleveland Street, London W1P 6DB, UK.

### **International Health Exchange (IHE)**

Formerly called the Bureau of Overseas Medical Service, IHE has now expanded considerably. It aims to:

- facilitate the provision of health workers to developing countries;
- promote appropriate training for those preparing to work overseas;
- raise awareness among health workers of the health and human resource needs of the developing countries.

Short training courses include the following:

Introducing Primary Health Care in Developing Countries

Refugee Community Health Care

Surgery for Non-Surgeons

and an evening course on PHC, Branching Out

IHE publishes the annual *Short Courses Calendar* and provides information on training courses and resources in the UK.

Its bi-monthly magazine, *The Health Exchange*, explores issues and practical approaches to health care in developing countries. It provides an opportunity for health workers and non-governmental organizations to share experiences and viewpoints. The additional job and course listings make this magazine unique in the development field.

Amongst many valuable items of information available from IHE, the following is a list of Health Resource Centres in the UK:

AHRTAG (Appropriate Health Resources and Technologies Action Group), 1 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SG, Tel: 071 378 1403. Provides an information and enquiry service for health workers going to work or working in developing countries; runs a resource centre comprising a comprehensive range of PHC information and materials; offers contacts with a network of health programmes and individuals; publishes practical manuals and free international newsletters: Dialogue on Diarrhoea; Acute Respiratory Infection; Community Rehabilitation News (CBR News) AIDS Action.

TALC (Teaching Aids at Low Cost), Barbara Harvey, PO Box 49, St Albans AL1 4AX, Tel: 0727 53869. Sends out 60,000 excellent, low cost health books and numerous teaching materials each year. Send off for a books/materials price list.

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL CHILD HEALTH, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1, Tel: 071 242 9789. All TALC books and materials on display and available; audio visual centre; Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) resource centre; library on all aspects of child health and resource centre including country specific material. The Department runs short and long courses on the priority issues in PHC and Maternal and Child Health and Rehabilitation.

INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION (IPPF), Regent College, Regents Park, Inner Circle, London NW1, Tel: 071 486 0741. Promotes family planning and mother and child health as part of the development process. Library and reading room; teaching materials, much material free and in a variety of languages; produces useful material on AIDS and a

newsletter. If visiting, see the Centre for World Development Education in the same building. Tel: 071 487 5438.

**CHILD-TO-CHILD PROGRAMME**, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H OAP, Tel 071 612 6650. This is a programme promoting an approach to health education and primary health care spread by a network of health and education workers in the developing world. It focuses on the role children play in caring for younger children, and how they can improve their community's health. Free materials available.

**NATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCE**, 57 Chalton Street, London NW1 1HU, Tel: 071 383 3841. This is a UK-orientated organization working to promote and develop national and regional networks of community health initiatives and health workers, to discuss issues of common interest and to work towards influencing national health policy.

**IDEA** (International Disability Education and Awareness), William House, 101 Eden Vale Road, Westbury, Wiltshire BA13 3QF, Tel: 0373 827635. IDEA offers training courses and advisory services to health workers, organizations and individuals concerned with disability overseas and in Britain. Resource library and wide network of contacts available.

**LIVERPOOL SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE**, Pembroke Place, Liverpool L3 5QA, Tel: 051 708 9393. Library, audiovisual department. Education Resource Group for Health Systems (ERGHS): support of training systems through planning, curriculum development, evaluation, support for health education and promotion, human resource management; resource centre (visitors welcome, postal loans available—phone extension 2256); international newsletter; also courses in training and health education/promotion for primary health care. ERGHS also runs **CHESS**, an information and advice service for field workers in health education/promotion, training and human resource management.

**LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE**, Keppel Street, London WC1, Tel: 071 636 8636. Comprehensive library and some excellent publications from the Ross Institute and Evaluation and Planning Centre. See also the Department of Tropical Hygiene and the Centre for Human Nutrition.

