

# Technical Workshop for Concepts and Technical Guidance for the Implementation of Health Emergency and Disaster Risk Management by countries

21-23 November 2018 (2.5 days)

## Concept Note

### Introduction

This workshop will bring together technical experts from regions, academia, UN agencies and WHO in order to conduct technical reviews and discuss operationalization of draft technical guidance that is required to advance the implementation of health emergency and disaster risk management (across prevention, preparedness, response and recovery), the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and related frameworks. The workshop will focus on three areas:

- key concepts and definitions for health emergency and disaster risk management (Health EDRM)
- health emergency and disaster risk management framework, and
- guidance for monitoring and reporting of the health related targets and indicators for the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

### Glossary for health emergency and disaster risk management

The establishment of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, which has integrated diverse functions for a multitude of emergency risks, has shown that there is a need for standard concepts, terms and definitions to facilitate all aspects of Health EDRM. To this end, WHE senior management requested the CPI department to lead the development of a set of common concepts, terms and definitions for health EDRM.

Several relevant glossaries are currently available including in international documents such as the *Report of the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction* (endorsed by the UN General Assembly in February 2017) which contains a dedicated glossary; and other relevant glossaries such as that in the *International Health Regulations (2005) 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*.

However, none represent the full spectrum of concepts and terminology in Health EDRM. Similar concepts and terms have different definitions for different contexts, sectors or disciplines (including in public health), while some have specific technical meanings which differ from the layperson's usage. This diversity, while serving the interest of specialist areas, can cause misunderstanding and confusion, especially in multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral work.

Thus, the *WHO Glossary of Health Emergency and Disaster Risk Management* aims to promote common understanding and common usage of Health EDRM concepts, terms and definitions. It has several applications in Health EDRM including:

- policy, planning, practice and communication within the health sector and with other sectors, communities and other stakeholders;
- data standards and indicators for assessment, planning, monitoring, reporting and evaluation in health emergency risk management;
- technical guidance and assistance to practitioners and policy-makers at all levels; and
- learning, research and knowledge management.

The Glossary is intended to be a universal standard that is able to serve the health sector and other sectors that have a need to use these concepts, terms and definitions. Health actors will be encouraged to adopt them wherever possible. However, it is understood that organizations, including WHO, may use "working definitions" for a specific purpose or context.

### Progress and plan for the finalization of the Glossary

WHO has compiled key concepts, terms and their definitions from a wide range of glossaries including the UN General Assembly, IHR, International Standards Organization and other WHO glossaries. This compilation was reviewed by WHO and partners in a virtual consultation in August 2018 that has enabled the identification of some concepts that have required further attention and the development of a revised draft of concepts, terms, definitions and annotations.

In this workshop technical experts will conduct a technical review of the compiled list of concepts, terms and definitions and will provide inputs for finalising the Glossary. This will be followed by a final review by stakeholders through circulation of the final draft product.

### **Technical guidance to support implementation, monitoring and reporting of Health Emergency and Disaster Risk Management and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030**

The workshop will conduct a technical review of the current Health EDRM Framework, comprising the conceptual framework and policy guidance, which has been developed by WHO with inputs from partners. Reducing risks and health consequences of emergencies are vital to health security and to building the resilience of communities, countries and health systems. Sound risk management is essential to safeguarding development and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals including the pathway to Universal Health Coverage, Sendai Framework, International Health Regulations (2005), Paris Agreement on Climate Change and other related frameworks. The Health EDRM Framework is derived from the disciplines of risk management, emergency management, epidemic preparedness and response and health systems. It is fully consistent with, and helps to align, health security, disaster risk reduction, humanitarian action, climate change and sustainable development agenda.

The workshop will also review draft technical guidance notes for the 7 targets of the Sendai Framework. Two Sendai Framework targets on mortality and people affected are included in the SDGs and the WHO 100 Global Health Indicators, while the mortality target is included in the impact framework for WHO's 13<sup>th</sup> General Programme of Work 2019-2023. The guidance notes are intended to promote and support the health sector's vital role in the Sendai Framework monitoring process which was launched by UNISDR in 2018. The notes provide guidance to on key issues and challenges to enable the health sector to report data on the Sendai Framework indicators and for health EDRM policy, planning and practice. WHO and Public Health England have collaborated on the development of the draft guidance notes.

### **Workshop objectives:**

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- review the compiled concepts and definitions for Health EDRM
- review the current version of the Health Emergency and Disaster Risk Management Framework,
- review the draft technical guidance notes for monitoring and reporting of the health-related targets and indicators for the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and
- discuss the operationalization of the guidance for Health EDRM

### **Outputs**

The expected outputs from the workshop are:

- updated list of concepts and definitions for Health EDRM
- updated final version of the Health Emergency and Disaster Risk Management Framework,
- revised draft technical guidance for monitoring and reporting of the health-related targets and indicators for Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and
- proposed actions for implementing the guidance for health EDRM