

## Calling for interests

### Support to management and operations of public health emergency operations centres in response to Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

On 8 May, WHO was notified by the Ministry of Health of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) of two lab-confirmed cases of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). From 4 April to 17 May 2018, 45 EVD cases have been reported, including in three health care workers, and 25 deaths have been reported. Of these 45 cases, 14 have been confirmed. Most of these cases have been in the remote Bikoro health zone, although one confirmed case is in Mbandaka, a city of 1.2 million, which has implications for its spread. Nine neighbouring countries, including Congo-Brazzaville and Central African Republic, have been advised that they are at high risk of spread and have been supported with equipment and personnel.

The 1st meeting of the IHR Emergency Committee regarding the EVD outbreak took place on Friday 18 May 2018. It is recommended that the Government of the DRC, WHO, and partners remain engaged in a vigorous response – without this, the situation is likely to deteriorate significantly. This response should be supported by the entire international community.

A public health emergency operations centre (PHEOC) is an EOC specializing in response to emergencies involving health consequences and threats to public health. PHEOCs play a critical role in coordinating response efforts by all participating sectors and agencies. More requests for support to EOC management and operations in the country is foreseeable.

#### Potential tasks include:

1. Provide technical support in establishing and managing Incident Management System in PHEOCs
2. Provide technical support in specific PHEOC technical area:
  - a. EOC policies, plans and procedures
  - b. EOC physical infrastructure, communication and information technology
  - c. EOC operational data management and information system
  - d. EOC staff (permanent and surge) training

If you speak French (proficient to communicate effectively in EOC working environment), and are interested in providing direct support to EOCs in DRC, please express your interests, specify areas and send your CV (including your experience in EOCs) to [eoc-net@who.int](mailto:eoc-net@who.int).

**For GOARN institutions members, please submit your expression of interest** through GOARN knowledge platform <https://extranet.who.int/goarnops/>

Focal points in GOARN partner institutions are encouraged to submit offers for experts from their institutions by logging in to the GOARN Knowledge platform and submitting offers through “Ebola Virus Disease, Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2018” operations page.

Please provide all required details for the offer including CV, availability date range, maximum duration for deployment and position(s) you are applying for.