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## Foreword

The International Pharmaceutical Federation is pleased to present the 2009 Global Pharmacy Workforce Report. This report expands on the findings of the first 2006 report to examine the workforce situation in more countries, describe significant trends which continue to face workforce development and identify pertinent challenges which must be addressed in order to ensure the equitable access and appropriate use of safe, effective and quality medicines as well as pharmaceutical services. This report also draws on the country experiences relating to workforce development in seven countries to explore the challenges and strategies employed to address these and their outcomes.

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The consequences of under-investment in building pharmaceutical human resource capacity, particularly in health workforce crisis countries, are ill afforded and there is increasing consensus that the failure to address severe workforce shortages has the potential to undermine attempts to improve access to and rational use of medicines.

With this report, FIP urges Member Organisations and important stakeholders such as Ministries of Health, Ministries of Education and training institutions, to seek collaborative and coordinated mechanisms to plan comprehensively and implement pharmacy workforce development. We hope that this report will serve as a valuable evidence based instrument to stimulate further research, discussion and policy action.



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