



World Health
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GOARN
Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network

Role of the UN/ the WHO in humanitarian emergencies

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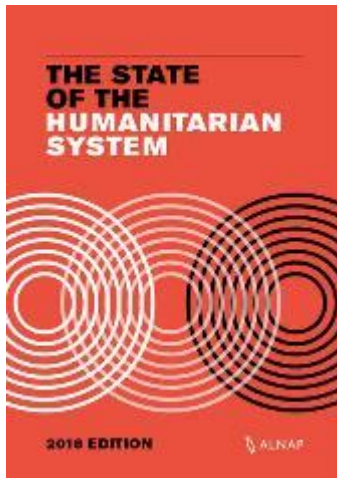
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Overview

- Co-ordination mechanism in humanitarian emergencies / emergencies with public health consequences
- The cluster system - role of UN / WHO
- WHO Health Emergencies Programme
- WHO GOARN

Why do we need a co-ordination mechanism?



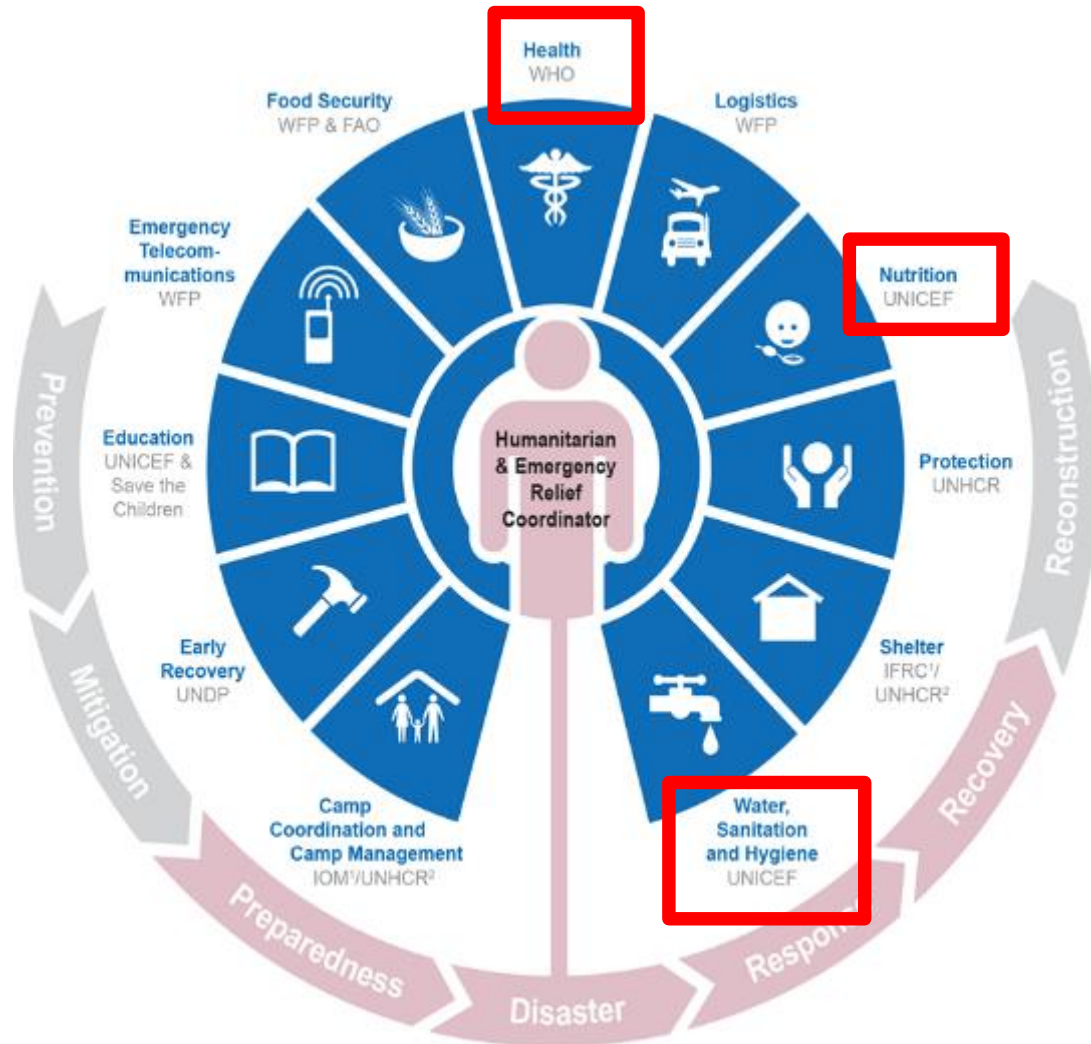
<https://sohs.alnap.org/help-library/the-state-of-the-humanitarian-system-2018-full-report>





