

Africa's Emergency Response Workforce: Rapid Response Team Directory

CONTEXT

As part of their Emergency Preparedness and Response strategic pillar, Africa CDC is committed to providing capacity building to Member States, including training the emergency workforce and supporting the development of surge capacity at national, regional and continental level.

As part of this commitment, Africa CDC in collaboration with Public Health England's IHR Strengthening Project, has embarked on an initiative to develop a secure online directory of rapid response personnel and teams. This will be a secured database with different levels of administrative privileges. Member States, Africa CDC and relevant stakeholders will be the end users.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this work is to support Member States, Africa CDC and Partners to:

- track current and previous rapid responders
- identify personnel for surge capacity in an emergency
- assess workforce capacity and needs, and support workforce development
- develop workforce standards and indicators
- improve the understanding of resources and synergy between partners that mobilise RRTs

KEY FEATURES

This product will feature

- a secure database with spaces for individuals, teams and institutes to store information
- hosted on the internet with access through a web browser via a secure login page
- Individuals and teams will be able to populate their profiles and view and update their data

The features of the directory will be developed in consultation with users. These may include:

- interoperability with other systems
- a mechanism of accreditation
- a platform of training opportunities
- a platform deployment opportunities.

NEXT STEPS

Africa CDC is currently conducting a consultation with stakeholders. Your input will be critical in shaping this initiative. We would welcome any comments or feedback on any element of this initiative.

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About Africa CDC

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