Support Morocco Advanced FETP – Implementation of Cohort

Project Information

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

OBJECTIVES

- Develop the capacity of public health staff including medical officers, surveillance professionals, and public health staff from national and divisional levels in Morocco, Tunisia and Mauritania to identify, investigate and respond to outbreaks and other public health threats.
- Support participants' leadership skills in strengthening health institutions in Morocco, Tunisia, and Mauritania.
- Reinforce sustainability and FETP outcomes' integration into the broader workforce development strategy by coordinating closely with the different national public health entities.

BENEFICIARIES

10 residents including medical officers, surveillance professionals, and public health staff from national and divisional levels in addition to 6 mentors.

REGIONS OF WORK

Morocco, Tunisia, and Mauritania.

PROJECT PHASES

- Preparation for implementing Intermediate FETP – mental health cohort and the selection of the participants.
- Conducting five-day mentorship workshop for six mentors in Morocco. Then conducting four semesters over the course of two years. Each semester varies from 21 to 24 weeks, and each contains modules, workshops and fieldwork.
- Graduation ceremony will be held by the end of the program and achieving the overall goal of supporting the FETP Cohort in Morocco.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This cohort will include 10 participants from four EMR countries (four from Morocco, three from Tunisia and three from Mauritania).

Each country will select the participants who meet the criteria, Morocco will be the host country for in-class workshops while each participant will implement his/her fieldwork in their home countries.

The implementation will start by developing the material, preparing for the workshops and fieldwork assignments, and working collaboratively with the country's teams to achieve the training objectives. In addition, technical experts will work on the technical preparations for the cohort including the sessions, fieldwork requirements, exercises, evaluation forms, etc. and make sure that they are aligned with the strategic objective of this training.

The regional cohort will start by conducting the mentorship workshop in Morocco targeting six mentors two from Morocco and one from each country selected, this pool of mentors will have a crucial role during the implementation specially during the national fieldwork activities. The mentorship workshop will focus on mentorship skills as well as technical aspects of the program related to fieldwork.

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Partner Organizations	**Department of Health and Human Services/Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (ACDC), AFENET, MENA countries FETPs, National and sub-national Egypt health institutes**
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Collaborators	**Ministries of Health (MOH) at targeted countries in EMR**

Currently . . .

The EMR has high prevalence of mental disorders, several studies show that depression, generalized anxiety disorder (GAD), post-traumatic stress disorder, substance use, obsessive compulsive disorder, phobic disorders, panic disorders, bipolar disorders, and psychosis were mostly affected the population.

Researchers and policy makers emphasize the need for low-income countries to scale up their human resources to provide a minimum of 22.3 mental health workers per 100 000 population.

All these factors create the need to have a trained and equipped epidemiologists specialized in mental health, EMPHNET is planning to implement one regional cohort for the Advanced FETP in mental health which is a two-year program.

What is next . . .

The expected outcomes following the implementation of the advanced FETP – cohort in Morocco and EMR countries:

- Develop the capacity of public health staff including medical officers, surveillance professionals, and public health staff from national and divisional levels in Morocco and EMR countries to identify, investigate and respond to outbreaks and other public health hazards.
- Support participants' leadership skills in strengthening EMR health institutions.
- Reinforce sustainability and FETP outcomes' integration into the broader workforce development strategy by coordinating closely with the different national public health entities.

By the Numbers

10 individuals will be graduated from the Advanced FETP cohort in Morocco

6 mentors will be selected, trained and fully involved in the Advanced FETP cohort in Morocco

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