

#### Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians

#### **Project Information**

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

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The overall goal of the Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (FETPV) is to strengthen the technical capacities of animal health professionals in outbreak investigation and response competencies, enhancing emergency preparedness.

#### **REGIONS OF WORK**

This project will be implemented in Bangladesh.

#### **BENEFICIARIES**

The target audience is public health workers from government veterinarians and relevant sectors.

#### PROJECT PHASES

The Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (FETPV) is a 3-month program consists of:

- Mentorship workshop, where mentors will be trained to serve as guides throughout the FETPV journey.
- Ten-day workshop one focusing on epidemiological surveillance and studies and the One Health approach, and it will be followed by four weeks of fieldwork.
- Five-day workshop two, during this workshop, field investigation, preparedness, and response, especially multisectoral zoonotic diseases investigation, in addition to communication, ethics, and professionalism, will be discussed. It will be followed by four weeks of fieldwork.
- Three-day workshop three, to present fieldwork deliverables and have the graduation event.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (FETPV) is a three-month in-service training that focuses on epidemiological surveillance, One Health approach, field investigation, preparedness, and response, especially multisectoral zoonotic diseases investigation, in addition to communication, ethics, and professionalism.



<b>Project Start and End Date</b>	October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024
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# **Currently...**

Bangladesh's dense population and escalating demand for food have intensified agricultural production, bringing humans, animals, and disease vectors into closer contact. This interface significantly increases the risk of zoonotic disease transmission and spillover of new pathogens from animals to humans. However, there is a persistent shortage of competent professionals equipped with outbreak investigation and response competencies, requiring more frontline workers trained in FETP.

## What's next ...

A competent veterinarians trained through a tailored FETP to is indispensable to safeguard public health under the One Health approach.. The Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (FETPV) graduates will have the capacities to excel in rapid outbreak responses, strengthening disease surveillance, conducting impactful research, and enhancing emergency preparedness. It has a great opportunity to be extended to other countries in the region.

# By the Numbers

**40** 

Residents will be enrolled

**20** 

Mentors will be trained and support residents during the field work

**GHD**|**EMPHNET Information:** Global Health Development (GHD) and Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET) works at achieving its mission by responding to public health needs with deliberate efforts that allow for health promotion and disease prevention.

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