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Local Engagement & Response Network

Strengthening Localized Multi-Sectoral Readiness and Response to Infectious Disease Outbreaks in Humanitarian Settings

PROJECT IN BRIEF

Duration
5 years
Oct 2023 – Sep 2028

Reach
80 LNNGOs in 14 countries
Cameroon, CAR, DRC, Ethiopia, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Nigeria, Mali, South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia, West Bank/Gaza, Yemen.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Local and national organization (LNNGOs) may be best placed to overcome some of the greatest challenges that public health emergencies have faced. However, national or sub-national LNNGO first responders have limited opportunities to strengthen their technical and operational capacity to implement infectious disease (ID) readiness and multi-sectoral response, and have faced barriers to fully participate in country and regional preparedness and response platforms. Additionally, the involvement of non-health actors in ID response has been often overlooked, while these interventions can significantly reduce morbidity and mortality in an outbreak. Despite significant efforts to conduct multisectoral plans for pandemics or epidemics, limited tools are available to guide the multisectoral approach, with every sector responding parallel to others.

In response to these challenges, and drawing lessons from the COVID-19 response, LEARN, led by International Medical Corps, will strengthen the technical and organizational capabilities of 80 LNNGOs and establish and/or support networks of local first responders (LFRs) across 14 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa. Over the next five years, our goal is to improve the timeliness, reach, and coverage of readiness and response efforts during ID outbreaks of epidemic or pandemic potential in humanitarian settings.

Component 1	Component 2	Component 3
Strengthen capacity for improved engagement and coordination of LFR Networks with critical ID coordination platforms	Strengthen local and regional organizations' operational capacity for readiness and multisectoral response to ID outbreaks	Strengthen resources and tools needed for localized, contextualized, and integrated multisectoral readiness and response for ID outbreaks

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