



Risk Communication and Community Engagement Outbreak Readiness Training in Ethiopia

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READY is welcoming individual applicants from organizations operating in Ethiopia to participate in a four-day Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) training to strengthen capacity to prepare and respond to major disease outbreaks in humanitarian settings.

SYNOPSIS

When major disease outbreaks occur, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are often on the frontlines, using their deep connections with affected communities and expertise to support outbreak readiness and response. To be able to control these outbreaks effectively, NGOs are increasingly encouraged to be ready to drive a more participatory, community-led response that facilitates behavior change with data-driven communication.

In this training program, developed and facilitated by the USAID/BHA-funded READY initiative, individuals will learn how to strengthen their skills to design an effective community-centered RCCE plan and identify operational readiness actions required to execute that plan in humanitarian settings.

COST & COMMITMENT

Program Fee: \$0



READY will support breakfast, tea breaks and lunch for all four days of training. READY has limited funding available to support travel costs for local/national organizations and lodging for anyone traveling from outside of Addis Ababa who needs it. Funding will be considered on an as-needed basis based on requests. Please complete an application form for this training on the READY website to indicate support requests. There will be an expected level of commitment from participating individuals, including time and human resources.

DELIVERY METHODS

- Two 90-minute virtual sessions (Zoom) in December or January (based on participant availability)
 - Introduction to Infectious Disease Outbreaks in Humanitarian Settings
 - Introduction to RCCE in Humanitarian Settings
- Four days in-person RCCE Outbreak Readiness Training sessions (Ethiopia)
- Virtual post-training RCCE mentorship for 3 months (February – April)

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the training, individuals will be able to:

-  Design an effective community-centered RCCE plan for a major disease outbreak.
-  Identify the operational readiness actions required to execute that plan in humanitarian settings.



TRAINING OVERVIEW

In this training, an evolving outbreak scenario in a humanitarian setting will introduce a range of challenges that will need to be solved during interactive exercises throughout four days of in-person sessions. During these exercises, learners can apply what they have learned to prioritize operational readiness actions and develop strategic response plans. READY developed these

modules based on the [Communicating with Communities in Epidemics and Pandemics: RCCE Readiness Kit](#), which includes actions and operational and technical tools to support NGOs and humanitarian actors to strengthen readiness to respond to outbreaks with RCCE, and to have a more community-centered approach across sectors.



LEARNING THE BASICS:

1 month prior to face-to-face training (December or January)

- Two virtual sessions to provide the basics on outbreak response and RCCE with considerations for humanitarian settings.
 - i. Introduction to Infectious Disease Outbreaks in Humanitarian Settings
 - ii. Introduction to RCCE in Humanitarian Settings



RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM:

Four days, face-to-face from January 31 – February 3, 2023.

- Thematic areas covered in this training include but are not limited to: Readiness actions for emergency preparedness and response planning; public health and humanitarian coordination; social and behavior change in major outbreaks; engaging communities in major outbreaks to develop action plans (community-led approaches); data collection and analysis (e.g., rapid assessments, community feedback); selecting RCCE interventions in major outbreaks and tailoring them to audience personas; developing effective messaging, managing rumors and uncertainty; and measuring program outcomes.



REMOTE SUPPORT/ FOLLOW-UP:

Up to six months post face-to-face training

- After the training has ended, READY will offer participants mentorship for up to 3 months (February – April). Mentorship includes virtual technical assistance calls; reviews of strategies, communication materials or other documents; and additional virtual training upon request.

WHO IS THIS TRAINING FOR?

This program is designed for large, national-level NGOs or small, international NGOs that are operating in Ethiopia. Government and UN agencies are also encouraged to apply. Individuals should have the following attributes:

- Actively seeking to add or strengthen RCCE technical and operational capacity
- Experience working in a humanitarian and public health response, and multiple technical sectors
- Ability to commit to remote and in-person time commitments
- Ability to participate in written and spoken English

READY is welcoming applications from individuals in organizations operating in Ethiopia.

ABOUT READY: GLOBAL READINESS FOR MAJOR DISEASE OUTBREAK RESPONSE

In 2018, the United States Agency for International Development's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance funded Save the Children to lead an initiative to augment global capacity to respond to major disease outbreaks. The READY initiative is ensuring humanitarian NGOs have the tools, knowledge, and skills to support crisis-affected communities and local authorities more effectively in response to major epidemics and pandemics.

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Applications due by November 21, 2022. All applicants will be informed if they have been chosen for the training by December 2, 2022.

To submit your application, go to: www.ready-initiative.org

Have questions? Email us at: ready@savechildren.org