INTEGRATED RESPONSE FRAMEWORK FOR ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE AS NON-PHARMACEUTICAL INTERVENTIONS AGAINST COVID-19

READY’s Integrated Response Framework for Isolation and Quarantine as Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions against COVID-19 is a programming tool for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) operating in humanitarian settings, who are providing services to people in isolation or quarantine in their homes or community facilities. The framework presents integration entry points highlighted across the phases of a humanitarian program cycle, and brings together guidance from technical and cross-cutting sectors relevant to outbreak response. By promoting a holistic approach to supporting individuals and their families with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, the framework aims to slow the spread of COVID-19 in communities by improving adherence to physical distancing during quarantine and isolation – two important interventions used globally to slow transmission, even as COVID-19 vaccines become available.

HOW TO USE THIS FRAMEWORK

- **Consider** the integration guidance and tips in the framework during the different phases of your response program cycle, including coordination, planning, project design and monitoring and evaluation.

- **Consult** the sector-specific technical and operational guidance across nutrition, health, WASH, food security, and protection, as well as cross-cutting themes like gender and inclusion and One Health

- **Reflect** on the people-centered approach as a foundational element for building programming represented by Risk Communication and Community Engagement in this framework.

WHY INTEGRATION?

Integrated programming holistically addresses the informational, clinical, psychosocial, and structural needs of communities in humanitarian settings. Engaging them in decisions that work within their context while addressing concerns and feedback builds trust and ultimately saves lives. An integrated approach ensures interventions from different sectors and teams do not take place in siloes, but instead reinforce one another to achieve the best possible outcomes for communities.

WHO IS THIS FRAMEWORK FOR?

- Technical experts
- Country directors
- Program managers
- Program staff

This framework is intended to guide personnel of national and international NGOs in developing and adapting their organization’s strategy, proposal development, program implementation, and operational activities for the COVID-19 emergency response.
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READY’s Integrated Response Framework for Isolation and Quarantine as Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions against COVID-19 brings together guidelines from five technical humanitarian sectors (Health, WASH, Protection, Nutrition, and Food Security), and six cross-cutting themes (risk communication and community engagement, age, gender and inclusion, ability, ethics, and One Health) to identify integration entry points across the phases of the humanitarian program cycle for isolation and quarantine programs. At the foundation of this approach is risk communication and community engagement, which builds trust in the response, supports communities with timely, accurate and actionable information, and grounds integration in the community’s needs.

To access the full framework, and start planning your own integrated response, visit our website at www.ready-initiative.org, or contact us at ready@savechildren.org.