



# Reflections on the Ethiopia After-Action Review of Unknown VHF Outbreak Response

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# ETHIOPIA COUNTRY PRESENTATION FOR AAR

1. Recommendations and key actions for ensuring a community-centred response for an outbreak
2. Key gaps identified and key actions
3. Actions for how to ensure cross-border RCCE collaboration before, during and after an outbreak

<b>RCCE targets (Indicators)</b>	<b>scores</b>	<b>Remark</b>
<b>RCCE System for Emergencies</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Risk Communication</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Community Engagement</b>	<b>3</b>	

## Recommendations and key Actions to ensure CCR:

- Establish community task forces to foster communication and engagement
- Provide accessible and tailored information to empower communities
- Facilitate community-led surveillance and early warning systems
- Support community health workers and volunteer networks
- Develop community engagement plans and training materials
- Strengthen community health infrastructure and resources

# Response Plan Gaps and Actions

- Gaps Identified:
  - Inadequate coordination between agencies
  - Lack of standardized protocols for outbreak response
  - Insufficient resources for isolation and treatment facilities
- Key Actions:
  - Develop a comprehensive outbreak response plan with clear roles and responsibilities
  - Establish standard operating procedures (SOPs) for all aspects of response
  - Invest in expansion and improvement of healthcare infrastructure

# Cross-Border RCCE recommendations for collaboration

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- Establish regional RCCE working groups to share information and coordinate efforts
- Develop cross-border communication channels for timely outbreak alerts
- Train health workers on cross-border collaboration and disease surveillance

## Key Actions

- Facilitate regular regional meetings and workshop
- Establish cross-border communication platforms
- Develop joint training programs

# Actions to ensure cross-border RCCE collaboration before, during and after an outbreak

<b>Before an Outbreak:</b>	<b>During an Outbreak:</b>	<b>After an Outbreak:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish strong relationships and regular communication channels between different countries' health authorities</li><li>• Develop joint preparedness plans that outline roles, responsibilities, and communication strategies for cross-border RCCE efforts.</li><li>• Identify key contact points in each country for quick information sharing and coordination during emergencies.</li><li>• Conduct joint cross-border training exercises</li><li>• Engage regional or international organizations involved in public health emergencies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish mechanisms to share accurate, timely information on the outbreak's status across borders</li><li>• Collaborate on developing consistent and tailored risk messages to different populations</li><li>• Engage affected communities together through community leaders, local influencers</li><li>• Establish networks to build trust and ensure consistent messaging</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct joint reviews/evaluations of cross-border RCCE efforts undertaken</li><li>• Facilitate knowledge sharing between countries regarding successful practices in RCCE collaboration</li><li>• Incorporate lessons learned from previous outbreaks into the new joint preparedness plans</li></ul>



# Call to Action

- Urge all stakeholders to implement these recommendations and key actions
- Recognize the importance of a comprehensive and coordinated response
- Express commitment to ongoing collaboration and improvement

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