



Outbreak Readiness and Response: Prioritizing Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, and Newborn Health Services in Humanitarian Settings

February 17th - 21st, 2025
Karachi, Pakistan

Credit: Save the Children

READY is welcoming applicants from organizations operating in Pakistan to participate in a **four and a half-day** sexual, reproductive, maternal, and newborn health (SRMNH) training to strengthen capacity to ensure continuity of SRMNH essential services during major disease outbreaks in humanitarian settings.

Synopsis

The delivery of sexual, reproductive, maternal, and newborn health (SRMNH) services are essential components of any humanitarian response. During an infectious disease outbreak, health systems are disrupted, while SRMNH needs persist or increase. In this training, developed and facilitated by the USAID/BHA-funded READY initiative, individuals will learn how to strengthen their readiness and response skills to ensure SRMNH essential health services are continued and prioritized during major disease outbreaks in humanitarian settings.

Training Overview

The aim of this training is to equip participants with the operational knowledge and skills to ensure the continuity, quality, and safety of healthcare for women and girls of reproductive age and their newborns during an infectious disease outbreak in humanitarian and fragile settings. The training will guide participants through the necessary multi-sectoral interventions and activities required to ensure key SRMNH considerations are integrated across the outbreak response pillars.

Training Delivery and Approach

- Three one-hour pre-training recordings on foundational topics
- 4.5 days of in-person trainings in Karachi
- Scenario-based approach, with case studies and interactive group exercises

Who is this training for?

READY is welcoming applications from **individuals operating in Pakistan**. This training is designed for NGOs. Applications from Ministry of Health, UN agencies, and national midwifery associations will also be considered. **All applicants need to have the ability to participate in written and spoken English, and to commit all days of in-person sessions.**

Individuals should have the following attributes:

- Currently work in health programming (e.g. health program manager, clinic supervisor, technical advisor, healthcare staff)
- Experience working in a humanitarian and public health response
- Demonstrated commitment to ensuring SRMNH services are maintained and considered in an infectious disease response

Learning Objectives

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

- Explain the barriers that women, girls, and newborns face during outbreaks in humanitarian contexts
- Outline key coordination structures for infectious disease outbreak response
- Describe which actions personnel involved in health program management can take to ensure readiness to maintain essential SRMNH services and to ensure response actions consider SRMNH needs of the population
- Apply SRMNH guidance documents and strategies for engagement of key actors and other readiness activities in their own context.

Cost & Commitment

Program Fee \$0.00

READY will support tea breaks and lunch for all five days of the training for all participants.

Please note: READY has limited funding available to support travel and/or accommodation costs for local/national organizations if needed to participate. Funding will be considered on an as-needed basis. Requests for support should be indicated on the application form.

**Applications are due by
January 7th, 2025.**

To apply, [click here](#) or visit:
www.ready-initiative.org

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

All applicants will be informed if they have been chosen for the training before February 5th.

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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