

# ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH MANAGEMENT

## Ms. Gugu Ursula Matchaba

Gugu Ursula Matchaba is Head of Pharmaceutical Services for Project Phidisa; a clinical research collaboration between the SA National Defence Force and the US National Institutes of Health as well as the US Department of Defence. Ms Matchaba has a B. Sc. degree in Chemistry and Statistics from the National University of Lesotho and a B. Pharm (Hons) degree from the University of Zimbabwe. She has a certificate in Business Management from Potchefstroom University and six years experience as a Regulatory Affairs Officer in the pharmaceutical industry. Ms Matchaba has also worked in a hospital and a retail pharmacy.

She successfully completed the certificate in Advanced Health Management with the Foundation for Professional Development and has the following to say about the course:

“The CAHM course that I did with FPD has most definitely influenced my current career. I have always believed that I possess good leadership qualities but the CAHM course helped me identify my weaknesses and further strengthened my good qualities. I find I am able to accept criticism in any form and not take it personally, but focus on the job at hand and the departmental/project goals. CAHM has helped me gain confidence in my ability to manage people.”

On FPD and our sponsors she elaborated by saying: “FPD with the funding of USAID and PEPFAR is playing a critical and commendable role in capacity development of Healthcare Professionals in the field of management and leadership, to better tackle matters of productivity and delivery in institutions dealing with the HIV/AIDS pandemic. FPD has produced good healthcare leaders and managers not only in South Africa but throughout Africa. I hope and trust that FPD will continue to grow from strength to strength making a difference in the management of healthcare institutions in Africa.

Our deepest gratitude goes to the funders of FPD programmes e.g. USAID and PEPFAR”



*“The CAHM course helped me identify my weaknesses and further strengthened my good qualities.”*