

Title of Pre-Conference Workshop:

Early Action Reviews: Planning and Implementation of the 7-1-7 Target for Timely Detection, Notification and Response to Outbreaks

Background:

The 7-1-7 approach to strengthening health security uses timeliness metrics to assess how well early detection and response systems are performing in real-world situations, generating actionable data for both real-time and long-term improvement. The 7-1-7 target sets three performance standards: 7 days to detect a disease outbreak, 1 day to notify relevant public health authorities, and 7 days from notification to complete early response actions.

The 7-1-7 target has been piloted in African countries and it offers a practical approach to rapidly and continuously improving disease detection and response systems. It identifies critical early bottlenecks and empowers authorities to quickly implement solutions for rapid and continuous improvement. 7-1-7's clear and simple metrics promote transparency and make it a powerful tool when advocating for resources and policies needed for long-term improvement.

In August 2023, the World Health Organization released new guidance and tools on conducting Early Action Reviews that leverage the 7-1-7 target. Consequently, interest in adopting and using the 7-1-7 target is growing. To respond to these needs, a pre-conference workshop is proposed to sensitize stakeholders on the approach and invite participation in future training and engagement opportunities. The workshop will target potential implementers, managers, and funders of health security programs working in Africa.

Workshop goal:

Increase knowledge and awareness of 7-1-7 concepts, country case studies, and steps for planning and implementation as well as its role vis-à-vis the WHO Early Action Review guidance. It will also sensitize participants on the 7-1-7 Alliance and available resources to support global learning and scale.

Workshop objectives:

Participant learning objectives for this half-day workshop are:

- To understand the 7-1-7 target and performance improvement approach for early detection and response to outbreaks
- To identify opportunities to enable effective and appropriate application of 7-1-7 and timeliness metrics within relevant programs, including field epidemiology projects
- To characterize resourcing needs and best practices for implementation of 7-1-7 and conducting Early Action Reviews.

Workshop Approaches:

The workshop will have a combination of lectures and interactive components. We will use brief didactic sessions to structure the program, but will focus on facilitated small-group discussions, simulations, and interactive brainstorming to enable participants to rapidly gain an understanding of 7-1-7, offer ideas and ask questions, and begin thinking about how 7-1-7 could be integrated into their programs.

Workshop Scope:

Workshop will focus on the 7-1-7 Target and its application to Early Action Reviews including planning and implementation

Duration of workshop: (Half or full day)

Half day

Target Participants: Participants interested and/or involved in 7-1-7 planning and implementation

Number of Participants: Up to 50

Sponsor/Organiser: Resolve to Save Lives

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