

PMEP 2023-2024: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General Information

What makes PMEP unique and worthwhile?

This training helps participants address leadership and management challenges in health security. It goes beyond theoretical concepts by equipping participants with practical knowledge to deploy technical IHR tools and processes to strengthen their country's health security architecture.

PMEP is designed to support countries at all stages of NAPHS implementation. Through team-based learning and simulations, participants will develop skills to effectively lead systems change. They will also build a valuable network and gain insights from peers in different countries and regions.

Last year, 82% of participants reported establishing new relationships with colleagues in other countries, 91% reported they found the training to be innovative, and 100% reported they would recommend the training to other colleagues. Join us for a transformative experience in health security leadership.

What is PMEP Connect and how does it differ from PMEP Core?

PMEP Core is a five-day in-person workshop. At the end of PMEP Core, participants will be invited to apply for PMEP Connect, a 12-month virtual program. Those selected to participate will receive technical support and funding to support key NAPHS coordination activities and effective use of preparedness funding.

For example, we may support NAPHS coordination teams to further refine their preparedness mandate and scope of work; prepare for high-level stakeholder engagements; organize and prepare for operational planning workshops; or establish a NAPHS monitoring and evaluation system.

Additionally, PMEP Connect will facilitate country-to-country connections through shared resources and peer-led events, which will be an opportunity to share lessons learned (i.e., successes and challenges encountered) in NAPHS implementation. **Participation in PMEP Core does not guarantee inclusion in PMEP Connect.**

Application

Do countries need specific financing mechanisms to apply?

While there are no requirements for specific financing mechanisms, this program is best suited for country teams with existing or newly acquired sources of funding to allocate towards national pandemic preparedness and response efforts. We ask applicants to specify this information in their application. Examples of appropriate mechanisms include the Global Fund C19RM, Pandemic Fund, and US/UK government funding.

What is the ideal team and how will proposed teams be assessed?

Teams must include a minimum of five candidates from across government departments/sectors who can work together to lead NAPHS/IHR implementation. Teams may have up to 7 members if the additional 1 or 2 people are from the WHO Country Office, World Bank Project Implementation Unit or The Global Fund Principal Recipient Project Management Unit. **Ideally, teams will include experts in the following technical areas: IHR coordination, human health, animal health, legislation and policy, and financing.**

Can the proposed team include consultants or technical partners providing technical support to country programs?

PMEP is intended for country teams supporting long-term systems strengthening and improved national preparedness. In the application process, countries will be asked to nominate participants and demonstrate

how they are most relevant to this training. While countries are welcome to include consultants or technical partners in their proposed team, they should be well positioned for long-term engagement, implementation and country ownership.

Do countries need to be at a particular stage in the NAPHS development process to qualify for PMEP Core?

Countries are welcome to apply at any stage in their NAPHS development process.

How and when will my country team be notified of their acceptance into PMEP Core?

We will confirm acceptance into PMEP Core on August 25, and teams will have until September 1 to confirm acceptance of their invitation.

Are Portuguese-, Spanish- or Arabic-speaking teams able to apply?

PMEP is currently offered in English and French only. We are looking to make resources available in other languages and can notify you if and when they become available. If you are interested please contact us at trainings@resolvetosavelives.org so we can monitor and respond to demand.

Can participants from PMEP 2022 apply for PMEP Core 2023?

Countries who participated in PMEP 2022 are eligible to apply for PMEP Core 2023, provided at least 50% of participants did not participate in PMEP 2022. Teams with four or more participants from PMEP 2022 are not eligible for PMEP Core 2023, but they will be eligible for PMEP Connect when applications open in October.

Can people who were deferred from PMEP 2022 for a later cohort (AKA “Cohort 2”) participate in PMEP Core 2023?

All countries meeting the eligibility criteria can apply, and teams can include participants from Cohort 2.

PMEP Core Workshop

What expenses are covered?

We will cover all costs related to the training, including travel to Nairobi, visa fees, accommodation, and meals and incidentals. Per diem rates are determined by our policies. Upon acceptance to PMEP Core, participants will receive more information about travel procedures and requirements.

What if a participant is not able to attend PMEP Core in full?

Only participants who can commit to full participation in PMEP Core will be accepted. Country teams must ensure full attendance for all participants during the five-day workshop plus essential preparatory and follow-up webinars. i.e., participants should remain focused during the workshop without other meetings.

Will I receive a certificate?

Participants who are actively engaged in the sessions by internalizing new knowledge, tailoring principles to their context, completing assignments and effectively collaborating with other team members and the wider cohort will be eligible for a certificate of completion. We will provide a summary of your accomplishments with the country leaders who endorsed your participation.

Who is organizing the PMEP Core workshop?

Resolve to Save Lives is the organizer and facilitator of this training. Trainers and facilitators have expertise in capacity strengthening on leadership, governance, and financing and with experience supporting government partners with technical and program management challenges in national and subnational health security.

How are other partners involved?

Resolve to Save Lives works closely with the WHO, World Bank, Global Fund, and US CDC to connect, simplify and accelerate health security at the regional, national and global levels. The WHO, World Bank and Global Fund will play a strategic support role in the training sessions.

The training is closely aligned with emerging technical, operational, and political aspects of health security that we have identified in partnership with country governments like yourselves, the WHO, World Bank, Global Fund, US CDC and others. Some of the training builds on the NAPHS toolkit we recently launched with the WHO's Regional Office for Africa.