Regional Consultation for Networking and Coordination of Health Partners for Emergency Response

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GOARN’s role in the SEARO Regional Framework on Operational Partnerships for Emergency Response
WHO relies on partner support for outbreak & emergency response. Partners rely on WHO for leadership, information and logistics.
GOARN at a glance

- Established in April 2000, with a founding group of 60 institutions
- GOARN now comprises over 200 partners and networks, and reaches an additional 500 institutions through network hubs and cascades
- Coordinated and guided by 21-member Steering Committee (SCOM), and Working Groups
- WHO Operational Support Team acts as Secretariat
Key Facts 2000 – 2017

- Deployments: ~2655
- Operations-missions: Over 130
- Person days in the field: ~78,000
- Partner institutions: Over 200
- Support to countries: Over 88
- Governance: 21 SCOM, + 13 Regional
Historically a focus on Africa and Middle East
When an outbreak occurs and there is the need for international assistance...

- A field response is triggered by a **formal request for support** from a WHO Member State, which is passed onto GOARN Secretariat.

- GOARN Secretariat issues an **Alert**, for early warning / preparedness and coordinating response planning.

- Mission agreed with Country, and specific ToRs for each expert.

- GOARN Secretariat issues a **Request for Assistance** to all GOARN institutions, specifying expertise, skills required for the outbreak response team.
GOARN Request for Assistance: International support surveillance of epidemic-prone diseases in Haiti, Post Hurricane Matthew

Date: 06 October 2016
Countries: Haiti
WHO Region: Americas Region (AMRO/PAHO)
Classification: Restricted – not to be disseminated outside GOARN partners

1. Epidemiological update and response

Hurricane Matthew has impacted the island of Hispaniola on 5 October 2016. Matthew produced heavy rainfall of 20-100 cm (8-40 inches) especially in Southern and Northwestern Haiti. Flash floods and mudslides in these remote areas of Haiti are likely to have an impact on the water and sanitation infrastructures. These Departments have very little road access, and were severely affected by cholera in 2011.
Offers for Assistance

- Institutions submit CVs of the staff who fulfil the requirements detailed in the Request for Assistance (qualifications, experience, skills,...)
- Negotiations with MoH/National Authority for agreement
- Suitable candidate(s) are selected and informed
- The deployment process is initiated
Submit an offer through the GOARN Knowledge Platform

Welcome, Stewarta
Selected candidates are provided with the following:

• Deployment as a WHO Short-term Consultant (STC), no remuneration
• Travel and Per Diem covered by WHO
• Set of documents and procedures covering administrative steps for this contracting with WHO
GOARN 2.0 – Re-focused after Ebola

• Strengthened Regional Focus

• SCOM global and regional activities around 5 areas of work which need the full mobilization of the network

• Significantly stronger Operational Support Team (OST), and support from WHE programme.

• These areas of work should strengthen the interaction between GOARN partner institutions and networks, and partners in the Global Health Cluster, Emergency Medical Teams and WHO Standby Partners
The 5 areas of work of GOARN 2.0

• Strengthen governance and oversight
• Alert and Risk Assessment with partners
• Response Training
• Strengthen coordinated rapid response capacities
• Conduct research and develop tools
Alert and Risk Assessment

• Sharing of WHO Risk Assessments on acute events
• GOARN Weekly Operations teleconference
• Improved information exchange by providing a forum for coordination and information for SCOM and operational partners.
• GOARN Knowledge Platform provides infrastructure to enhance transparency and information sharing.
• Pilot GOARN User Group in Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS) Collaboration
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GOARN Training Programme

• Development of a strategically designed multi-faceted and multi-layered training programme for GOARN partners

• GOARN outbreak response training programme includes
  • online training modules
  • outbreak response scenario-based training
  • leadership training
  • “placement/fellowship” programme
GOARN Training Programme

• Complementary, interoperable, multi-tiered and multi-faceted approach
• Builds and tests the Core and Team Leader Competencies
• Draws upon the strengths, experiences and capacities of the Network partners

Tier 1. Basic
Online Modules

Tier 2. Intermediate
Outbreak Response Scenario Training Course

Tier 3. Advanced
Leadership & advanced technical training
Tier 2: Outbreak Response Scenario Training

• 5-day scenario driven training in the fictional country of Gornali
• Based on real disease outbreak(s)
• Participants work in 3 teams of 8 individuals
• Teams explore the operational challenges of working together to coordinate response to an outbreak of unknown origin
Operational Research, and Tools Development

• GOARN partners include leading academic and research institutions

• Already actively engaged in priority diseases selected as part of WHO’s ”Blueprint for Research and Development.”

• GOARN can be an operational platform for research in emergencies as well as between outbreaks.

• OST is fostering the development and collaboration around tools for data management in the field – go-data
Security and Safety
GLOBAL OUTBREAK ALERT AND RESPONSE NETWORK
Connecting health resources for better health outcomes.

Supporting Alert and response
GOARN engages staff and resources from partner institutions to support countries in the control of disease outbreaks or public health emergencies.

Collaborating Networks and institutions
GOARN fosters regional and global networks of institutions to deliver a comprehensive response to public health emergencies when needed.

Advancing Training and standard setting
With over 16 years of experience in international outbreak response, GOARN delivers state of the art training for field response and standards for collaborative public health alert and response network.