



To our partners in global health,

On behalf of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it is our privilege to present the third version of the Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP)—Frontline 3.0. This document reflects our shared commitment to strengthening public health systems worldwide by building the capacity of frontline health workers to rapidly detect, respond to, and contain health threats, now with an increased emphasis on a One Health approach. One Health is a collaborative, multisectoral, and transdisciplinary approach—working at the local, regional, national, and global levels—with the goal of achieving optimal health outcomes recognizing the interconnection between people, animals, plants, and their shared environment.

The evolution of the FETP–Frontline program to its third version (3.0) underscores the critical importance of addressing health challenges at the intersection of human, animal, and environmental health. The One Health focus recognizes that the health of people is closely connected to the health of animals and our shared environment. By integrating this approach, FETP–Frontline 3.0 equips health workers with the skills to detect and respond to health threats comprehensively, considering all factors that contribute to disease emergence and spread.

Since its inception, FETP has trained thousands of skilled field epidemiologists who have been instrumental in safeguarding their communities against infectious diseases, zoonoses, environmental hazards, and other public health challenges. This new iteration builds on past successes, incorporating innovative tools and strategies to address emerging and evolving public health needs within a One Health framework.

FETP–Frontline 3.0 emphasizes real-world, hands-on training, equipping participants with practical skills to conduct surveillance, analyze data, and implement timely interventions. We recognize that each country brings unique strengths and faces distinct challenges. The guidelines provided here aim to support the seamless integration of FETP–Frontline 3.0 into your existing public health frameworks, tailoring it to your specific needs and priorities while fostering cross-sectoral collaboration inherent to the One Health approach. We encourage you to use this resource as a roadmap, adapting it to optimize outcomes for building safer communities.

Together, we are advancing toward a future where every community, no matter how remote, is equipped to respond swiftly and effectively to health threats. The U.S. CDC remains steadfast in building sustainable partnerships. We look forward to continuing this vital work together under the shared vision of One Health.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to improving public health. We are honored to support your efforts as we collectively work toward a healthier and safer world for all.

Sincerely,

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