

Workshop on Regional Understanding on ‘Good Emergency Management Practice’ (GEMP)

16-19 December 2019

Jakarta, Indonesia

Background

The Good Emergency Management Practice (GEMP) set out in a systematic way the elements required to achieve preparedness planning for any disease emergency in animals and is a reference document of critical principles that helped national Veterinary Services (VS) to standardize and improve countries’ capacities to respond efficiently, rapidly and adequately to animal health disease emergencies.

The first GEMP workshops aimed at providing the basic principles of preparedness and response planning, sharing experience, and providing participants with practical working knowledge based on GEMP principles. These workshops were designed by FAO as a tool to increase awareness of a country’s Veterinary Services to better prepare, prevent, detect, respond and recover from animal diseases through the implementation of holistic emergency management (EM) plans. Most of these workshops were held in Africa and none were held yet in South-east Asia.

With the currently revised GEMP Guide that identified the usefulness of emergency management training of VS in their handling of animal health emergencies beyond only animal disease outbreaks, a new typology of workshops will build on these principles. These may include adverse events affecting animals such as natural disasters, or even biological or nuclear attack.

The GEMP workshops are highly participatory using scenarios to discuss the different aspects of emergency management, and includes many exercises to stimulate discussions on the improvement of preparedness and response plans and to highlight the importance of using a One Health approach and multi-sectoral coordination, especially in the Asian context.

Aside from giving participants a thorough understanding of the original GEMP training (as this has not previously been conducted in this region), the workshop will show delegates the broader application of GEMP principles in overall emergency management. The training will also look to establish or reaffirm the connection between VS and EM services from their country.

Finally, a 1-day ‘Advocacy’ workshop has been added to the usual format of GEMP training, whereby delegates from selected countries will have the opportunity to explore with senior officials the route(s) whereby veterinary services continue further integration into emergency management.

Objectives

1. To increase awareness of selected VS within South-east Asia on the role of GEMP trainings as a tool for engagement in EM;
2. To train participants on preparedness and response planning;
3. To build capacity on designing risk mitigation measures for animal health emergency management based on emergency management principles;
4. To advocate to higher officials how use of GEMP as a tool for emergency management integration into veterinary services.

Dates:

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Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

Participants – profile and number

The workshop on GEMP (3 days) expects to welcome approximately 29-41 participants:

- 2 Government representatives from selected countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) with expertise emergency management from either VS or EM background. (14-20)
- FAO country offices: 1 staff from ECTAD country team with experience on emergency management (5)
- FAO RAP: 2-4 ECTAD RAP staff
- FAO HQ: 2-4 EMC-AH staff
- OIE: 2-3 OIE staff from AFEO region and / or HQ
- WHO: 1-2 regional representatives
- ASWGL: 1-2 representatives
- AHA Centre: 1 representative
- USAID and DFAT representatives (2-4)

The Advocacy workshop (1 day) expects to welcome 6-12 participants as senior officials.

Criteria:

- Participants must be fluent in English and preferably working at central government/regional level which may include the following:
 - CVOs
 - Animal health officers
 - head of rapid response service
 - head of epidemiology/disease investigation service
 - head of disease diagnostic service
 - head of each region – Field VS
 - Additional participants –
 - **National Disaster Management Authority (as priority)**
 - Public Health Officer from MoH
 - Environment Department
 - Law enforcement
 - Ministry of Finances

Training materials

The initial workshop last 3 days. At the end, participants complete an evaluation survey to gather their opinion regarding the workshop's organization, relevance and suggestions for improvement.

