GOARN Deployments

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GOARN and UK-PHRST

- Longstanding collaboration

- Worked closely to streamline and make deployments efficient and fast

- 12 GOARN deployments since 2017

- Remote and in person deployments

- Short term and protracted emergencies

- Majority of deployments go through this mechanism

GOARN and UK-PHRST Deployments

Country	Outbreak	Date	Number of staff deployed	Summary
Ethiopia	Acute Watery Diarrhoea	Apr-17	3	A Request for assistance from GOARN was responded to by UK-PHRST with two epidemiologists and one case management specialist deploying for four weeks. This was in response to an outbreak of acute watery diarrohea in the Somali region of Ethiopia.
Nigeria	Meningitis	Apr-17	3	The UK-PHRST deployed two epidemiologists and one microbiologist for four weeks to support the meningitis outbreak in Nigeria. This was via a request from GOARN in close collaboration with colleagues from Nigeria Centre for Disease Control.
Madagascar	Pneumonic and bubonic plague	Oct-17	3	The UK-PHRST deployed to Madagascar in October and November 2017 through GOARN in support of the response to an outbreak of pneumonic plague affecting primarily two large urban centres, Antananarivo (the capital) and Toamasin, a coastal town. The UK-PHRST arrived in country at the very beginning of the international response to the outbreak and deployed for five weeks. Two epidemiologists and one clinician were deployed to support the Epidemiology & Surveillance and Clinical Management response pillars respectively.
Bangladesh	surveillance for outbreak response (multiple diseases)	Jan-18	3	The UK-PHRST deployed to Bangladesh in February and March 2018 at the request of GOARN/WHO to support the response to a large diphtheria outbreak in the refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, as well as the wider needs for IPC, surveillance, public health information and outbreak response in the context of the humanitarian crisis. Two epidemiologists and one Infection, Prevention and Control Nurse were deployed for between five and seven weeks.
DRC (Equateur)	Ebola Virus Disease	May-18	3	Following a request for assistance issued by GOARN, UK-PHRST deployed a team to Equateur province, DRC to support the development and strengthening of early warning systems, contact tracing activities, active case finding, teaching, training, data management and analysis.

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DRC (North Kivu)	Ebola Virus Disease	Aug-18	26	A series of UK-PHRST deployments through GOARN to support the MoH and WHO response to the Ebola virus disease outbreak in North Kivu. UK-PHRST Deputy Director of Operations led the team approach. This included responding to the needs in the field, coordination and management of the analytical cell and epidemiological analytical strategy. UK-PHRST personnel were identified and brought in as required to support the epidemiological analytical cell.
Geneva (WHO HQ)	Ebola Virus Disease (DRC support)	Dec-18	5	UK-PHRST (FETP fellows) deployed to provide analytical and data management support to the incident management team (IMST) in WHO HQ Geneva on the ongoing Ebola Virus disease outbreak in North Kivu, DRC
Bangladesh	Acute Watery Diarrhoea	Nov-19	1	A UK-PHRST reservist deployed to Bangladesh to support the surveillance and epidemiology of an outbreak of acute watery diarrhoea in the Rohingya Refugee camp in Cox's Bazar. This was part of the WHO led response.
Philippines	Covid-19	Jan-20	3	GOARN deployment to WHO Western Pacific Regional Office to support regional preparedness for Coronavirus

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Bangladesh	Covid-19	Mar-20	3	At the request of WHO Bangladesh, a team of epi and data scientists are supporting the surveillance and response activities for the Cox's Bazar refugee camp. Working closely with colleagues Bangladesh to develop strategies to reduce the spread of COVID-19. In October 2020 a data scientist was deployed to support the sero prevalence survey study to inform COVID-19 response.
Nepal	Covid-19	Mar-20	1	GOARN RFA to support SEARO outbreak. Assessment of the current systems at NPHL (including biosafety. Biosecurity and quality issues) and suggestions for scaled up capacity
Tajikistan	Covid-19	Jun-20	2	A deployment via GOARN to rapidly assess the response capabilities and diagnostics in Tajikistan in collaboration with European partners. No further deployment of the microbiology laboratory was advised

GOARN Deployment – Recap

GOARN Preparations

- **Paperwork** – as a consultant you will be on a $1 contract and under WHO. Considerable paperwork which can be prepared in advance. You **must not travel until your contract is signed** and in place.

- **Medical clearance** – ensure it is up to date and you have been in touch with PHE OH focal point for medication supplies (malaria prophylaxis etc)

- **Communications** – WHO will assign you a focal point. You must keep the UK-PHRST in copy with communications and relevant attachments (e.g. contract/flights/accommodation)

- **Logistics –** WHO HR will organise your flights, accommodation and per-diem

- **Finance** – all costs are covered by WHO through your per-diem. Including any taxi and visa costs via an incidental payment. If your dates on the field change, you must liaise with WHO to adjust your per-diem. You cannot claim expenses through PHE.

Deployment Expectations

- **On arrival briefings** (security and situation updates). FCDO will be aware.

- **Code of conduct** – you are contracted to WHO so will be working as a consultant to them. You should therefore align with their code of conduct

- **Reporting** – WHO reports and also UK-PHRST Situation Reports and End of Mission reports

- **Checking in** – daily check ins with UK-PHRST on-call

- **Incident reporting** – follow UK-PHRST process and access medical care in line with WHO process

- **Mission creep** (task or location change) – you must communicate with UK-PHRST Director for sign off prior to agreeing

- **Logistics** – make sure you have your return tickets confirmed in good time. do this through WHO HR

GOARN Deployment to DRC

GOARN Deployment to Bangladesh