



# ProTECT II

## Project on Training for Public Health Emergency Operations Centres II

### Context

Under the International Health Regulations (2005), all WHO Member States are committed to strengthening their capacities to respond effectively to public health crises. SEAR Member States are frequently subject to climate- and infectious disease-related health crises. Health emergency operations centres (HEOCs) play a crucial role in responding effectively to such events, coordinating the necessary resources and capacities and ensuring effective communication and response measures. Building on the experience gained in the first phase of the project, in which a capacity building package (CBP) for HEOCs was developed and implemented in one Member State, in the second phase, the project will be expanded to other WHO Member States. Once a partner country has been identified, the CBP will be adjusted taking into account national strategies for emergency management in order to tailor it to the local context and needs. If desired, the CBP can include a training-of-trainers approach, and its subsequent operationalisation can be tested through a simulation exercise. The project also aims to strengthen the regional exchange of experiences, practices and knowledge among HEOCs to foster a mutual learning process and support regional collaboration.

### Objective

Strengthening the national capacities of HEOCs for effective and coordinated responses to public health risks and crises.

### Key facts

**Duration**

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025

**Budget**

~ EUR 500,000

**Partner countries**

WHO South-East Asian Region (SEAR)  
Member States

**Region**

Global

**Implemented by**

Robert Koch Institute (RKI)

**Commissioning party**

German Federal Ministry of Health  
(BMG)

### Thematic focus

Strengthening of public health systems

Outbreak management

Resolutions and international agreements

## Activities



### CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Developing and implementing context-adjusted multi-module CBPs



### TRAINING AND COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT

Training staff on the operationalisation of HEOC plans, procedures and protocols for improved crisis response coordination; transferring knowledge to increase the expertise of staff responsible for HEOC operations



### NETWORKING AND COOPERATION

Linking relevant actors at the national and supranational/ regional level to promote mutual learning and health systems strengthening

## In cooperation with

- World Health Organization Regional Office for South-East Asia (WHO/SEARO), potentially other WHO regional offices
- WHO country offices
- Ministries of health of WHO Member States

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