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TRAINING OF TRAINERS**MediPIET**Mediterranean and Black Sea Field
Epidemiology Training Programme Network

**Strengthening country capacities on
preparedness and response for public
health cross-border threats focusing on
COVID-2019**

24 – 26 February 2020. Tunis, TUNISIA



The Mediterranean and Black Sea field epidemiology training programme “MediPIET”. CBRN CoE Project 74 – 2018/400-697

Within the framework of the EU CBRN Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence (CoE) initiative, Europe-Aid-DEVCO funds the Mediterranean and Black Sea field epidemiology training program (MediPIET) to increase security in the EU neighbourhood. Building on the success of the previous MediPIET phase, this project supports capacity building for prevention and control of natural and man-made health threats through a regional training program in intervention epidemiology.

Furthermore, the MediPIET project is aimed at consolidating a competent workforce with the necessary competence in intervention epidemiology to carry out essential public health functions for prevention and control of national and cross-border challenges posed by communicable diseases. In detail, expected results are as follows: (i) Enhanced field epidemiology training capacity in participating countries; (ii) Enhanced capacities in public health institutions to train their workforce and collaborate with regional networks; (iii) Increased capacity of exchange public health knowledge and methodologies between non-EU countries and EU partners; (iv) Sustainable country capacity and regional networking to deal with health security challenges.

The project is implemented by the Consortium Instituto de Salud Carlos III, Madrid, Spain (ISCIII) and the Fundación Estatal Salud, Infancia y Bienestar Social, Madrid, Spain (FCSAI) in the two-year period 2019-2021. It extends over the non-EU countries covered by the EU Enlargement and European Neighbourhood policies: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo¹, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine², Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, Tunisia, and Ukraine.

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

² This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.

1. Course presentation

This three-day workshop on “Strengthening Country capacities on preparedness and response for public health cross –border threats focusing on COVID-2019 “ brings the opportunity and space for updating and refresh their knowledge regarding Risk management, Risk assessment and Risk communication focusing on the current PH emergency of international concern COVID-2019.

2. Learning Objectives

This Training for Trainers aims at improving the knowledge and skills for a more efficient management of the risk as part of the preparedness activities at country and regional levels in order to better tailor the control measures to the risks posed to public health.

It will also provide a space and an opportunity for exchange knowledge, identify common challenges and try to find common spaces for further collaboration for cross border threats preparedness posed by the existing or new health threats, such as COVID-2019.

At the end of the module, participants should be able to:

A. Country Capacity Development:

- Raise awareness on the all hazards approach under the IHR country capacity development
- Understand the importance of the early detection (events & indicators based surveillance)

B. Rapid Risk Assessment:

- Understand the principles for rapid risk assessment as part of the preparedness activities
- Perform rapid risk assessment

C. Risk Communication

- Understand and gain practical skills to face the risk communication to different target audiences
- Understand the principles for community engagement

D. Regional Exchange:

- Exchange knowledge and identifying common challenges as part of the regional collaboration for cross-border threats detection and response focusing in the current COVID -19 global threat.

3. Methodology

This ToT has evolved during its preparation to be able to cover the needs of the participant country institutions expressed through the national focal points that are now more concerned about COVID -19. This ToT, with a workshop- like approach intend to provide the space for refreshing and update the available knowledge and skills but also exchange of experiences and good practices along the MeiPIET region. Teaching will be through interactive lectures and practical sessions. Lectures will be provided by experts with a wealth of experience in risk management, rapid risk assessments and risk communication. Lectures will be given in an interactive way in a plenary room and will be followed by questions & answers sessions. Participants, as senior PH professionals will also

contribute by presenting their countries experiences on the topics. Some presentations will be delivered via videoconferencing methods.

4. Target audience

This training of Trainers is addressed to the supervisors of the Regional FETP, and to National Focal Points and other mid-career and seniors working at the countries IPH. The knowledge and skills gained will help their institutions to cascade the training to other PH staff working at central and peripheral levels.