Cluster approach

- Cluster: group of agencies, organizations and/or institutions interconnected by their respective mandates, that works together towards common objectives
- 11 clusters with UN agency leads
- Aim of cluster approach = to ensure a more effective, coordinated & coherent humanitarian response



Global Health Cluster

- Global Health Cluster – coordinated by the WHO
- Multiple partners!
- **Health Cluster Coordinator (HCC)** role: to ‘ensure good performance of the Health Cluster’
 - Coordination & representation
 - Gather information, assess needs & promote best practice in delivery
- Health cluster performance = monitored & evaluated according to the extent by which activities & programmes of the cluster partners *meet the health needs* of the crisis-affected populations

Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines, 2014

Health Cluster Partners

National – Manila:

AECD, Americas, Australian Aid, CDNDART, CFSI, ChildFund, DFI, DOH, FPOF, Handicap International, HuMa, IFRC, IHP-UK, ILO, IMC, IDM, IRC, ISAR -Germany, JICA, MERLIN, MDM, MSF, National Bureau of Investigation, PHE, Philippines Red Cross Society, Relief International, Plan International, Project Hope, PU-AMI, SCI, UNFPA, UNICEF, USAid, US Forces, WHO, World Vision.

Sub-national – Tacloban:

AECD, ACF, ACTED, Action Pumpkins Urgence Inlana Vonus, Americas, ARC, ASEAN, ASYA SARKYM, B-FAST, AUs, Bethany Hospital, Bomberos Unidos SP, Buddhist Compassion Relief zu Chi Foundation Philippines, Care, Canadian Red Cross, CDRMO, Child Fund International, Christian Aid, City Veterinary Office, Compassionate Reach International, DFID, Doctors Worldwide Turkey, DOH, DSND, ECHO, EmergencyLU, EngenderHealth-Vsayas Health Project, Helpage International, Elicson Response, EDUCPT, First Relief Fund, First Response Radio, Fortune Blessings Foundation, F PDP, Friends of Walcott Education, Fuel Relief Fund, Family Care, Family Planning Connection, German Embassy, German Red Cross, Globalmedic, GOAL, Good Neighbours Intl., Good People International, Heart to Heart e.V., HUMEDICA, International Disaster Medical Corps, In IOM, IsraAid, Is JICA, JICA LEPCO Proj., Jordan Inter KOICA, KUSOG Foundation, Magna Children at Risk, MDM Mundo Spain, Me Malaysia, Mral W vision Tacloban/RT France, MSF Holy Navis, NNC & O Cross, Operational Oxfam, Phil Hea Cross Society, Plu piers Humanitarian Counseling Netwo Regional Office Do al, RTR hospital, R

Samaritan 119 Korea, Samaritan Purse US, Saude EM Portuguese, Save the Children, SC, SCDN, Solidarities International, Spanish Red Cross Society, Swedish Red Cross, Tacloban City Government, Tacloban City Nutrition Office, TOMECO, TGCFI, The Salvation Army, UNDAC, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, USAID, US OFDA, Vodafone foundation, Vounteer for the Visayans, WFP, WHO, WISAR, World Vision.

Sub-national – Cebu:

AmeriCares, ASB Austria, Canadian Emergency Response Unit, Canadian Medical Assistance Teams, CFSI, ChildFund, DOH, Embassy of Israel, Everly Child Sanitarium, GOAL, Glory Reborn, ICRC, IFRC, IEAD relief, Health Organization of Mindanao w/ Helping Hand relief and Development, International Medical Corps, JICA, Japan Red Cross, LandsAid, Magna Children at Risk, Med Japan, The Mentor Initiative, Merlin, MSF, NYC Medics, PNA, Project hope, React Philippines, Samaritan Purse, Samu Sevilla International, SC, SCI, Spanish Red Cross Society, Saint Anthony Mother and Child Hospital Talsay District Hospital, UNICEF, Vicente Solis Memorial Medical Centre, WHO, World Vision.

