PREVENT EPIDEMICS

PMEP OVERVIEW

Program Management for Epidemic Preparedness (PMEP) is a leadership and management program that enables teams to accelerate epidemic preparedness in their countries through thoughtful peer exchange and practical learning.

While funding mechanisms like The Pandemic Fund and the Global Fund COVID-19 Response Mechanism are providing new opportunities for countries to prioritize and improve epidemic preparedness, effectively leveraging funding can be a challenge. Moreover, preparedness is a complex endeavor, requiring multi-sectoral coordination and involving multiple frameworks, tools and approaches that are difficult to synchronize.

While countries have built momentum around preparedness by implementing National Action Plans for Health Security (NAPHS), progress can be limited by many technical, operational and political challenges. Often, leaders engaged in this work possess the technical expertise necessary for NAPHS implementation but have not received formal training in the leadership and management capacities required to establish and maintain systems for effective advocacy, governance, financing, resource mobilization and quality improvement of these complex efforts.

PMEP enables teams to address these critical barriers to preparedness and maximize pandemic preparedness and response funding by:

✓ Integrating foundational concepts in health security and health systems with leadership and management skills

✓ Offering practical sessions to advance country-level preparedness initiatives and manage and prioritize investments

✓ Providing a platform to share lessons and expertise in a peer-led, global community of preparedness leaders

TWO NEW INITIATIVES IN 2023-2024

Prevent Epidemics is a project of Resolve to Save Lives (RTSL) Our team supports countries to find, stop and prevent disease threats.

PMEP has been a key initiative of Prevent Epidemics since 2019, and in 2023-2024, the program will be expanded into two initiatives: PMEP Core and PMEP Connect.

PMEP CORE 2023

One-week, in-person **leadership and management workshop** where teams will:

- Grow technical expertise in areas such as NAPHS costing, prioritization, and monitoring, and develop management skills such as stakeholder analysis and coordination through experiential learning

- Advance NAPHS implementation and strengthen epidemic preparedness

- Engage in peer learning and problem solving

JOIN US

Nairobi, Kenya

October 2-6
ENGLISH

October 9-13
FRENCH

Countries invited to apply must submit their application by August 18th.

Apply

PMEP CONNECT 2024

12-month **virtual program for countries after successfully completing PMEP Core** where teams will:

- Receive catalytic funding to advance the NAPHS in their country

- Engage in dedicated coaching and collaboration with RTSL to advance the strategic NAPHS and operational planning

- Connect with a global network of IHR leaders

Application requirements for PMEP Connect will be shared at the conclusion of PMEP Core.

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WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY

Virtual welcome

One month before the workshop, we will host a **virtual welcome** to provide an overview of the program and give teams the opportunity to connect with new colleagues.

In-person workshop

The workshop consists of five days of in-person training on **2-6 October 2023 (English)** and **9-13 October 2023 (French)**.

Participants will be assigned pre-reading exploring foundational concepts on [International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR)](#) and health security. During the workshop, participants will learn advanced skills for applying governance, systems change and quality improvement to NAPHS implementation through didactic sessions, peer exchange and live simulations. The program will tailor exercises to each country and its current stage in the NAPHS process.

After the workshop

Participants who successfully complete the PMEP Core program will receive a certificate and will be invited to apply for **PMEP Connect**. To be considered for participation, countries must facilitate and document a meeting with high-level decision-makers to share critical insights from PMEP Core and present strategies for accelerating NAPHS in their country. Support for organizing and facilitating this meeting will be provided during PMEP Core. Application requirements for PMEP Connect will be shared at the conclusion of PMEP Core. Participation in PMEP Core does not guarantee inclusion in PMEP Connect.

Teams will be equipped with proven approaches to address critical bottlenecks in the NAPHS process to "step up" preparedness capacities.

The program will be facilitated by RTSL with support from partners. Keynote speakers include **Dr. Tom Frieden** and **Amanda McClelland.**

COSTS

RTSL will cover costs related to the training, including travel, visa, accommodation and per diem allowance. Payment for attending the training will not be provided.

APPLICATION

Which countries are invited to apply?

Application to PMEP Core is by invitation only. Countries invited to apply are from the African or Eastern Mediterranean Regions and are confirmed or potential recipients of pandemic preparedness and response (PPR) funding mechanisms, including but not limited to the following:

- The COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM), initiated by the Global Fund;

- The Pandemic Fund, with at least one of the implementing agencies being the Global Fund or the World Bank; and,

- The Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program (HEPR Program) Trust Fund or other World Bank operations with a PPR focus, such as Africa Regional PPR Multiphase Programmatic Approaches (MPAs).

What makes a successful country application?

Successful country applications should include a group of six mid-to senior-level managers in government from diverse sectors and disciplines, capable of providing robust support to preparedness initiatives. Nominations of IHR core capacity leads or their delegations are encouraged, as is representation from the IHR National Focal Point. Teams have the option to include a seventh participant from their WHO Country Office, World Bank Project Implementation Unit (PIU) or Global Fund Principal Recipient Project Management Unit (PMU). The inclusion of women leaders and members of other underrepresented groups is encouraged.

Application materials should include a résumé or curriculum vitae for each team member that clearly outlines the individual's role and qualifications, emphasizing their dedication to enhancing their leadership and management abilities.

Additionally, country applications must include team support letter(s) from a relevant senior leader responsible for steering health security in the country (e.g., the Director-General of the National Public Health Institute or Ministry of Health), demonstrating their endorsement and commitment to enabling participants to apply their new skills to strengthen epidemic preparedness.

Support letters that express intent to establish a NAPHS secretariat, coordination team, or equivalent structure, as defined by WHO NAPHS Strategy and WHO AFRO NAPHS Toolkit, will have a stronger case for acceptance into the program.

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LEARN MORE

Join one of our remote events to learn more about the program and application requirements, hear from PMEP alumni and participate in Q&A.

Informational webinars

July 21 2023, 8:00 AM US ET

Register (English)

24 juillet 2023 8 h 00, HE d'ET

S'inscrire (français)

PMEP Core application process

Download and complete the following documents.

- **Application form**, which includes contact information, contract agreements, and personal statements

- **Team support letter**, which indicates senior leadership's support for the team's participation and commitment to advance preparedness efforts

- **Résumé or curriculum vitae** for each member of the team.

Download Application

Access the application portal to submit your application.

Applications open	**Applications close**
July 21 2023	August 18 2023

Submit Application

Invitations to the workshop will be extended by email on August 25, 2023 at 9:00 AM US ET.
The deadline to confirm attendance is September 1, 2023 at 11:59 PM US ET.

Contact

For questions or concerns, contact trainings@resolvetosavelives.org.