APPHLP is designed to offer a partnership program to strengthen leadership capacity in the public health workforce, enabling them to address and strategically manage current and emerging public health threats in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The Asia-Pacific Region is faced with pressing public health challenges involving the rapid transmission of new (e.g. HIV/AIDS, Avian Flu) and old (e.g. TB, Dengue Fever, food borne maladies) infectious diseases, industrial accidents, and disasters stemming from global environmental and climate change.

Leadership in strategic planning, partnership and network building, emergency outbreak preparedness and effective risk management is vital for national and regional health security.

Thus, the urgent and high priority capacity building need is to nurture leaders in public health who can develop problem-solving response strategies, coordinate interdisciplinary teams, build international links and partnerships, and effectively communicate and manage risks.
2nd Leadership Fellows from China, Indonesia, and Vietnam

(See PDF report from 2nd gp ALA Graduates)
Introduction:

History and context of the leadership Program

The need for leadership Training in Environment and Population Health

- There is an urgent need globally to develop a capable workforce for the planning, training, research and the provision of technical support for public health development.
- To meet with global challenges to population health, the Centre for Environment and Population Health, Griffith University has been leading the way in the development of an ecologically sustainable model for public health education and professional practices.
- There is a need to expand the existing Griffith program design to be more responsive to the needs of a wide range of economic conditions and health challenges faced by the region.
- China CDC, Indonesian MOH, Vietnam Administration of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health and GU have a long history of collaboration, and hence the public health leadership program is supported by public health top leaders of these three countries.

Capacity Building Program Aims:

- build a public health workforce to strategically address and manage current and emerging public health challenges in the region;
- nurture public health leaders with knowledge and skills that will help them continue to improve the health of the nation;
- strengthen the capacity of public health units to help in meeting specific regional, national, provincial and local needs; and
- provide health practitioners and researchers with theory and practices and international experience in a range of public health issues relevant to disease control and prevention, community health, environmental health, workplace health, women’s health, project management, and health promotion.
Overview of Griffith University
APPH Leadership Program Goal

Goal:
APPHLP will equip future Asia-Pacific public health leaders and
decision-makers with the knowledge and skills to help them improve the health of their
nations and to strengthen the capacity of public health units in their health systems to help
meet specific provincial, regional and local needs.

Purposes:
✓ To provide high potential Asia-Pacific public health officers, especially those in
decision-making, research and policy development, with a rigorous, high-quality Master of
Science in Public Health (MScPH) program tailored to build leadership and strategic
decision-making capacity enabling them to resolve priority regional and national
public health issues.

✓ To develop Australian and Asia-Pacific public health networks and partnerships in
research development and collaboration, information exchange and co-operation on key
transnational population health challenges such as pandemic risk communication,
infectious disease control, food safety and international trade.
1. A set of eight courses for the fellows aimed at enhancing
   - critical analysis and problem-solving abilities enabling them to develop sound research proposals and strategic plans;
   - leadership quality and lateral thinking ability, enabling them to develop vision and build interdisciplinary teams and networks; and
   - project management and communication skills, needed to implement projects successfully.

2. engage local and international experts to run a series of symposia and training workshops on leadership skills and effective management of public health priority risks and emergencies; and

3. run an “English Communication for Public Health” course specially designed to complement the APPHLP and to provide English language training and support throughout the program.
Under the AUSAID Australian Leadership Fellowship Award the Leadership Program is funded for **one-year duration** only;

- This contributes to **partial** fulfilment (80 out of 120 cps) of the MScPH Program at Griffith University;
- The fellows needs to have undertaken (or will take at home country) at least four master level courses one of which should be **Epidemiology**; or exit with a Graduate Diploma;
- GU will grant credit transferral for up to 40CPs towards the MScPH Degree.
The one-year 80CP Leadership program required core subjects are:

1. Leadership and risk management in health and environment
2. Health Determinants and Global Strategies
3. Health Program Planning and Evaluations
4. Strategic Planning and Project management
5. English Communication for Public Health (for international students)

+ Three courses (electives) from the following:
  - Research Design and Planning
  - Leadership Project (20cp)
  - Practicum and Practice
  - Electives subjects relevant to leadership and management from:
    - Graduate School of Management
    - School of Environment
    - School of International Relations
    - School of Public Health
APPH Leadership Program
1st semester courses

1. Health Determinants and Global Strategies
2. Strategic Planning and Project management
3. English Communication for Public Health
4. Leadership and public health management (one-year course)

• Research Design and Planning (either 1 or 2 semester)
  Or
• 10cp dissertation (remaining 30cps in 2nd semester)
  Or
• An elective
Leadership and public health management (one-year course)

1. Health Program Planning and Evaluations

2. Research Design and Planning (either 1 or 2 semester)

- 20cp master project + an elective, or
- 10cp approved topic + 2 electives, or
- 30cp dissertation (without taking credits for Health program Planning and Evaluation)
Concluding Remarks: APPHL Program features

CEPH’s approaches to research, education and practices of Public Health:
- Integrative and system approach
- Ecological understanding and
- Interdisciplinary approach to problem solving

ALA Fellows report of their experience in PDF
Concluding Remarks:
APPHL Program features

• The Government-professional-University partnership arrangement will ensure program staff sensitive to reality, political and health system.
• Quality program offering students useful skills and practical solutions to address emerging health problems in Asia-pacific.
• While flexible with entry requirement on English, it has a mechanism to help students meet the required English standard on exit of the program.
• Provides learning support throughout the program.
• GU will invest in capacity building for country partners via leadership program and PhD scholarships.