



# WHO CC GOARN

## Operation of WHO Collaborating Centre for GOARN

### Context

Disease outbreaks and natural and man-made disasters pose severe threats to public health all over the world. Outbreak control, preparedness and response to public health emergencies are therefore needed on a global scale. The Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) is a partnership established by WHO to engage the resources of technical agencies beyond the United Nations for rapid identification, confirmation and response to public health emergencies of international importance. Over the past years, the activities of the WHO Collaborating Centre for GOARN at the RKI have contributed to improving the global operational infrastructure and strengthening capacity building for the response to disease outbreaks and other public health events globally. Aimed at multidisciplinary public health experts at GOARN partner institutions, this project seeks to further strengthen capacities for outbreak response and preparedness. Taking into account lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, it seeks to build capacities in outbreak response team leadership, assist countries in outbreak response and support national outbreak preparedness. In this endeavour, priority is given to participants from crisis-affected partner countries, ensuring equal opportunities for women and men and promoting diversity in the training offered.

### Objective

Strengthening capacities for preparedness and response to disease outbreaks and natural disasters in the WHO Member States by supporting GOARN.

### Key facts

**Duration**

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025

**Budget**

~ EUR 810,000

**Partner countries / 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

Surveillance and reporting

Digital solution

Resolutions and international agreements

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## Activities



### CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Providing technical support for WHO's capacity building efforts in GOARN projects on Go.Data and Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS) and conducting training in partner countries



### TRAINING AND COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT

Supporting WHO's efforts under the GOARN training programme by designing and conducting training and practical exercises on international outbreak alert and response



### NETWORKING AND COOPERATION

Supporting WHO in the exchange of knowledge and dissemination of information on outbreak and emergency situations and providing input for GOARN activities in different countries through related twinning projects

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## In cooperation with

- Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), World Health Organization (WHO)

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**GHPP, the Global Health Protection Programme** of the German Federal Ministry of Health, promotes networking, exchange and cooperation between specialized German and international public health actors. By reducing health risks and strengthening health systems at the national, regional and international level, in particular relating to pandemic and epidemic preparedness and response, the GHPP fosters public health protection – worldwide.

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