

# **Annex 11:**

Agenda for the Training of the  
PAHO/WHO Health Emergency  
Response Team



**Regional Health Emergency Response Team Workshop  
Panama City, Panama  
2-5 October 2006**

**AGENDA**

**Objective:** To create an integrated team able to respond quickly to a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (including avian/pandemic influenza) as a component of the regional disaster emergency response team.

<b>Monday 2 October</b>	<b>Topic</b>	
	<b>Introduction &amp; Context</b>	
08:30–08:45	Introductions and Objectives	<i>Dr. Marlo Libel, CD</i>
08:45–09:15	The Regional Response to crises in the global context	<i>Dr. Jean Luc Poncelet, PED</i>
09:15–10:00	International Health Regulations and rapid response: Regional Health Emergency Response Team	<i>Dr. Marlo Libel, CD</i>
10:00–10:15	Break	
	<b>Team Coordination &amp; Deployment</b>	
10:15–11:00	Team Coordination	<i>Drs. Robert Lee &amp; Dana Van Alphen, PED</i>
11:00–11:20	Team Management	<i>Drs. Robert Lee &amp; Dana Van Alphen, PED</i>
11:20–12:30	Stress Management	<i>Dr. Leonardo Hernández, PWR/PAN/PED</i>
12:30–14:00	Lunch	
14:00–15:00	Practical issues in Complex Situations	<i>Drs. Monica Guardo CD &amp; Oliver Morgan</i>
15:00–15:15	Break	
15:15–17:30	Telecommunications	<i>International Federation of Red Cross &amp; Red Crescent Societies</i>

<b>Tuesday 3 October</b>	<b>Practical and Specialized Issues related to Field Work with a specific focus on influenza</b>	
08:00–10:00	SOPs for outbreak investigation & control in complex emergencies	<i>Dr. Dominique Legros, WHO/HQ</i>
10:00–10:15	Break	
10:15–12:30	Specialized Epidemiology Tools & Methodology	<i>Dr. Dominique Legros, WHO/HQ</i>
12:30–14:00	Lunch	
14:00–14:30	Infection Control and PPE	<i>Dr. Gail Thomson, WHO</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infection control principles, hazard identification, assess risk to determine appropriate PPE</li> </ul>	
14:30–15:00	Hand Hygiene and PPE use: instructor demonstration	<i>Dr. Gail Thomson, WHO</i>
15:10–16:00	Group Work	<i>Dr. Gail Thomson, WHO</i>
	Scenario 1: Using PPE in health care facilities, problem solving	
	Scenario 2: Prioritizing PPE during an AI outbreak	
	Scenario 3: Assessing infection control during an investigation	
	Scenario 4: Community response to a team wearing PPEs	
16:00–16:50	Practical exercise: hand hygiene, putting on and taking off PPE	<i>Dr. Gail Thomson, WHO</i>
16:50–17:00	Wrap up and Closure	
<b>Wednesday 4 October</b>	<b>Practical and Specialized Issues related to Field Work with a specific focus on Influenza (2)</b>	
08:00–10:00	Outbreak Containment	<i>Dr. Stephen Martin, WHO</i>
10:00–10:15	Break	
10:15–11:15	Biosafety and Specimen Collection and Shipment	<i>Dr. Jean Marc Gabastou, THS</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Network of Reference Institutes</li> <li>• General Principles of Biosafety</li> <li>• Video on Biosafety</li> </ul>	
11:15–11:50	Collection of Highly Pathogenic Samples	<i>Dr. Gail Thompson, WHO</i>
11:50–12:30	Safe Shipping and Handling of Infectious Materials	<i>Dr. Jean Marc Gabastou, THS</i>
	Questions and Answers	
12:30–14:00	Lunch	
14:00–15:00	Mass Fatalities	<i>Dr. Oliver Morgan, PED</i>
15:00–15:15	Break	
15:15–17:30	Media Communication	<i>Lic. Marisol Velasco, EFE</i>

<b>Thursday 5 October</b>	<b>Simulation and Closing of Workshop</b>	
09:00–12:30	Table top exercises with different scenarios	<i>Drs. Sylvain Aldighieri, Monica Guardo, CD and Robert Lee, PED</i>
12:30–14:00	Lunch	
14:00–15:00	Team reports on table top exercises	<i>Drs. Sylvain Aldighieri, Monica Guardo, CD and Robert Lee, PED</i>
15.00 -15.30	Response scenarios and level of involvement of PAHO	<i>Dr. Jean Luc Poncelet, PED</i>
15:30–16:00	Presentation of conclusions and recommendations	<i>Dr. Marlo Libel, CD and Dr. Jean Luc Poncelet, PED</i>
16:00–16:30	Workshop evaluation	<i>Dr. Marlo Libel, CD</i>