Sub-national – Gulan / Borongan:

DOH, Family Organisation of the Philippines, Health in Portuguese, ICRC, IOM, Medical Team International, Norwegian Church aid, PHTO, Plan International, Radio Bakdaw, UNFPA, UNICEF.

Sub-national – Ormoc:

AusAid, Australian Army, CMAT, ChildFund, Claron Global Response IMAT, COSE, CFSI, COPAP, DOH, HelpAge International, HuMa, IFRC, IsraAid, IRC, Johanniter International Assistance, KMA, Magna Children at Risk, MDM France, MDM Spain, Mercy Malaysia, MSF, OCA, Ormoc City Health Office, Ormoc District Hospital, Philippine Army, Philippines Red Cross, PAC, Pureworks Foundation, Merin-Save the Children International, SADC-Swiss Humanitarian Aid, Singapore Red Cross, UNICEF, Vestergaard, WHO, World Vision.

Sub-national – Bohol:

UNFPA, Philippines Red Cross Society, UNICEF, MERLIN, IOM, DOH.

Sub-national – Zamboanga:

ACF International, Ateneo de Zamboanga University, Brent Hospital and Collegial Hospital, City, Tacloban sa mga telfans (training POP), National Ateneo Philippine City - ICOM UNICEF, Family, amonponas



Coordination of FMTs in initial stage of response

WHO Response to Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines: Six months on

<http://youtu.be/GMEMCa0eJYQ> (5:10)

2016 - post Ebola outbreak in West Africa

Reform of structures & response
mechanisms



GLOBAL OUTBREAK ALERT AND RESPONSE NETWORK

Networking international resources to
save lives

- Established in **April 2000** by WHO & a founding group of 60 technical institutions
- Now >200 technical **partners** & networks; reaches 500 institutions through network hubs & cascades
- GOARN harnesses international resources **at the request of** affected WHO Member States to augment their response to ongoing or potential public health emergencies

About Us

We are a WHO network of over 200 technical institutions and networks globally that respond to acute public health events with the deployment of staff and resources to affected countries. Coordinated by an Operational Support Team based at the WHO headquarters in Geneva and governed by a Steering committee, we aim to deliver rapid and effective support to prevent and control infectious diseases outbreaks and public health emergencies when requested.



Steering Committee

The GOARN Steering committee is the direction setting body of the network. It comprises of 21 member institutions represented by senior staff.

Governed by...



Operational Support Team

The GOARN Operational support team is based at the World health organization office in Geneva comprising of 8 staff members. The OST sustains the network and coordinates outbreak response missions, network activities and communications for the Network.

Coordinated by...

Our Partners

Search Our Partner Institutions

Title ▲	Country
Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut – Federal Research Institute for Animal Health (FLI)	Germany
German Armed Forces Medical Service, GER Ministry of Defence	Germany
Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH	Germany
GOARN Secretariat	Switzerland
Guangdong Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention	China
Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC)	Ireland
High Security Animal Disease Laboratory (HSADL), India	India
Hokkaido University Research Center for Zoonosis Control	Japan
Infection Control Africa Network (ICAN)	South Africa
Inserm - European Union West Africa Mobile Lab (EUWAM Lab)	France

