

EBOLA: INTENSIFIED PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMME (IPP)

Capacity building in risk communication, management and community collaboration to better manage the Ebola outbreak

Workshop organized by *CORDS* (« *Connecting Organization of Regional Diseases Surveillance* ») with support from the Rockefeller Foundation

The **Intensified Preparedness Programme (IPP)** organised by **CORDS** is a training programme focused on communication and communities for an effective and appropriate approach to face epidemics such as the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa. The IPP project, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation for an initial period of six months, is based on the result of lessons learned from previous outbreaks of Ebola virus disease in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. The workshop in Tanzania established that working with communities with appropriate and culturally appropriate communication are important elements for a better response to the emergence of an epidemic.

The two-day workshops will take place in both Ebola affected and not-yet affected African countries, employing a "Training of Trainers" approach and will be comprised of interactive sessions in small working groups. This approach ensures the creation of rich discussion and the ability to learn and explore a new method through which communities can independently develop local and sustainable solutions that will work in the diverse social and cultural environments.

The training workshop will enable participants, including policymakers, supervisors, coordinators, community leaders and all stakeholders to acquire the necessary skills to shape and develop the necessary approach that support both the short-term crisis response efforts and the longer-term capacity building that relies on networking and communication.

IPP training dates:

Kampala, Uganda (pilot workshop): 25-26 November 2014

Accra, Ghana: 13-14 January 2015

Nairobi, Kenya: 3-4 February 2015

Conakry, Guinea (bi-lingual English/French): 17-18 February 2015

Abuja, Nigeria: 3-4 March 2015

Bamako, Mali (held in French): 24-25 March 2015

We aim for neighbouring countries to take part in the trainings to reflect the cross-border aspects of collaboration.

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