Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN)

A Global Network to Combat Global Threats

Description

The Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) is a technical collaboration of existing institutions and networks who pool human and technical resources for the rapid identification, confirmation and response to outbreaks of international importance. The Network provides an operational framework to link this expertise and skill to keep the international community constantly alert to the threat of outbreaks and ready to respond. Since April 2000, the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network has been bringing agreed standards to international epidemic response through the development of Guiding Principles for International Outbreak Alert and Response and operational protocols to standardize epidemiological, laboratory, clinical management, research, communications, logistics support, security, evacuation and communications systems. The Guiding Principles of International Outbreak Alert and Response aim to improve the coordination of international assistance in support of local efforts by partners in the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network.

Purpose

The Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network contributes towards global health security by:

- combating the international spread of outbreaks
- ensuring that appropriate technical assistance reaches affected states rapidly
- contributing to long-term epidemic preparedness and capacity building.
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Scope

Global.

Primary Funders

Funded via the World Health Organization in coordination with other partners.

Participants & Key Collaborators

The Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network focuses technical and operational resources from scientific institutions in Member States, medical and surveillance initiatives, regional technical networks, networks of laboratories, United Nations organizations (e.g. UNICEF, UNHCR), the Red Cross (International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and national societies) and international humanitarian nongovernmental organizations (e.g. Médecins sans Frontières, International Rescue Committee, Merlin and Epicentre). Participation is open to technical institutions, networks and organizations that have the capacity to contribute to international outbreak alert and response.

Definition of One Health

None.

Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy

Unknown.

Sources of Information

http://www.who.int/csr/outbreaknetwork/en/

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