GOARN Key facts 2000 - 2016



Deployments
~ 2580



Operations-missions
Over 130



Person days (field)
~ 72,000



Partner institutions
Over 200



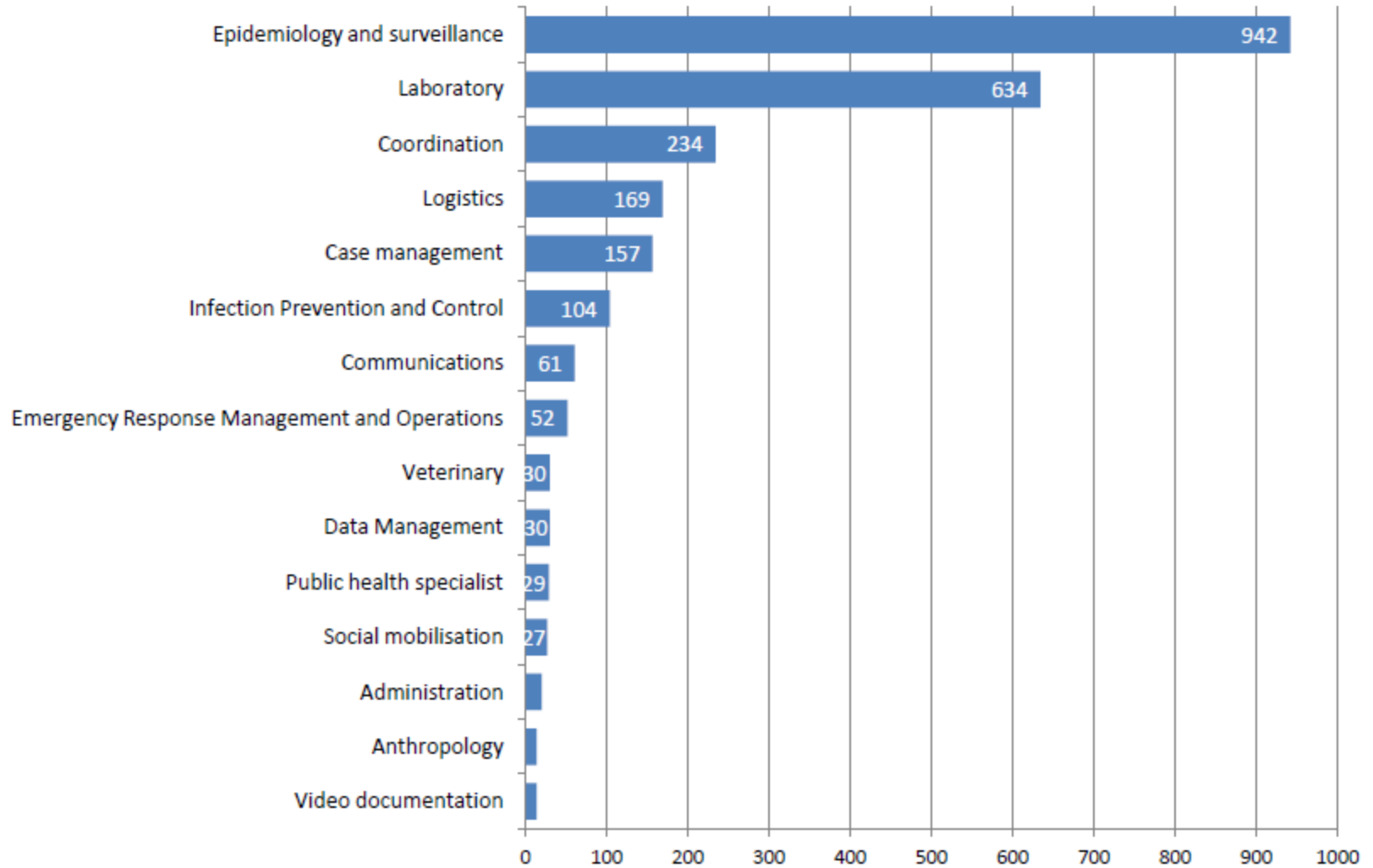
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87 countries or
territories



