Overview of the Implementation of the EMT Initiative in the WHO African region

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Launched in December 2017

11 countries: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Senegal, Rwanda, South Africa and Uganda

Partners: Save the Children, IFRC, Islamic Development Bank, Médecins d’Afrique and IOM

And the Regional organizations – WAHO from ECOWAS
**In 2018**

- 5 national EMT awareness workshops:
  - Senegal (April 2018), South Africa (June 2018), Nigeria (October 2018), Guinea (November 2018) and Ghana (November 2018)
- 2 workshops NGOs: ALIMA and Médecins d’Afrique
- 3 teams registered to the international EMT classification: Senegal, South Africa and ALIMA
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} regional workshop with 13 ECOWAS countries
In 2018
Recruitment of 1 full time staff in charge of the rolling out of the initiative in the region

2 deployments with newly identified EMTs in the African Region:

In May 2018 and in August 2018, ALIMA, IMC, IRC for Ebola outbreaks in partnership with WHO and other partners

In October 2018, the Senegal EMT of the ministry of Army for a major road collision in DRC in partnership with WHO
In 2019
One national EMT conducted in Kenya – last week
Recruitment of 1 consultant with the focus on EMT outbreak for National teams in Africa

Next activities -
• 8 other national EMT awareness workshops: Benin (Feb 2019), Burkina Faso (Feb 2019), DRC, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Togo, Uganda, Zambia
• One EMT-CC training in the WHO African region
• One regional meeting with the SADC countries
**In 2019 – Development of Regional EMT Concept note**

Goal - to enhance preparedness and promote the rapid deployment and efficient coordination of EMTs adhering to minimum standards to reduce morbidity, mortality and disability associated with outbreaks and other health emergencies.

Main priorities: development of national EMTs; Integration of outbreak management capacities; Logistics capacities