WHO ad hoc consultation
Community-centred approaches to health emergencies: progress, gaps and research priorities
31 March 2021
13:00 – 17:00 Central European Time CET

DRAFT Agenda
Scope

This event aims to promote a rethink of the role of communities in prevention, detection, response and recovery interventions during outbreaks of new and re-emerging infectious diseases. Drawing on experiences of COVID-19 and other disease control efforts, the event will signpost the vital role of trust, agency, social cohesion, plural forms of knowledge and resilience for inclusive, people and community centred approaches to preparedness and response. Topics covered will include best practice for preparedness, community-based disease surveillance, transmission prevention, including contact tracing and quarantine, infection control and prevention, and care provision in community settings. A key outcome will be to specify the evidence needs and research agenda to drive and better support community-led initiatives, programmes and responses.

Objectives

The goals of the meetings are to:

- Identify knowledge gaps and evidence needs that can be addressed through interdisciplinary or social science research
- Understand the experience gained through local, regional, and national approaches, strategies and initiatives for inclusive, people and community centred responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and other infectious disease outbreaks.
- Inspire new perspectives to tackling pandemic challenges through citizen engagement and participation.
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### Opening panel

13:00 - 14:10

**Moderator:** *Nina Gobat*, University of Oxford  
**Elhadj As Sy**, Co-chair, Global Preparedness Monitoring Board  
**Mike Ryan**, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme  
**Patty Garcia**, Cayetano Heredia University  
**Tian Johnson**, African Alliance  
**Sabina Rashid**, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University

### Break out sessions

14:15 - 15:45

Participants are invited to join a breakout session where panellists will present various perspectives and examples of effective and successful experiences from the field.

- What have we learned from community centred initiatives in each of these stages of the health emergency cycle?
- What are the urgent current knowledge gaps and research questions to advance the field in this area?

**Group 1: Early Disease detection**

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**Moderator:** *Arnold Bosman*, Transmissible BV  
**Rapporteur:** *Danny de Vries*, University of Amsterdam  
**Amrish Baijoe**, Lead Public Health and Community based Surveillance: Norwegian Red Cross/ London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Norway  
**Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka**, Conservation Through Public Health, Uganda  
**Frederic Bartumeus**, Mosquito Alert lead, ICREA Research Professor, Theoretical and Computational Ecology Group; CEAB-CSIC (Girona) & CREA (Barcelona), Spain  
**Pierre Echaubard**, APMEN: Cambodia - Vector borne disease, Thailand  
**Omnia Elomrani**, Liaison Officer for Public Health Issues, International Federation of Medical Students Associations, Egypt
Group 2: Readiness  
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Moderator: Melissa Leach, Institute of Development Studies, United Kingdom

Rapporteur: Debora Diniz, Universidade de Brasília, Brazil

Jane Wairutu, Shack Dwellers International - Kenya, Nairobi
Hayley MacGregor, Institute of Development Studies, United Kingdom
Emily Chan, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Ana Lucia Arellano, Latin American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and their Families (RIADIS)
Sean Bradly, World Bank, United States of America
Diana Nambatya Nsubuga, Africa Regional Deputy Director, Policy & Advocacy, Living Goods, Uganda

Group 3: Response  
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Moderator: Karl Blanchet, University of Geneva, Switzerland

Rapporteur: tbc

Caroline Lidstone-Jones, Indigenous Primary Health Care Council, Toronto, Canada
Joseph Diing, Rift Valley Institute, South Sudan, and Nicki Kindersley, Cardiff University and Rift Valley Institute, South Sudan
Tamara Giles-Vernick, Coordinator SoNAR Global, Institute Pasteur, France
Chantal Akoua Koffi, Université Alassane Ouattara de Bouaké, Côte d’Ivoire and CADMEF - Association of deans of faculty of medicine of French-speaking African countries
Joren Raymenants, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Laboratory of Clinical Bacteriology and Mycology, Belgium
Khantita Nuntaboot, Center for Research and Development in Community Health System, Community Health Research & Knowledge Management Node for the Thai Health Promotion Foundation, Faculty of Nursing, Khon Kaen University, Thailand

Group 4: Recovery  
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Moderators: John Dusabe-Richards, International Development Research Centre, Canada & Morgan Lay, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Canada

Rapporteur: Steven Hoffman, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Canada

Leanne Brady, Health Policy and Systems Division, University of Cape Town & Emergency Medical Services, Western Cape Department of Health
Sabina Dewan, JustJobs Network, India

Gustavo Corrêa Matta, Zika Social Science Network & Sergio Arouca National School of Public Health, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ), Brazil
COVID 19 Vaccine R&D Research Forum

**Ursula Gobel**, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

**Thilinakumari Kandanamulla**, National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka

**Luiz Eugênio Mello**, São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), Brazil

**Aparna Mukherjee**, Indian Council of Medical Research

**Isayvani Naicker**, African Academy of Sciences

**Sara Wolfe**, Indigenous Innovation Initiatives, Grand Challenges Canada

**Ramya Gopalan**, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Lebanon

**Additional panelists** TBC

16:00 - 16:50  Defining the research agenda and way forward – use plenary link

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*Moderator: Joao Rangel de Almeida, Wellcome Trust*

*Panel:*
- What progress has been made and what are key issues to advance the agenda?
- Evidence needs/ gaps?

16:50 - 17:00  Closing remarks

*WHO*