

## **RCCE Cross-border training, eastern Africa**

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As a deliverable of the Cross Border RCCE Readiness Training, Member States commit to:

### **1. Develop RCCE principles and strategies for strengthening community-centred outbreak preparedness and response: a) within response pillars and b) for cross-border approaches**

Action steps:

- Establish guiding principles for RCCE integration across pillars and optimising cross-border coordination
- Hold consultation meetings between RCCE and other pillar leads to discuss the RCCE guiding principles agree on RCCE integration activities in other pillars
- Develop a framework for integration of community-centered responses across pillars and countries, including metrics for measuring progress
- Develop SOPs for cross-border RCCE preparedness, readiness and response activities to operationalize the framework
- Conduct high-level advocacy meetings with senior decision makers on agreeing (e.g. through MoUs) to cross-border RCCE principles and strategies

### **2. Define and strengthen systematic mechanisms for collecting, sharing, and acting on community data for outbreak readiness and response within and across borders**

Action steps:

- Develop a framework for multi-hazard, multi-sectoral data collection and sharing before, during and after an outbreak
- Develop and implement an online tool for collecting community data for country and regional reporting
- Work with partners in country who are working with communities to strengthen capacity and encourage collection and sharing of community data and adapting responses.
- Host annual feedback meetings, online webinars or conferences with cross-border countries to discuss progress, challenges, and ways forward for systematising use of community insights
- Document and disseminate case studies and best practice

### **3. Develop national and cross-border action-tracking platforms for promoting uptake of community insights**

Action steps

- Conduct a mapping of existing platforms or mechanisms for action tracking based on community data
- Host a workshop to develop/adapt a regional and country-specific tool / platform / SOP for tracking action
- Pilot action tracking platform and adapt based on learning
- Conduct training and support mentoring on analysis and visualization of community insights to promote cross-border RCCE interventions

- Host regular stakeholder meetings between affected countries to share and discuss action on community insights

#### **4. Invest in efforts to document the impacts of RCCE activities across pillars and across borders**

##### Action steps

- Develop consistent indicators and provide technical support for measuring impact across countries
- Organise peer learning and exchange opportunities for countries that share borders
- Generate and disseminate impact stories and lessons learned from outbreak preparedness and response efforts focusing on utilisation of community data across pillars
- Regularly publish RCCE/social science findings, positive change stories, and studies
- Hold cross-pillar RCCE thematic meetings to share learning and evidence of impact

#### **5. Continue to proactively promote engagement in platforms to support sharing learning, best practices and guidance in RCCE for more effective outbreak response**

##### Action steps

- Utilise evidence trackers to ensure RCCE data is utilized and the contribution of RCCE recognised across pillars for Inter-Action Reviews/After-Action Reviews
- Develop training packages and provide RCCE training to all pillars at the borders
- Establish a knowledge management system for sharing RCCE learning across countries
- Host and participate in routine meetings for joint planning during outbreaks at borders, ensuring RCCE provides cross pillar support during outbreaks
- Conduct regular joint needs assessments to assess gaps and areas for strengthening
- Host a cross-border TWG with a ToR and regular meetings
- Have a WhatsApp group for rapid and remote coordination in outbreaks

#### **6. Undertake periodic capacity assessments (*with key stakeholders?*) of RCCE readiness for outbreak and disaster response and develop joint work plans across countries to strengthen identified needs.**

##### Action steps

- Develop and deploy a joint capacity assessment tool for RCCE readiness
- Establish cross-border RCCE coordination platform
- Review RCCE assessment findings to develop joint workplans which are periodically assessed and updated
- Provide hands-on coaching and technical support to implement activities for agreed work plans