



COVID-19

Emergency Preparedness and Response Capacity Assessment Tool

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Public health preparedness and response is a complex task involving expertise and resources across public health sectors, encompassing public and private enterprises, and extending across international, regional, national, and local stakeholders. The purpose of this document is to guide the country's Lead Public Health Response Agency /Ministry coordinating the COVID-19 response in determining their emergency preparedness and response capacity needs in the main areas of:

- Public Health Systems Integration (PHSI)
- Rapid Response Teams (RRT)
- Incident Management Systems (IMS)
- Public Health Emergency Operations Centers (PHEOC)
- Risk Communications and Community Engagement (RCCE)

This list of potential activities is not exhaustive. This information will help CDC's Emergency Response Capacity Team (ERCT) to design and tailor the appropriate technical assistance needs required to enhance the country's COVID-19 response.

With receipt of the completed assessment, the CDC team will then address the gaps of that particular country or organization. CDC will provide technical assistance for the gaps that can be addressed currently during the active COVID-19 response, including the provision of additional resources for the country. Data will also be compiled and aggregated in a published short report to assist with response modeling and assessing global response capacity.

In the table below please indicate the current capacity in country by selecting one option from the drop-down menu in the column "Implemented Capacity." If assistance/support is needed in a specific area, please select one option from the drop-down menu in the "Priority Support Needed" and indicate the implementation priority level by adding the corresponding number as described below.

Capacity:

- No Capacity: Country has no competency or proficiency.
- Partial Capacity: Country has demonstrated limited competency or proficiency. Attributes are currently in the development stage and/or established, but sustainability has not been ensured.
- Implemented Capacity: Country has demonstrated full competency or proficiency. Attributes are in place and sustainable and can be measured and secure funding source is ensured.

Priority Support Needed:

- None needed
- Yes, short-term priority (<6 months)
- Yes, medium-term priority (6-12 months)
- Yes, long-term priority (>12 months)

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