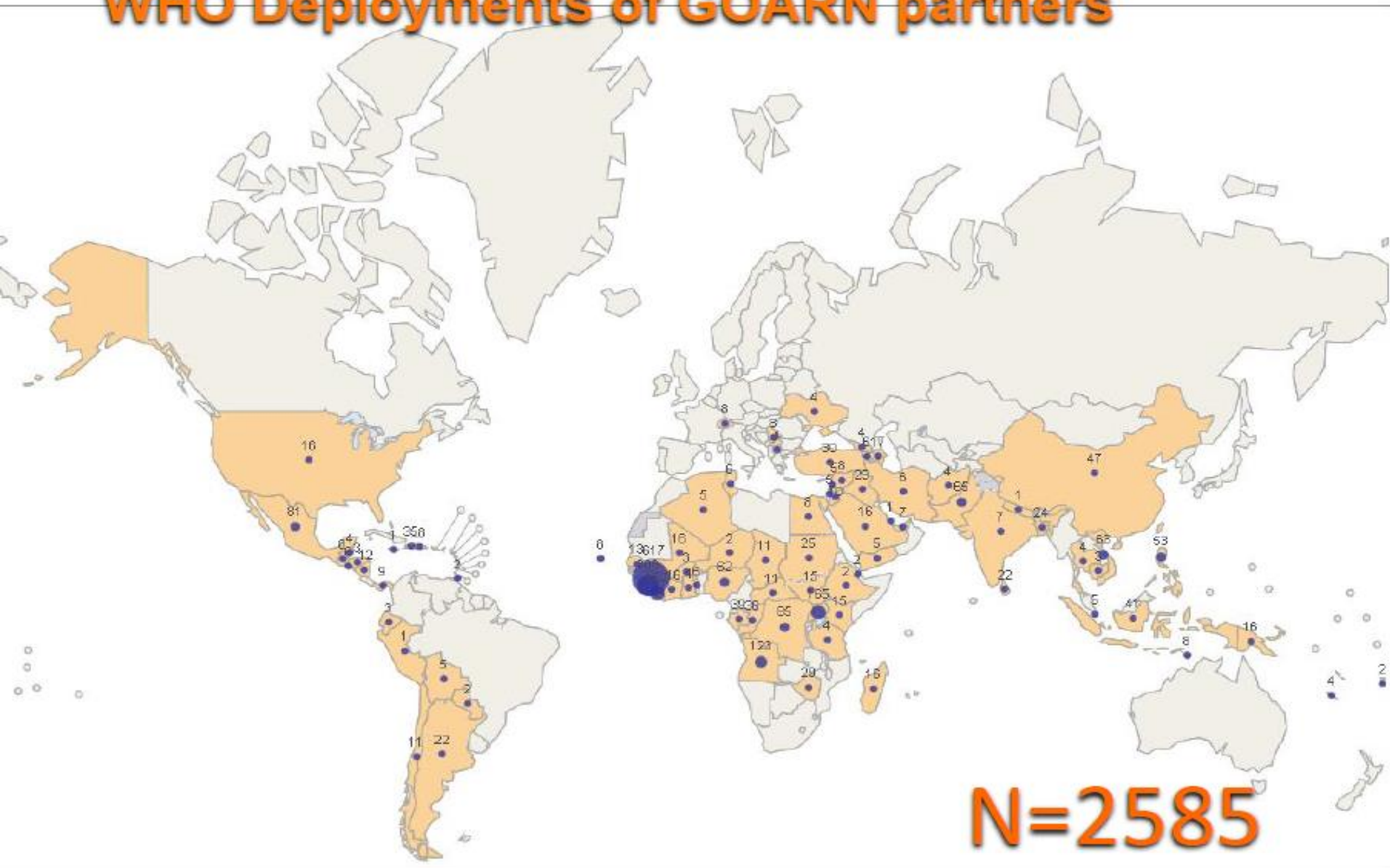
SCOM meetings
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Deployments by role (top 15 roles)



WHO Deployments of GOARN partners



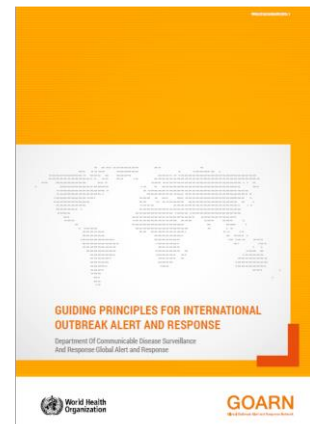
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“GOARN 2.0”

- Advisory Group on Reform of WHO’s work in Outbreaks & Emergencies with Health & Humanitarian Consequences (2016):
 - GOARN needs to be strengthened
 - Need longer term investments to increase capabilities in GOARN for risk assessment, management, communication & outbreak response (national, regional & global)
- GOARN Steering Committee plans to take forward the development & operations of GOARN in “GOARN 2.0”
 - Strengthening GOARN policies, operational procedures & Secretariat functions
 - Expanding participation in the Network
 - Engaging partners in Alert and Risk Assessment activities
 - Stakeholder engagement through Communications & Advocacy
 - Operational research & tools development
 - GOARN training programme in outbreak response

See videos about GOARN at https://www.who.int/ihr/alert_and_response/outbreak-network/en/



WHO Health Emergencies Programme (WHEP)



- Established in 2016 – after the Ebola outbreak in West Africa
- Requested and approved by Member States
- Changes the way WHO does business - expanding from being primarily a technical and normative organization to a **fully operational** agency in emergencies
- Aims to help countries prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from emergencies quickly, in a more predictable, dependable, and accountable way

<https://youtu.be/6UKw0otHFeE> (3:48)



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