



## People's Health Movement (PHM) and Regional Network for Equity in Health in East and Southern Africa (EQUINET)



### East and Southern Africa Regional Peoples Health University Theme: Past, present and future struggles for Health equity 29 July to 12 November 2021

#### ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR APPLICANTS

The first East and Southern Africa Regional People's Health University (ESA RPHU) jointly convened by [PHM](#) and [EQUINET](#) is being held virtually between 29 July and 12 November with the theme 'Past, present and future struggles for Health equity'.

The course aims to build and share evidence, experience, analysis and knowledge on the drivers of health equity to support efforts and activism within countries, as new and existing members of PHM and EQUINET, and in regional co-operation and joint engagement, from local to global level, on shared priorities. The course aims to link key areas of evidence and knowledge to practical experiences and action to share insights and build learning from action.



The course will be interactive with presentations and group activities and discussions in 10 one or two sessions weekly that will cover the key issues affecting and responses to advance health equity in the ESA region, including the political economy and social determinants of health and wellbeing, the organization of comprehensive public health, primary health care and health systems, commodification of health and equity in health technology, and the social power, rights and laws, organisation and activism that drives health equity. The course will address this from the longer term perspective of past trends, current realities and future challenges, and will integrate learning on the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparedness for future epidemics, pandemics and public health 'emergencies'. We will provide time between sessions for engagement within and feedback from participant organisations/constituencies and for ongoing discussions on how future work can connect across organisations and regionally within EQUINET and PHM.



The course will take place in closed sessions for 30-40 course participants, with open access online dissemination of plenary presentations and resources following each session for wider dissemination. Sessions will be in English.

#### CALL FOR APPLICANTS- Closing date 25 June 2021:

We invite applicants based / working in the east and southern Africa region in state, non-state, community-based institutions involved in health-related work, from health and other sectors and disciplines that have an impact on health equity. Applicants should be working or with a role within organisations / associations/ networks that engage with grassroots communities and at district and or national and international level that are able to amplify outreach and information from the course to others through their work and organisations and to have support from their organisations for their participation in the course. As the course is being held online in English basic proficiency in English and an ability to connect online regularly using zoom for sessions with a smartphone/ipad/laptop/desktop is essential. Applicants should also provide evidence of activism / action in social justice, health and wellbeing and a commitment to using the course for follow up action and activism. We will seek to a balance in the gender, age, countries, organisations and roles of participants, and will give particular consideration to applicants under 35 years and with disabilities.

- Use the form attached if emailed, or visit <https://tinyurl.com/38zfz8m> to download the application form. Please fill it clearly and send it to [ESAfricaRPHU@gmail.com](mailto:ESAfricaRPHU@gmail.com), or
- Fill the online application form (available from 30 May, url to be provided).
- Applicant forms must be received by 25 June 2021. Applicants will be informed by 12 July

For further information or queries on applications, please email [ESAfricaRPHU@gmail.com](mailto:ESAfricaRPHU@gmail.com) with RPHU APPLICANT in the subject line.