



## GLOBAL HEALTH EMERGENCY CORPS –INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

**NEWS:** The World Health Organization (WHO) announced that it has activated the Global Health Emergency Corps (GHEC) for the first time in response to a recent mpox outbreak.

### WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

#### Global Health Emergency Corps (GHEC)

#### Purpose and Framework:

- Aims to strengthen the workforce for health emergencies, focusing on prevention, preparedness, response, and resilience (HEPR).
- Serves as a collaboration platform for countries and health emergency networks.

The screenshot shows a presentation slide with a video inset of Scott Dowell. The slide is divided into two main sections: 'What does it mean for countries?' and 'What does GHEC provide?'. The left section lists three points: developing national health emergency capacities, coordinating deployment of surge teams, and establishing institutionalized coordination and leadership capacity. The right section lists three points: right connections for capacity strengthening, trusted channels for access to response capacities, and a predictable network for global and regional level coordination. The slide also includes the WHO logo and the number 9 in the bottom right corner.

**GHEC| Value proposition**

**What does it mean for countries?**

- Developing and maintaining national health emergency rapid response capacities **in line with internationally recognized, nationally adapted quality standards for interoperability**
- Coordinating the deployment** of national surge teams and experts beyond their borders **through existing mechanisms and networks.**
- Establishing predictable and **institutionalized coordination and leadership capacity** at national level, **connected to regional and global efforts through empowered senior national health emergency leaders**

**What does GHEC provide?**

- Right connections** to obtain or provide capacity strengthening support, based on recognized guidance and accumulated good practice
- Trusted channels** to access additional response capacities when required in emergencies.
- A **predictable network for global and regional level coordination** in the face of transnational health threats.
- Technical and financial support** to build rapid response and leadership capacities

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#### Key Initiatives Supporting GHEC:

- **Emergency Medical Teams initiative (EMT):** Provides trained medical personnel for rapid deployment.
- **Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN):** Facilitates coordinated outbreak responses.
- **International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI):** Enhances national public health systems.



- **Public Health Emergency Operations Center Network (EOC-NET):** Manages emergency operations effectively.
- **Training Programs in Epidemiology and Public Health Interventions Network (TEPHINET):** Builds epidemiological skills.
- **Standby Partnership network (SBP):** Offers standby capacity to augment response efforts.
- **Global Health Cluster:** Coordinates humanitarian health responses in crises.

## Regional Adaptation:

- Efforts underway to tailor the GHEC's framework to fit specific regional health emergency contexts.

## Benefits of the Global Health Emergency Corps

### Strengthened Emergency Workforce:

- Empowers countries to detect and control emerging health threats promptly.
- Enhances workforce capacity using globally accepted guidance, standards, and benchmarks.
- Ensures local management of health emergencies near the outbreak's origin.

### Enhanced Surge Capacities:

- Provides countries with rapidly deployable resources and expertise for emergency responses.
- Enables access to established networks with interoperable capabilities.
- Prevents any country or locality from being overwhelmed by health threats.

### Connected Leadership for Health Security:

- Builds a reliable network of leaders for coordinated responses to transnational threats.
- Promotes global solidarity and coordination in times of health emergencies.
- Aims to stop future pandemics by fostering strong global cooperation.

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