**CENTRE FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION (CWDE)**, 1 Catton Street, London WC1R 4AB, Tel: 071 831 3844. An independent education organization working to increase knowledge of development and less developed countries in Britain. The Centre provides an information service to teachers, students, and the public. Has produced a range of publications and slide sets; its resource centre includes material from international and voluntary organizations.

**OXFAM RESOURCE CENTRE**, Oxfam House, 274 Banbury Road, Summertown, Oxford OX2 7DZ, Tel: 0865 56777. Stocks materials and information on some of the countries in which Oxfam works and on key development issues, e.g. health, aid, debt, the environment and women's issues.

**AFRICA CENTRE**, 38 King Street, London WC2E 8JT, Tel: 071 836 1973. Small library, bookshop, exhibitions, evening lectures, courses on African culture, current affairs, etc. African languages school (CALL).

**WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE**, 173 Archway Road, London N6 5BL, Tel: 081 341 4403. Library and resources on women's issues including material on health. Runs seminars, network and produces a journal: 'Wiser Links'.

**WHO Publications** available from (in the UK): HMSO, 49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6HB; or 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh EH2 3AR; or 80 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JY. All mail orders should be sent to: HMSO Publications Centre, 51 Nine Elms Lane, London SW8 5DR.

**CONCORD FILM COUNCIL**, 201 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, Suffolk. Sells and hires out a wide range of films and videos on development issues including health.

**INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT GROUP (ITDG)**, 103–105 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4HH. ITDG gathers and disseminates information, and advises on the

choice of technologies appropriate for developing countries. In Southampton Row is the bookshop, including a mail order service, producing and distributing a wide range of books including those on health development issues.

INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (PUBLICATIONS UNIT), University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9RE. Publishes and distributes a wide range of publications on development issues including health.

PROBSTHAIN (BOOKSHOP OF THE SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES AT UNIVERSITY OF LONDON), Malet Street, London WC1, Tel: 071 637 2388 x 2295.

CIIR, 22 Coleman Fields, London N1 7AF, Tel: 071 354 0883. A cross-skill sending agency which produces useful publications including health issues.

### Teaching and learning materials for tuberculosis

A selection of books on tuberculosis is now available from The Leprosy Mission International, 80 Windmill Road, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 0QH, England.

Books have been selected for various categories of health worker. Because of demand, we may restrict the number of free items to any one individual. Students should order through their college principal. Training institutions with currency-exchange problems should order through their ILEP Co-ordinator.

#### *Books for Programme Managers*

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| T101 | <i>Technical guide for sputum examination for tuberculosis by direct microscopy.</i> Bulletin of the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Supplement No. 2. 1978. This 16-page booklet is for field laboratories and presents general principles for collection, transportation and examination for tuberculosis by direct microscopy. | Free  |
| T102 | <i>Tuberculosis: Case-finding and chemotherapy. Questions and answers,</i> by K. Toman, 1979. Published by World Health Organization.  | £7.75 |
| T103 | <i>Tuberculosis guide (for high prevalence countries).</i> 1986. IUTALD.   | Free  |
| T104 | <i>Tuberculosis and AIDS,</i> by G. Slutkin, J. Leowski and J. Mann. A 4-page article from the Bulletin of the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD), Vol 63: 2, June 1988.   | Free  |
| T105 | <i>Tuberculosis,</i> by C. Murray, K. Styblo and Annik Rouillon. A Health Sector Priorities Review, undertaken by The World Bank is reported in this document.   | Free  |

#### *Books for Supervisors*

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| T201 | <i>Tuberculosis control programmes in developing countries,</i> by Paul Shears, Oxfam Practical Health Guide, No. 4. 1988. This booklet combines the most recent development in the scientific understanding of tuberculosis with the realities of working at a primary health care centre. | £2.95 |
| T202 | <i>Tuberculosis control as an integral part of primary health care.</i> WHO Geneva, 1988. The aim of this booklet is to help the managers of PHC programmes and of Tuberculosis control programmes achieve step by step integration, giving priority to case-finding and treatment.         | £3.60 |