Short Report of the International Health economic association 2019 annual congress, Basel Switzerland 13/-17/July 2019

1. Title, place, date of Congress

International Health Economic Association (iHEA) 2019 annual Congress Session, Basel Switzerland, 13/July/2019 to 17/July/2019

2. What was the course/conference/workshop about? Topics, learning methods, (social) activities.

The conference is about knowledge sharing with different countries around the world. The session was structured with the active involvement of the participants in different sessions and learn through reflection, discussion and hands-on practise. In addition to this, technical presentations, on-screen tool demonstration, hands-on exercises, reflections from country experience, as well as discussion in plenary also one of the structure of the sessions. There was also different social event such as group discussions, membership experience sharing, dinner and lunch events also included

3. How will you benefit from this course/conference/workshop?
Please describe what you have gained (knowledge, skills, collaborators, network, friends?), and how this will be useful to your PhD project and/or future career.

I am very happy to be part of this important events, I benefited a lot from this Congress since I got an answer for the question in my mind, how accepted methodologies for health benefit packages design can be applied in low-resource settings. I got a complete and very satisfactory answers for this question. Integrating different approach such as the use of examining the cost-effectiveness of health interventions, the need of assessing the budget implications of proposed packages and the health system needs, and ensuring the fiscal space of the health system to scale up the coverage of the health service package to all those in need, including the most vulnerable. This integration is addressed by the use of WHO tool that outline principles that should be followed for priority setting and decision making. The use of these tools in an extensive and growing number of countries underlines the need for generating platforms that allow for skills building through local application. This tools and methods is helpful to contextualize to the local context through a user-friendly interface by allowing the analysis to be locally conducted and owned. These are successful strategies for developing capacity to generate and share knowledge.

4. How satisfied are you with the course/conference/workshop?
Positive and negative experiences. Would you recommend this course to other PhD students in global health?

I am very satisfied since I got huge experience in the analysis of health benefited package and I networked with global experts for my future carrier. So, I strongly recommend this conference for other PhD students in Global health.