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Dear Principal,

Greetings from the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR).

The Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), is pleased to announce the **Call for Applications** for the **Global Laboratory Leadership Programme (GLLP)**.

We kindly request you to circulate the attached **GLLP Call for Applications** and **Programme Brochure** among qualified faculty members and laboratory professionals who meet the eligibility criteria.

The GLLP is a competency-based leadership development programme designed to strengthen laboratory leadership capacity and prepare professionals to effectively lead national laboratory systems and public health initiatives.

Please encourage interested and eligible candidates to submit their applications within the stipulated deadline as mentioned in the attached circular.

Attached:

1. GLLP Call for Applications
2. GLLP Programme Brochure

We would greatly appreciate your support in disseminating this opportunity and share the circular in your institutional website as well as notice board of respective department.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and support.

Sincerely,

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Director

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CIRCULAR: Global Laboratory Leadership Programme (GLLP) Bangladesh — Call for Applications

The Global Laboratory Leadership Programme (GLLP) is a competency-based leadership development programme designed to strengthen national laboratory systems through skilled laboratory leaders. It is jointly developed by WHO, FAO, WOA, US CDC, ECDC and APHL, and aims to mentor current and emerging laboratory leaders to strengthen laboratory systems using a One Health approach.

Training

The programme comprises classroom-based learning (both physical & virtual), mentorship and work-based practical assignments. The programme follows a blended learning approach, consisting of five 5-day residential training sessions and regular virtual classes throughout the programme. Competency Framework includes Laboratory system, Laboratory Leadership, Laboratory Management, Quality Management Systems, Communication, Biosafety & Biosecurity, Disease Surveillance & Outbreak Investigation, Emergency Preparedness, Response & Recovery, Research— alongside mentorship, leadership projects, peer learning and regular mentoring sessions.

Benefits

Completion certificate; advanced leadership & management competencies; practical leadership experience through mentorship/projects; and contribution to strengthening laboratory services and health security in Bangladesh.

Eligibility Criteria

Category	Human Health Sector	Animal Health Sector
Education	MBBS + postgraduate qualification in Laboratory Sciences or related field	DVM/BSC Veterinary science & Animal Health + postgraduate qualification in a relevant discipline
Employment	Government health officials only	Government Professionals from the animal health sector
Experience	Min. 3 years relevant laboratory experience	Min. 3 years relevant professional experience
Age Limit	Maximum 45 years	Maximum 45 years

Preferred (both sectors): experience in laboratory management/supervision/leadership or quality/network strengthening; demonstrated leadership potential; strong communication & teamwork; commitment to institutional improvement.

How to Apply

Submit: Completed application form; updated CV; academic certificates & transcripts; copy of National ID Card; recent passport-size photograph; recommendation letter/NOC from Head of Institution through the online application link below.

Online Application Link: <https://forms.gle/N1yNDa59bu37fooKA>

Send to: GLLP Secretariat, Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

For Further query please contact: 1. Professor. Dr. Ahmed Nawsher Alam, Cell: 01552309515, Email: anawsher@yahoo.com

2. Dr. Nadita Banik, Program Officer, WHO: Cell: 01764962633, Email: dr.nanditabanik89@gmail.com

Application Deadline: 15-September-2026 — Late applications will not be considered.

Selection Process

1. Applications will be screened per eligibility criteria.
2. Eligible candidates will be shortlisted.
3. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for Viva Voce. The date will be notified to the selected candidates.
4. Final selection will be based on Viva Voce, experience, leadership potential and suitability.
5. Ten (10) candidates will be selected in 1st COHORT on the job training
6. Selected candidates will be invited to join the programme.

Beginning of Training: October 2026 (Tentative)



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Strong laboratories play a critical role in the prevention, detection, and control of diseases. Specialized training for current and emerging laboratory leaders supports a country's ability to respond to future outbreaks and health emergencies.

Key organizations partnered to develop the [Global Laboratory Leadership Programme \(GLLP\)](#) targeting leaders of human and animal health laboratories, as well as laboratories with public health impact such as environmental, agricultural, food, and chemical laboratories. The partners are:

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)
- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL)

The GLLP partners are committed to the programme's vision of laboratory leaders empowering national laboratory systems across the globe using a One Health approach to strengthen health security.

The Laboratory Leadership Competency Framework¹

International experts agree that laboratory leaders need certain core competencies to meet national, regional, and global disease prevention and control objectives. The GLLP encapsulates the following nine core competencies outlined in the Laboratory Leadership Competency Framework:

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| ☒ Laboratory System | ☒ Management |
| ☒ Disease Surveillance and Outbreak Investigation | ☒ Communication |
| ☒ Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery | ☒ Quality Management System |
| ☒ Biosafety and Biosecurity | ☒ Research |
| ☒ Leadership | |

GLLP Learning Package

The programme, available for virtual or in-person implementation, is flexible in length and format, and may be adapted to meet country-specific workforce needs. The GLLP Learning Package provides the materials necessary to implement programmes in any country or educational institution in the world and includes:

- GLLP Planning and Implementation Guide
- GLLP Mentorship Guide
- Presentations and Instructor Guides

The GLLP course materials include four sections (Introduction, Laboratory Management, Laboratory Leadership, and Laboratory Systems) comprising 13 units and 43 modules, with over 200 contact hours' worth of materials, all with a strong One Health focus. The GLLP Learning Package is hosted on the [WHO Health Security Learning Platform](#). Access to the full set of course materials is available upon request and will be granted to organizations planning to use the GLLP materials for a training/learning activity.



Scan here for the GLLP website

For more information: please contact: gllp@who.int

¹Competency Framework, World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Organisation for Animal Health, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Association of Public Health Laboratories, 2019, at <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/laboratory-leadership-competency-framework>.