

Health Related Training and Education

As part of United Nations Interagency Rehabilitation Programme (UNIRP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) provides health related training and education support to Verified Minors and Late Recruits (VMLRs), who have passed School Leaving Certificate (SLC) Level. Health workers in rural areas are particularly in demand and choosing this option presents a perfect opportunity to act as real agents of change in a community.

In compliance with the regulations established by the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT), the health related training offers a 15 to 18 month course with two components: institutional training and education, and On-the-Job Training (OJT). OJT, which takes place in District/Regional Hospitals, Primary Health Care Centres, Health Posts and Sub Health Post, lasts three months.

The courses offered are i) Community Medical Assistant (CMA), ii) Lab Assistant (LA), and iii) Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) courses.

During training, participants are provided with a monthly stipend, stationery and transportation allowances, and a one-time support grant to purchase text books and uniforms. The participants are also provided with emergency health care support during the entire period.

Training and Reintegration

Participating VMLRs receive tuition classes to prepare for the National level Entrance Examination conducted by CTEVT. Successful candidates are admitted into either a pre-selected institute or an institute of their choice in their own community. Through a special request from UNIRP, CTEVT created a quota provision for VMLRs who participated in the entrance examination to facilitate their return to the communities as qualified and responsible citizens.



Participants of Health related Training and Education attending a practical laboratory demonstration

'Our Hands that used weapons in the past have been trained to cure the community people thus saving their lives.'

-A participant

Upon completion of the course, and after registration with the Nepal Health Professional Council, participants are able to compete for job opportunities in the Health Sector. UNIRP is working with the Ministry of Health and Population and related agencies at the district level to secure formal sector employment for health training graduates.

Participants are provided with counselling, career advice and the life-skills needed to enter into competitive employment in the health sector.

UNIRP works closely with communities to raise awareness of their role in allowing the return of ex-combatants. The support of the community is the most important significant factor in the success of the programme, as they are effective in constructing a conducive environment where both parties work effectively together. The way forward is in their hands as well as the VMLRs.



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