



Intermediate Field Epidemiology Training Program (I-FETP)

Fully Sponsored One Year In-Service Training



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Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi**
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1. Field Epidemiology Training Program

National Institute of Public Health Training and Research (NIPHTR), Mumbai, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India in collaboration with National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, has initiated the One-year Intermediate Field Epidemiology Training Program (I-FETP) for Maharashtra and regional state health services.

This program is modelled on the India Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) programme, a Government of India initiative, in collaboration with the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

2. Objectives of I-FETP

- Enhance the skills and capacities of the state/district epidemiologists, surveillance and program officers in epidemiological data assessment
- Improve data collection, analysis, interpretation and communication skills
- To improve the quality of surveillance and program data to enable systematic analysis and informed public health decision-making.
- Strengthen the system's capacity to respond to public health emergencies and threats

3. Core Competencies

- To conduct surveillance evaluation and analyze surveillance data to inform public health action
- To develop the skills in early identification, effective management and optimal public health response to outbreaks
- To conduct the epidemiological investigations
- To empower scientific writing and presentation of the abstracts and reports
- To build a competent and confident workforce for health advocacy

4. Eligibility Criteria

- Service: Regular/contractual employees of the state health services or equivalent (autonomous bodies or undertakings) permitted by their respective controlling authorities
- Age limit: up to 50 years
- Essential Qualifications: MBBS/BDS/AYUSH/Master's degree in Public Health with any background from a recognized institution/Master's degree with three years of experience
- Affiliation to program/project: Employees of the state health service working at least one year in the communicable disease/ non-communicable disease or related program/public health activities nominated by the department (or)

- If there are no suitable candidate the Employer/Nominator may identify a suitable candidate for this program by assuring that the candidate will be placed in the program cell during the course duration

5. Undertaking:

- Willingness expressed by the officer to serve three years in public health program activities after completion of the I-FETP course
- The organisation to assist the candidate in the completion of the respective CAL and to relieve them during their contact sessions

6. Duration

- In-service program with a duration of one year.

7. Course Schedule

- The training program will commence in August 2025
- Five contact sessions at regular intervals are to be attended by the candidate
- Field mentor support will be provided to the candidate
- Field activities of 38-40 weeks are to be conducted

8. Selection Process

NIPHTR and NCDC will jointly review the applications. Eligible candidates will be shortlisted based on preliminary screening. The screening committee will assess applications and supporting documents and shortlisted candidates will undergo interviews and final selection.

9. Organization of the Training Program

- FETP officers will continue in their respective state/district public health positions/placement for the entire duration of the course
- Periodic short classroom courses will be conducted to prepare officers for their field activities
- One year program duration will comprise of five contact sessions and on-the-job trainings (38-40 weeks)

10. Core Activities of Learning (CALs)

The CALs are the activities that provide opportunities to develop proficiency in critical epidemiologic competencies.

- Surveillance/program data analysis
- Field/outbreak investigation/Program implementation planning
- Evaluation of health/ surveillance program
- Group epidemiological study
- Scientific writing abstract(s)/brief report/ oral presentation

11. Mentorship/Supervision

During the training, each candidate will be assigned a mentor and a co-mentor. Mentors will work closely with the I-FETP officers during the course of the training to complete their respective CALs. The mentors and co-mentors will be experts from different collaborating sectors. Technical support will also be provided by identified subject matter experts as per the requirement of the CAL.

12. Course Fee

There is no course fee for the candidates.

13. Benefits of Training Program

I-FETP officers will be highly skilled practicing epidemiologists equipped to investigate disease outbreaks, evaluate health programs and conduct epidemiological studies. They will serve as mentors or trainers for the future FETP training. The sponsoring organisation will be empowered in terms of expertise as cited in the objectives and core competencies.

15. Certification

A certificate of completion, jointly signed by NIPHTR, NCDC and CDC India will be awarded to the candidate on successful completion of all the planned CALs.

16. Nominations and Application

To apply click on the link below

<https://forms.gle/HFty8uxarCt3voBKA>

The last date for receiving nominations is **31st July, 2025**.

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