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Who we are

The WHO’s Radiation Emergency Medical Preparedness and Assistance Network (REMPAN) was established in 1987 in order to fulfil WHO’s mandate under the two international conventions on Early Notification and Assistance in the case of a nuclear or radiological emergency (IAEA, 1986). The key purpose of the network is to support WHO’s work assisting member states in building relevant national capacities for emergency medical and public health assistance to people over-exposed to radiation, as required by the International Health Regulations (2005). REMPAN’s activities scope also includes research and development in the areas of medical countermeasures against radiological and nuclear emergencies, radiation dosimetry and radiation epidemiology.

REMPAN membership

Since its inception in 1987, REMPAN expanded from four to more than forty members worldwide including medical, academic, and research institutions specializing in medical and public health fields related to the entire cycle of management of radiation emergencies (prevention, planning, response, long-term follow-up). There are three levels of membership:

- **WHO Collaborating Centres** – a formal status designated by the WHO in agreement with national health authorities;
- **Liaison Institutions** – informal relationship defined by exchange of letters of intent to collaborate on certain technical areas between WHO REMPAN secretariat and an institution;
- **Observers** – individual experts interested in the area of medical response to radiation emergencies.

This directory represents the membership as of February 2022 and will be updated annually.

REMPAN activities

The network provides a platform for sharing experience, information, and best practices among professional communities and enables access to technical expertise for countries where such resources are still lacking. The Secretariat collects information and publishes biannual electronic newsletters informing the members about the network’s news, publications, upcoming events, and to promote international cooperation within the network members.

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