IOA Network Session: Deployment and Remote Support Strategies for IOA

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GLOBAL OUTBREAK ALERT AND RESPONSE NETWORK



What is GOARN?

Established in 2000, GOARN is a global technical partnership coordinated by WHO



Who is GOARN?

Consists of over 300 technical institutions and networks providing technical support for alert and outbreak response



What does GOARN do?

Provides coordination and rapid multi-disciplinary technical support for outbreak response





GOARN STRUCTURE

Operational Support Team

Manage the day-to-day operations Includes GOARN focal points based in the WHO Regions

Partners

Inform the GOARN workplan and implement activities

Steering Committee

Provides advice for the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of GOARN's activities and operations





GOARN technical expertise in response of public health events 2000 - 2024

~ 3600

International Deployments

184

Operationsmissions ~ 117,000

Person days in the field





~ 310

Partner institutions

~ 119

Countries supported







GOARN PROCESS FOR MANAGING EVENTS / OPERATIONS

STEP 1



Events / Operations
Identification of an
Event / Operations
that may threaten
international public
health

STEP 2



Alert

Alert raised based on the outcome of the Event /
Operations risk assessment

STEP 3



Request for

Assistance
National health
authorities request
assistance from
GOARN through
WHO

STEP 4



Offer

GOARN partner focal points upload expert profiles to assist response

STEP 5



Deployment
Selected experts
are contracted by
WHO to deploy
with GOARN for
the mission





DEPLOYMENT SELECTION PROCESS Selection confirmation Request for Assistance Offer and CV uploaded via GOARN (RFA) received email sent **Knowledge Platform GOARN** institution focal To the selected By the GOARN focal point point reviews RFA and expert/s only with other key disseminates information to staff **Selection of expert Submission of administrative GOARN Focal Point identifies** Authorities from the country documents for pre-deployment appropriate expert/s requesting assistance Expert prepares personal Based on the job makes document for requirements, language selection pre-deployment and expected procedures duration





GOARN TRAINING PROGRAMME



Greater need for greater numbers of individuals trained.

Greater need for greater reach: geographic and linguistic



In line with the GOARN Strategy 2022-2026, in particular "Strategic Theme 2: Renewing commitment to the global public health emergency workforce"















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