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Adapting Emergency Management Curriculum and Training Modalities to Enable Response Capabilities

The Global Emergency Management Capacity Development (GEMCD) team at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention focuses on strengthening emergency management capacity globally. GEMCD's mission is building resilient Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) programs within countries ministries of health. Through partnerships, workforce enhancement, infrastructure development, and systems integration, GEMCD helps establish the foundation for countries to have a strong public health emergency preparedness and response system capable of countering all threats. To facilitate workforce enhancement, a comprehensive public health emergency management training program for international participants was developed and implemented at CDC headquarters in Atlanta. The 3-month intensive PHEM Fellowship training program equips participants with skills needed to creatively prepare for and respond to complex emergencies in challenging environments. CDC has trained more than 200 public health, medical service, and veterinarian professionals from 57 countries and the African Union in emergency management principles. This poster will illustrate how the internationally recognized curriculum has evolved over time and applied innovative

approaches and implementation methods that are emulated by partners, universities, and nongovernmental organizations. Additionally, it will show evidence-based program impacts on the development of PHEM leaders and experts in partner countries.

Presentation Theme: The poster will illustrate how the internationally recognized curriculum has evolved over time and applied innovative approaches and implementation methods to enhancing Emergency Management programs within the international community.

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