5. Programme

24th February 2020

8.15 - 8.30	Registration
8.30-9.15	Opening, introduction to the course and group picture
	<i>Rapid Risk Assessment</i>
	<i>Experts: Eric Bertherat, WHO-HQ.</i>
	<i>Supporting facilitators: F. Simón & A. Torres, A. Paez, A. Lambrou, I. Evlampidou, C. Martin</i>
9.15 – 10.15	All hazards approach & IHR.IHR Core Capacities & Risk management cycle <i>Eric Bertherat, WHO-HQ.</i>
10.15 - 10.45	Coffee Break
10.45 -11.30	Indicator & Event based surveillance <i>Eric Bertherat, WHO-HQ.</i>

- 11.30-12.30 Laboratory based Diagnostic & Surveillance for SARS-COV-2
Jean-Claude Manuguerra, Institut Pasteur. Paris (France). MediLAB Secure Project.
Plenary discussion
Fernando Simón (CCAES-MoH Spain) & Alberto Torres(UM)
- 12.30-13.30 **Lunch**
- 13.30-14.00 Continuation of Plenary discussion
Fernando Simón (CCAES-MoH Spain) & Alberto Torres(UM)
- 14.00-15.00 Countries presentations: readiness plans for COVID- 19
- 15.00-15.30 **Coffee break**
- 15.30-16.00 Countries presentations: readiness plans for COVID- 19 (cont)
- 16.00-17.00 Plenary discussion
Eric Bertherat, Fernando Simón & Alberto Torres

25th February 2020

Rapid Risk Assessment

Experts: Fernando Simón (CCAES-MoH Spain) & Alberto Torres (UM)
Supporting facilitators: E. Bertherat, A. Paez, A. Lambrou, I. Evlampidou, C. Martin

- 8.30- 9.15 Risk detection.
Fernando Simón (CCAES-MoH Spain) & Alberto Torres (UM)
- 9.15- 9.45 Risk assessment principles & variables
Fernando Simón (CCAES-MoH Spain) & Alberto Torres (UM)
- 9.45-10.15 Introduction to Rapid Risk Assessment (RRA)
Fernando Simón (CCAES-MoH Spain) & Alberto Torres (UM)
- 10.15-10.45 **Coffee break**
- 10.45-12.30 Rapid Risk Assessment Tools Practical session 2 (continuation)

- 12.30-13.30 **Lunch**
- 13.30-15.00 Plenary discussion linked to the previous day discussion on COVID -19
Fernando Simón (CCAES-MoH Spain) & Alberto Torres (UM)
- 15.00-15.30 **Coffee break**
- 15.30-17.00 Plenary discussion: identifying the gaps and supporting mechanisms to face COVID -19 and other threats. Best practices)
Fernando Simón (CCAES-MoH Spain) & Alberto Torres (UM)

26th February 2020

Risk Communication

Expert: Vicky Houssièrè, WHO HQ, Switzerland
Supporting facilitators: A. Torres, E. Bertherat, A. Paez, A. Lambrou, I. Evlampidou, C. Martin de Pando

- 8.30- 9.15 Risk communication theory
Vicky Houssièrè, WHO HQ, Switzerland
- 9.15- 10.15 Communication to different audiences
Vicky Houssièrè, WHO HQ, Switzerland
- 10.15-10.45 **Coffee break**
- 10.45-12.30 Community engagement
Vicky Houssièrè, WHO HQ, Switzerland
- 12.30-13.30 **Lunch**
- 13.30-15.00 Practicing risk communication
Vicky Houssièrè, WHO HQ, Switzerland
- 15.00-15.30 **Coffee break**
- 15.30-16.30 Plenary discussion: Challenges and potential regional collaboration
Eric Bertherat, WHO-HQ. & Alberto Torres (UM)
- 16.30-17.00 Course evaluation