

Global Prioritization Exercise (GPE) Regional and National Actors Consultations on Humanitarian Research and Innovation

Project Information

- ◆ Department: Center of Excellence for Applied Epidemiology
- ◆ Unit: Research and Policy

OBJECTIVES

The main goal of the Global Prioritization Exercise (GPE) initiative was to enhance the global understanding of the humanitarian research and innovation priorities which in return will improve the ways in which the humanitarian sector uses evidence, responds to crises, and supports populations in need.

REGIONS OF WORK

This initiative was part of a broader GPE which seeks to improve outcomes for people affected by humanitarian crises in six geographic regions across the world named as the Western Asia and North Africa (WANA) region, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and West Africa, Southern and East Africa, Oceania, Eastern and South-Eastern Asia, and Central Asia and South Asia).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project was coordinated by a Consortium Central team from Deakin University and the American University of Beirut. The project comprised a series of regional and national consultations with a diverse range of stakeholders to examine humanitarian research and innovation priorities in six defined geographic regions. EMPHNET conducted the regional consultation for the WANA region and provided support to the consortium members and partners from all regions by acting as the lead advisor for the prioritization exercises.

BENEFICIARIES

The beneficiaries of this project included international agencies providing humanitarian research and innovation investments.

PROJECT PHASES

The project involved three phases:

Phase I – Preparations:

- Preparing for the regional consultation (Review key informant interview (KII) guides, obtaining institutional ethics approvals, Developing list of key informants for WANA)
- Prepare for Prioritization Exercise Training on methodology.

Phase II – Implementation:

- Conduct the regional consultation (KII)
- Conduct One training session to Consortium members and regional teams.

Phase III – Closing:

- Finalizing the regional report
- Launching the outcomes and priorities for WANA region.

Project Start and End Date	October 2022 – August 2023
Partner Organizations	Deakin University and the American University of Beirut (AUB)
Funded by	Deakin University

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A significant amount of the global humanitarian funds and investments are directed to the areas of research and innovation which considered as one of the most important areas to efficiently respond to crises and support populations in need. As the demands are rapidly changing in the world, any lack of evidence on the ongoing changing priorities will result in loss of the global effort invested in this area.

What's next . . .

This project aimed to enhance the global understanding of the current humanitarian research and innovation priorities. The updated list of priorities will in return improve the ways in which the humanitarian sector uses evidence to respond to crises, ensure the most effective humanitarian assistance possible, and warrant the best where to allocate resources for research and innovation in light of the expansion and challenges that faces the humanitarian system. Further information about the GPE in general is available on the Elrha website here: <https://www.elrha.org/global-prioritisation-exercise/>

OUTCOMES

A total of 21 interviews were conducted with different humanitarian clusters such as health, shelter, food security, and nutrition.

A range of topics were identified by participants as requiring additional Research & Innovation attention in the region:

1. health-related issues
2. food and water security,
3. livelihoods,
4. education,
5. environmental issues and climate change.

Main Recommendations:

1. Developing a national humanitarian R&I strategies
2. Establishing national central coordinating bodies
3. Establishing R&I unit
4. Establishing regional humanitarian R&I platform
5. Building the capacity

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