The workshop materials include:

- Power points presentations – to structure and facilitate discussion

- Participant manual – to allow participants to easily follow and take notes
- Presenter’s guide – to guide the discussion leaders/facilitators

Trainers/Facilitators

- EMC-AH and ECTAD staff – subject matter experts
- Additional external subject matter experts, where appropriate

Host and partner(s)

- FAO (host)
- Government of Indonesia
- OIE
- WHO

Expected outputs

- GEMP principles are presented to improve knowledge on preparedness and practiced as a way to strengthen response capacities;
- needs (to improve preparedness through GEMP principles) are identified;
- understanding is increased of GEMP principles and key elements of an emergency preparedness plan;
- awareness is created of the key components of a preparedness and response plan with supporting operations manuals;
- information is provided on the appropriate roles and responsibilities of an emergency management system;
- information is provided on how GEMP may fit in to work with other regional structures such as the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER)
- awareness is made of other appropriate materials already available such as the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS)
- variations for the use of the GEMP principles at country levels are created, relating to modules presented during the course; and
- participants advocate for the implementation of GEMP principles in their respective countries by developing a Roadmap to improve response capacities.

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	Items	Responsible
Day 1		
08 H 00 – 08 H 30	Registration of Participants	
Opening of the workshop		
08 H 30 – 09 H 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks • Self-introductions • Meeting objectives • Opening address 	MoA FAO
09 H 15 – 09 H 45	Group photograph & Health break	
Introductory session		
09 H 45 – 10 H 00	FAO role in Animal health emergencies FAO EMC-AH	FAO
10 H 00 – 10 H 30	Disasters management in Asia AADMER ACCAHZ	
GEMP Module 1		
10 H 30 – 11 H 30	Introduction to GEMP – The emergency phases and actions	
GEMP Module 2		
11 H 30 – 13 H 00	Exercise Peacetime : Prepare – Plan The baseline requirements – Risk analysis – Prioritisation – Plan, Equip, Train, Exercise	
13 H 00 – 13 H 45	Lunch break	
13 H 45 – 15 H 15	Exercise Peacetime : Prevent – Detect Targeted biosecurity and surveillance	
15 H 15 – 15 H 30	Health Break	
GEMP Module 3		
15 H 30 – 16 H 45	Exercise Alert : Prepare – Prevent Strengthened awareness – Communication	
16 H 45 – 18 H 00	Exercise Alert : Detect – Respond Early warning systems – Early response	
18 H 00	End day 1	



Day 2		
GEMP Module 4		
09 H 30 – 11 H 00	Emergency : Prevent – Detect Emergency biosecurity – Investigations	FAO
11 H 00 – 11 H 30	Health Break	
11 H 30 – 13 H 00	Emergency : Respond – Recovery Coordination of the emergency response – The chain of command in emergency	FAO
13 H 00 – 14 H 30	Lunch break	
GEMP Module 5		
14 H 30 – 16 H 00	Reconstruction : Prepare – Prevent – Detect From emergency to peacetime	FAO
16 H 00 – 16 H 15	Health Break	
16 H 15 – 17 H 30	Reconstruction : Recovery Back to former or new sanitary status and economical situations	FAO
17 H 30 – 18 H 00	Introduction to the simulation exercise Group formation	FAO
18 H 00	End day 2	
Day 3		
Implementing GEMP principles		
08 H 30 – 10 H 00	Simulation exercise Group work (TTX)	FAO, Participants
10 H 00 – 10 H 30	Health break	
10 H 30 – 12 H 00	Simulation exercise Group work (TTX)	FAO, Participants
12 H 00 – 13 H 30	Lunch break	
13 H 00 – 15 H 30	Simulation exercise Group work (TTX)	FAO
15 H 30 – 16 H 00	Health break	
16 H 00 – 18 H 00	Presentation of the results of group work	FAO
18 H 00	End day 3	
Day 4		
Implementing GEMP principles		
09 H 00 – 12 H 30	Visit of the AADMER centre	FAO, Participants
12 H 30 – 13 H 30	Lunch break	



13 H 30 – 14 H 30	Advocacy for emergency preparedness What is advocacy? Why is advocacy an important part of animal health emergency management? Why to invest in emergency preparedness? Steps towards effective advocacy	
14 H 30 – 15 H 30	Implementation of the GEMP principles in countries Gaps analysis and development of country specific roadmap	FAO, Participants
15 H 30 – 16 H 00	Health break	
16 H 00 – 17 H 00	Q/A Evaluation of the training Workshop recommendations and way forward	FAO, Participants
17 H 00 – 17 H 30	Closing remarks	
17 H 30	END OF THE WORKSHOP	