



# Develop online training materials for COVID-19

## Project Information

- ◆ Department: Center of Excellence for Applied Epidemiology
- ◆ Unit: Workforce Capacity

## OBJECTIVE

GHD|EMPHNET in collaboration with CDC, has developed the first of its kind Online Public Health Empowerment Program – Basic Field Epidemiology (PHEP-BFE) in the region. This is mainly to ensure equity in accessing this highly demanded and efficient training program in the region and address the gap of insufficient numbers of trained workforce in field epidemiology.

## REGIONS OF WORK

The developed material will be used in Yemen, Iraq, Oman, and Egypt. In addition, other countries in EMR will be able to benefit from those materials and courses

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GHD|EMPHNET will work with CDC to update and customize the existing PHEP curriculum with reference to the latest frontline materials in their new version. GHD|EMPHNET has developed the Public Health Empowerment Program – Basic Field Epidemiology (PHEP-BFE) blended program in three languages Arabic, English, and French. About 90% of the training management is online while 10% is a face-to-face, as a blended learning model. All the fieldwork will be supervised in person by mentors and will be managed remotely, including assessing the assignments and providing feedback.

Also, GHD|EMPHNET will develop short training courses to build the countries capacity to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. GHD will develop Rapid Response Teams online course, Risk Communication online course and Infection Prevention and Control online courses.

## BENEFICIARIES

The developed material beneficiaries are mainly public health workers including PHEP residents in targeted countries as well as other countries in EMR.

## PROJECT PHASES

Transition of the PHEP-BFE material to an online material will be done through the following steps:

1. The first step is to review and customize the existing training materials
2. Converting the material to an online content. GHD|EMPHNET will develop these courses in Arabic and French in addition to the English version and will localize them in its Learning Management System (LMS)
3. Finally, GHD|EMPHNET will provide access to those online training programs to the FETPs in the region to be conducted in their respective countries

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## Currently . . .

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed education forever. The COVID-19 has resulted in schools and educational institutes shut across the world. As a result, education has changed dramatically, with the distinctive rise of e-learning, whereby teaching is undertaken remotely and on digital platforms.

In response to several factors such as the significant demand that appears after COVID-19 pandemic, as the countries training needs increased to build their capacity in the areas of infection control, risk management and rapid response teams, and since the conventional training is not possible during this pandemic, a high demand was found to establish short online courses covering the areas of infection control, risk management and RRT.

## What's next . . .

As the countries training needs increased to build their capacity to respond the COVID-19 pandemic, GHD will develop the PHEP-COVID-19 by customizing the existing online PHEP-BFE materials to be more tailored to COVID-19. The new version of PHEP-COVID-19 will be developed in Arabic and French in addition to English language. The three versions will be localized within the GHD LMS.

## By the Numbers

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Infection  
Prevention and  
Control (IPC)  
training launched

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Rapid Response  
Team (RRT)  
online training  
launched

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Risk  
Communication  
Online training  
launched

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