

Director (IPH&SS) Message

Khyber Medical University (KMU) is the only public sector medical university in KP, which was established in 2007 under the Khyber Medical University Act, 2006. It has a technical and territorial jurisdiction throughout KP and FATA, therefore all under and postgraduate public and private sector medical and allied health institutes/colleges/programs are either affiliated with KMU or its constituent bodies. Health department KP is the administrative department of KMU and its attached constituent institutes. Institute of Public Health & Social Sciences (IPH&SS) is the first ever constituent institute of KMU, established in December 2008. The institute was enriched with competent full-time faculty members who are further strengthened after the joining of 06 PhD scholars and 03 family physicians from the highest ranking universities of the UK, Austria, Germany and USA. They are engaged in epidemiological research, clinical research, preventive services and human resource development. The institute has recently shifted to her new purposely built campus at Phase V, Hayatabad, Peshawar.



Prof Dr Zia Ul Haq is the Director of IPH&SS who has earned his PhD from the University of Glasgow, UK in the field of Public Health. IPH&SS KMU under his leadership enjoys a wonderful working relationship with WHO, WFP, ICRC, GIZ, UNFPA, HEC-Pakistan, UK funding agencies, DFID, John Hopkins University USA, Nanjing Medical University, Jiangsu-China, Agha Khan University karachi, Department of Health KP, FATA Health directorate Peshawar, Population welfare department KP and Ministry of Health, Islamabad and has completed several projects together.

The mission of our Institute is to conduct teaching sessions, promote research culture and to generate sustainable healthier society in Pakistan. We believe in promoting equitable, effective, evidence-based interventions for decreasing the Public Health problems that are faced by both rural and urban societies. We accomplish our aim by bringing together best talents in the area of Public Health, providing our future scholars with a dynamic educational environment wherein they could make a difference in the future to come.

Currently we have around 180 master and 12 PhD students. We offer our students a wide range of Public Health best opportunities:

- Masters in Health Research (MHR duration two years- 06 modules)
- Diploma in Health Research (DipHR duration 1 year- 03 modules)
- Certificate in Health Research (CertHR duration 6 months- 02 modules)

- Masters of Public Health (MPH duration 2 years)- with sub specialities of hospital administration, NCD and MNCH
- M.Phil. in Community Dentistry (M.Phil. C.D duration 2 years)
- Diploma in Family Medicine (DFM duration 1 year- on job plus face to face sessions)
- Diploma in Diabetes (DD 2 years- in collaboration with the Department of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases, MTI HMC)
- Masters in Epidemiology & Biostatistics (MSc Epi & Biostats duration 2 years- 06 modules)
- PhD in Public Health (PhD Public Health duration 3-4 years)

We are about to start a Public Health Nutrition Department, from where master and MPhil public health nutrition programs will be offered in the near future.

IPH&SS being the leading public health institute in Pakistan has conducted many projects for the development of communities and research with active involvement of the current and alumni students. Pakistan needs more than 60,000 trained general practitioners (GPs) to run the primary health care facilities (BHU and RHCs). IPH&SS KMU has volunteered herself for this gigantic task and establishes a family medicine department within IPH&SS and hired GPs with more than two decades of experience in the UK as faculty members. KMU is not only offering diploma in family medicine but working hand in hand with the department of health and WHO to pilot the family practice approach in 12 districts of Pakistan- the public health experts call it a game changer in the health system of Pakistan.

The only Public Health Reference Laboratory (PHRL) of KP Government has been established in KMU- a joint venture of IPH and IBMS KMU, Department of Health KP and NIH Islamabad. This is the 2nd PHRL of the country after NIH and the only one in any province. This laboratory is linked with the surveillance system of department of health KP for the infectious diseases such as Dengue fever, Influenza, Measles, Diphtheria, Polio, Hemorrhagic fever and others. The results will be given at earliest to the department for accurate diagnosis of outbreak prone diseases and thus will save many lives.

We invite you to discover the openings that the Institute of Public Health & Social Sciences, at KMU can offer you to shape an improved and healthy future together.

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