Background
Public health emergencies often result in a disruption of health systems, hindering access to essential health services and exposing affected communities to increased morbidity and mortality.

Challenge
Monitoring the availability of essential health services during emergencies is challenging yet critical for the identification of gaps and the design of adequate and efficient response measures.

Solution
HeRAMS is a collaborative approach, supported by a rapidly configurable and deployable platform, to monitor the availability of essential health resources and services in challenging contexts.

Why HeRAMS?
- To better understand needs and gaps in essential health resources and services
- To better inform policy and decision making
- To improve collaboration amongst health sector actors
- To increase efficiency, transparency and accountability
- To expand access to essential health services
- To extend Universal Health Coverage

What can be monitored with HeRAMS?
- Infrastructural damage and functionality
- Basic amenities and resilience

When can it be used?
Rapidly deployable at small scale to support emergency response, HeRAMS can also easily be scaled up and maintained over time, making it an essential component of health information system strengthening in fragile states and a backbone of the Humanitarian Development Nexus.
Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

HeRAMS plays a critical role in monitoring the availability of essential health resources and services in highly constrained, low-resourced and fast changing environments. As such, it works towards providing Universal Health Coverage through health system strengthening and contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

HeRAMS COVID-19

The rapid spread of COVID-19 has called for a rapid evaluation and the regular monitoring of response capacities and potential gaps at country level. HeRAMS was adjusted to support countries implement such an evaluation and monitoring. HeRAMS-COVID19 is a rapidly configurable and deployable system aimed at supporting decision-makers involved in the response. HeRAMS-COVID19 is currently being deployed in Mali and Sudan.

Way forward

- Initiate the project in Afghanistan, Armenia, Mauritania, Niger, and Ukraine
- Complete baseline collation in Pakistan, the Philippines, Somalia and Tigray (Ethiopia)
- Reinforce ongoing projects in Burkina Faso, Chad, Gaziantep (Syrian Arab Republic), Mali, Nigeria, occupied Palestinian territory, Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen

Help and support

The HeRAMS project is fully supported by WHO’s Health Emergencies Programme. For more information, visit the website at www.who.int/initiatives/herams or access the HeRAMS platform at www.herams.org. If you have any questions or comments, please contact herams@who.int.

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