Overview & Highlight of GHSA Workforce Development (D5) Action Package





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GHSA Workforce Development (D5)

Goal

Sufficient field epidemiologic capacity in every country to rapidly detect, respond to, and contain public health emergencies.

Five-Year Target

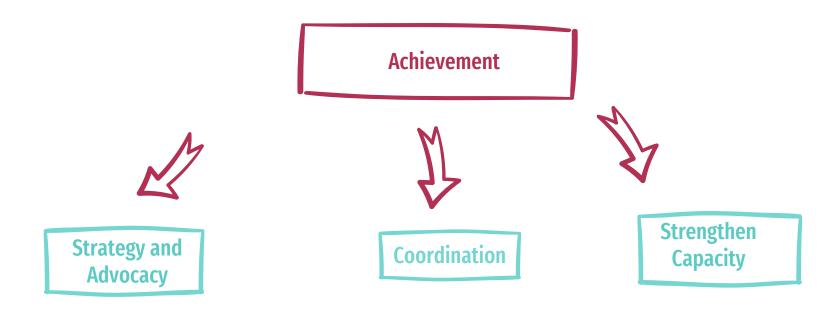


A multidisciplinary workforce including, physicians, veterinarians, or other animal health professionals, biostatisticians, and laboratory scientists, who can systematically cooperate to meet relevant International Health Regulation (IHR) requirements, and Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) core competencies.



Each country will score at least three (3) for all International Health Regulation/Joint External Evaluation workforce development indicators.

Acheivement of GHSA Workforce Development (2017-2020)



1. Policy, Strategy & Advocacy



Strategy:

Develop and implement the "Regional Strategic Framework for Public Health Workforce Development and Systems Strengthening on Epidemiology (2016-2020)", with 18 countries during 9-10 May 2016 in Indonesia.

Advocacy:

- 1. Identify focal persons of Workforce Development in 13 countries from both animal health and human health sectors.
- 2. Hosted the 9th TEPHINET Global Conference and the 23rd National Epidemiology Seminar, 6 August 2017, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- 3. Conducted GHSA Regional Annual Meetings among 19 countries
 - GHSA Meeting: 4-year Workplan Development & Strengthening Workforce Development, 7-8 February 2017
 - GHSA Regional Meeting: Enhancing Collaboration between Detect 1 and Detect, 5-7 February 2018
 - GHSA Meeting on the Progress & Ways forward for the Regional Strategic Frameworks in Animal & Human Health on Workforce Development, 13-15 March 2019.

2. Collaboration and Coordination







Organize regular video conferences with GHSA D5 Leading and Contributing Countries, and members of ASEAN Veterinary Epidemiology Group (AVEG) and ASEAN+3 FETN at least 3 times a year

Regional level:

1. "An extraordinary exclusive and unofficial video conference of exchange experiences on how to counteract with COVID-19 outbreak and how field epidemiologists played important roles in implementing these responses", May to October 2020.

Global level:

2. Conducted the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Consultative Meetings on GHSA D5: Workforce Development Action Package with contributing and participating countries on 8 January, 21 August, and 22 September 2020.

3. Strengthen Capacity of Field Epidemiology Workforce

- Some key experiences
 - Establishing Thailand situation awareness team (SAT) and joint rapid response team (JIT)
 - Joint collaboration with member countries on producing international field epidemiologists through International Field Epidemiology Training Program.
 - Advanced Level: Training of Trainer
 (2 months course) and 2-year IFETP
 - Intermediate: 8-to-12 months



12th Batch of IFETP: Training of Trainer (July-Aug. 2019), eight trainers from Indonesia, Malaysia, Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand.





Joint investigation team: Leptospirosis Outbreak Investigation in South and Strep Suis Outbreak investigation in North of Thailand, 2019

The ways forward for inter-country collaboration and partnership for workforce development

- Develop and implement national plan, institutionalize training programs into government structure and set clear career path
- Increase the number of field epidemiology workforces at all levels
- Advocate policy makers at all levels to use of evidence-based decision making and support for training program
- Increase the number of field epidemiology mentors by training of trainer/exchange
- Conduct joint field activities between animal & human health sectors.

Note: Results from GHSA: Ways forward for the Regional Strategic Frameworks in Animal & Human Health on Workforce Development , 13-15 March 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

